

# Financial Services and Markets Act 2023

# **2023 CHAPTER 29**

### PART 6

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Other miscellaneous provisions

## 77 Politically exposed persons: money laundering and terrorist financing

- (1) The Treasury must exercise the power conferred by section 49 of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (power of appropriate Minister to make regulations about money laundering etc) for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) The purpose is to make provision amending Part 3 of the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/692) ("the 2017 Regulations") (customer due diligence) so as to secure the result required by subsection (3).
- (3) The result required by this subsection is that, where a customer is a domestic PEP, or a family member or a known close associate of a domestic PEP—
  - (a) the starting point for the relevant person's assessment under regulation 35(3) of the 2017 Regulations is that the customer presents a lower level of risk than a non-domestic PEP, and
  - (b) if no enhanced risk factors are present, the extent of enhanced customer due diligence measures to be applied in relation to that customer is less than the extent to be applied in the case of a non-domestic PEP.

(4) In this section—

- (a) "customer" includes a potential customer;
- (b) "domestic PEP" means a politically exposed person entrusted with prominent public functions by the United Kingdom;
- (c) "enhanced risk factors", in relation to a customer who is a domestic PEP or a family member or a known close associate of that domestic PEP, mean risk

factors other than the customer's position as a domestic PEP or as a family member or known close associate of that domestic PEP;

- (d) "non-domestic PEP" means a politically exposed person who is not a domestic PEP;
- (e) the following terms have the same meaning as in regulation 35(12) of the 2017 Regulations—

"politically exposed person" or "PEP";

"family member";

"known close associate".

- (5) Section 55 of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (Parliamentary procedure for regulations) does not apply to regulations made in compliance with the duty imposed by subsection (1).
- (6) Regulations made in compliance with the duty imposed by subsection (1)—
  - (a) are subject to the negative procedure, and
  - (b) must be laid before Parliament in accordance with paragraph (a) before the end of 12 months starting with the day on which this section comes into force.
- (7) The Treasury must, before the end of 6 months starting with the day on which this section comes into force, lay before Parliament a statement setting out what progress has been made towards making the regulations in compliance with the duty imposed by subsection (1).
- (8) The duty in subsection (7) does not apply where the regulations have been laid before Parliament in accordance with subsection (6)(a) before the end of 6 months starting with the day on which this section comes into force.

#### **Commencement Information**

I1 S. 77 in force at Royal Assent, see s. 86(1)(f)

# Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023, Section 77.