

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 of 10 October 2014  
supplementing Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament  
and of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of  
Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE II

INSURANCE GROUPS

CHAPTER I

SOLVENCY CALCULATION AT GROUP LEVEL

SECTION 1

*Group solvency: choice of calculation method and general principles*

*Article 328*

**Choice of method**

1 In assessing whether the exclusive application of method 1 is not appropriate, thus allowing the group solvency to be calculated in accordance with method 2 or a combination of methods 1 and 2 [<sup>F1</sup>in accordance with rules 11.1 to 13.2 of the Group Supervision part of the PRA Rulebook], the group supervisor shall, in consultation with <sup>F2</sup>... the participating insurance or reinsurance undertaking or the insurance holding company or the mixed financial holding company, consider all of the the following elements:

- a whether the amount and quality of information available in relation to a related undertaking would not be sufficient for it to be subject to method 1;
- b whether a related undertaking is not covered by a group internal model, in the cases where a group internal model, approved in accordance with [<sup>F3</sup>regulations 48 and 49 of the Solvency 2 Regulations 2015], is used for the calculation of the consolidated group Solvency Capital Requirement;
- c whether, for the purposes of paragraph (b), the risks that are not captured in the group internal model are immaterial in relation to the overall risk profile of the group;
- d whether the use of method 1 in relation to a related undertaking or several related undertakings would be overly burdensome and the nature, scale and complexity of the risks of the group are such that the use of method 2 in relation to that related undertaking or those related undertakings does not materially affect the results of the group solvency calculation;
- e whether intra-group transactions are not significant both in terms of volume and value of the transaction;
- f where the group includes third country related insurance or reinsurance undertakings, whether <sup>F4</sup>... the solvency regimes of those third countries [<sup>F5</sup>have been determined to be] equivalent or provisionally equivalent.

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2 The method or combination of methods chosen shall be applied in a consistent manner over time. The group supervisor shall require the participating insurance or reinsurance undertaking or the insurance holding company or the mixed financial holding company to revert to method 1 in relation to any related undertaking where the use of method 2 or a combination of methods 1 and 2 is no longer justified considering the elements referred to in paragraph 1.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Art. 328(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(60)(a)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F2** Words in Art. 328(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(60)(b)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F3** Words in Art. 328(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(60)(c)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F4** Words in Art. 328(1)(f) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(60)(d)(i)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F5** Words in Art. 328(1)(f) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(60)(d)(ii)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

### Article 329

#### Treatment of specific related undertakings

1 Without prejudice to Article 328 and unless the book value of the relevant related undertaking has been deducted from the own funds eligible for the group solvency pursuant to [<sup>F6</sup>rule 10.6 of the Group Supervision part of the PRA Rulebook], the calculation of the group solvency shall include all of the following:

- a the capital requirements for related undertakings which are credit institutions, investment firms or financial institutions and the own fund items of those undertakings calculated according to the relevant sectoral rules referred to in Article 2(7) of Directive 2002/87/EC;
- b the capital requirements for related undertakings which are institutions for occupational retirement provision and the own funds items of those undertakings calculated according to Articles 17 to 17c of Directive 2003/41/EC;
- c the capital requirements for related undertakings which are UCITS management companies calculated in accordance with Article 7(1)(a) of Directive 2009/65/EC and the own funds of those undertakings calculated in accordance with point 1 of Article 2(1) of that Directive;
- d the capital requirements for related undertakings which are alternative investment fund managers calculated in accordance with Article 9 of Directive 2011/61/EU and the own funds of those undertakings calculated in accordance with Article 4(1)(