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FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MARKETS

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2005

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>7th June 2005</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>8th June 2005</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st October 2005</i>

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 22(1) and (5) and 428(3) of, and paragraph 25 of Schedule 2 to, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (a), hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2005 and comes into force on 1st October 2005.

Amendments to the Regulated Activities Order

2.—(1) The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001(b) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 4(4)(b)(c) (specified activities: general), for “69 and 70” substitute “69, 70 and 72E”.

(3) After article 72D (large risks contracts where risk situated outside the EEA) insert—

“Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Funds

72E.—(1) A body corporate of a type specified in paragraph (7) does not carry on the activity of the kind specified by article 21 by entering as agent into a transaction on behalf of the participants of a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund.

(2) There are excluded from article 25(1) and (2) arrangements, made by a body corporate of a type specified in paragraph (7), for or with a view to a transaction which is or is to be entered into by or on behalf of the participants in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund.

(3) There is excluded from article 37 any activity, carried on by a body corporate of a type specified in paragraph (7), which consists in the managing of assets belonging to the participants in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund.

(a) 2000 c.8 .

(b) S.I. 2001/544; article 72D was inserted by S.I. 2003/1476, articles 2 and 11.

(c) As amended by S.I. 2002/682, article 11.

(4) There is excluded from article 40 any activity, carried on by a body corporate of a type specified in paragraph (7), in respect of assets belonging to the participants in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund.

(5) A body corporate of a type specified in paragraph (7) does not carry on the activity of the kind specified in article 51(1)(a) where it carries on the activity of establishing, operating or winding up a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund.

(6) A body corporate of a type specified in paragraph (7) does not carry on the activity of the kind specified in article 53 where it is advising the participants in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund on investments to be made by or on behalf of the participants of that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund.

(7) The type of body corporate specified is a limited company—

- (i) which operates a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund; and
- (ii) the members of which are participants in the Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund operated by that limited company and between them have invested at least 50 per cent of the total investment in that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund excluding any investment made by the Secretary of State.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (7), “a limited company” means a body corporate with limited liability which is a company or firm formed in accordance with the law of an EEA State and having its registered office, central administration or principal place of business within the territory of an EEA State.

(9) Nothing in this article has the effect of excluding a body corporate from the application of the Money Laundering Regulations 2003(a), in so far as those Regulations would have applied to it but for this article.

(10) Nothing in this article has the effect of excluding a body corporate from the application of section 397 of the Act (misleading statements and practices), in so far as that section would have applied to it but for this article.

Interpretation

72F.—(1) For the purposes of this article and of article 72E—

“Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund” means a collective investment scheme which—

- (a) is established for the purpose of enabling participants to participate in or receive profits or income arising from the acquisition, holding, management or disposal of investments falling within one or more of—
 - (i) article 76, being shares in an unlisted company;
 - (ii) article 77, being instruments creating or acknowledging indebtedness in respect of an unlisted company; and
 - (iii) article 79, being warrants or other instruments entitling the holder to subscribe for shares in an unlisted company;
- (b) has only the following as its participants—
 - (i) the Secretary of State;
 - (ii) a body corporate of a type specified in article 72E(7); and
 - (iii) one or more persons each of whom at the time they became a participant was—
 - (aa) a sophisticated investor;
 - (bb) a high net worth individual;

(a) S.I. 2003/3075.

- (cc) a high net worth company;
 - (dd) a high net worth unincorporated association;
 - (ee) a trustee of a high value trust; or
 - (ff) a self-certified sophisticated investor;
- (c) is prevented, by the arrangements by which it is established, from—
- (i) acquiring investments, other than those falling within paragraphs (i) to (iii) of sub-paragraph (a); and
 - (ii) acquiring investments falling within paragraphs (i) to (iii) of sub-paragraph (a) in an unlisted company, where the aggregated cost of those investments exceeds £2 million, unless that acquisition is necessary to prevent or reduce the dilution of an existing share-holding in that unlisted company;

“high net worth company” means a body corporate which—

- (a) falls within article 49(2)(a) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001^(a) (high net worth companies, unincorporated associations etc.); and
- (b) has executed a document (in a manner which creates a binding obligation on the company) in the following terms:

“This company is a high net worth company and falls within article 49(2)(a) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001. We understand that any Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund (within the meaning of article 72F of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001), in which this company participates, or any person who operates that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund, in which this company participates, will not be authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (and so will not have to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Part I of Schedule 6 to that Act and will not be subject to Financial Services Authority rules such as those on holding client money). We understand that this means that redress through the Financial Services Authority, the Financial Ombudsman Scheme or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will not be available. We also understand the risks associated in investing in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund and are aware that it is open to us to seek advice from someone who is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and who specialises in advising on this kind of investment.”

“high net worth individual” means an individual who—

- (a) is a “certified high net worth individual” within the meaning of article 48(2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001 (certified high net worth individuals); and
- (b) has signed a statement in the following terms:

“I declare that I am a certified high net worth individual within the meaning of article 48(2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001 and that I understand that any Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund (within the meaning of article 72F of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001), in which I participate, or any person who operates that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund, in which I participate, will not be authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (and so will not have to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Part I of Schedule 6 to that Act and will not be subject to Financial Services Authority rules such as those on holding client money). I understand that this means that redress through the Financial Services Authority, the Financial Ombudsman Scheme or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will not be available. I also understand the risks

(a) S.I. 2001/1335; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2002/1310 and S.I. 2005/270.

associated in investing in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund and am aware that it is open to me to seek advice from someone who is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and who specialises in advising on this kind of investment.”;

“high net worth unincorporated association” means an unincorporated association—

- (a) which falls within article 49(2)(b) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001; and
- (b) on behalf of which an officer of that association or a member of its governing body has signed a statement in the following terms:

“This unincorporated association is a high net worth unincorporated association and falls within article 49(2)(b) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001. I understand that any Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund (within the meaning of article 72F of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001), in which this association participates, or any person who operates that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund, in which this association participates, will not be authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (and so will not have to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Part I of Schedule 6 to that Act and will not be subject to Financial Services Authority rules such as those on holding client money). I understand that this means that redress through the Financial Services Authority, the Financial Ombudsman Scheme or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will not be available. I also understand the risks associated in investing in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund and am aware that it is open to the association to seek advice from someone who is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and who specialises in advising on this kind of investment.”;

“high value trust” means a trust—

- (a) where the aggregate value of the cash and investments which form a part of the trust’s assets (before deducting the amount of its liabilities) is £10 million or more;
- (b) on behalf of which a trustee has signed a statement in the following terms:

“This trust is a high value trust. I understand that any Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund (within the meaning of article 72F of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001), in which this trust participates, or any person who operates that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund, in which this trust participates, will not be authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (and so will not have to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Part I of Schedule 6 to that Act and will not be subject to Financial Services Authority rules such as those on holding client money). I understand that this means that redress through the Financial Services Authority, the Financial Ombudsman Scheme or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will not be available. I also understand the risks associated in investing in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund and am aware that it is open to the trust to seek advice from someone who is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and who specialises in advising on this kind of investment.”;

“self-certified sophisticated investor” means an individual who—

- (a) is a “self-certified sophisticated investor” within the meaning of article 50A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001(a);
- (b) has signed a statement in the following terms:

“I declare that I am a self-certified sophisticated investor within the meaning of article 50A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial

(a) Article 50A was inserted by S.I. 2005/270

Promotion) Order 2001 and that I understand that any Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund (within the meaning of article 72F of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001), in which I participate, or any person who operates that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund, in which I participate, will not be authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (and so will not have to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Part I of Schedule 6 to that Act and will not be subject to Financial Services Authority rules such as those on holding client money). I understand that this means that redress through the Financial Services Authority, the Financial Ombudsman Scheme or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will not be available. I also understand the risks associated in investing in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund and am aware that it is open to me to seek advice from someone who is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and who specialises in advising on this kind of investment.”;

“sophisticated investor” means an individual who—

- (a) is a “certified sophisticated investor” within the meaning of article 50(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001; and
- (b) has signed a statement in the following terms:

“I declare that I am a certified sophisticated investor within the meaning of article 50(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001 and that I understand that any Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund (within the meaning of article 72F of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001), in which I participate, or any person who operates that Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund, in which I participate, will not be authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (and so will not have to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Part I of Schedule 6 to that Act and will not be subject to Financial Services Authority rules such as those on holding client money). I understand that this means that redress through the Financial Services Authority, the Financial Ombudsman Scheme or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will not be available. I also understand the risks associated in investing in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund and am aware that it is open to me to seek advice from someone who is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and who specialises in advising on this kind of investment.”;

“unlisted company” has the meaning given by article 3 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001.

(2) References in this Article and in Article 72E to a participant in a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund, doing things on behalf of such a participant and property belonging to such a participant are, respectively, references to that participant in that capacity, to doing things on behalf of that participant in that capacity or to the property of that participant held in that capacity.”.

Gillian Merron

Joan Ryan

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

7th June 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/544) (“the Regulated Activities Order”).

The Regulated Activities Order specifies kinds of activities and investments for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c.8) (“the Act”). When an activity of a specified kind is carried on by way of business in relation to an investment of a specified kind, it is a “regulated activity” for the purposes of the Act. Section 19 of the Act prohibits persons who are not authorised or exempt from carrying on any regulated activity in the United Kingdom. Contravention of that prohibition is a criminal offence.

Chapter 17 of Part II to the Regulated Activities Order specifies exclusions applying to several specified kinds of activity. This Order inserts into this Chapter an additional exclusion relating to Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Funds. The effect of this exclusion is to provide that certain bodies corporate who operate or manage a Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund do not carry out the activities specified in articles 21 (dealing in investments as agent), 25 (arranging deals in investments), 37 (managing investments), 40 (safeguarding and administering investments), 51(1)(a) (establishing, operating or winding up a collective investment scheme) or 53 (advising on investments). A Business Angel-led Enterprise Capital Fund is defined in article 72F.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the Enterprise Team, HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ.

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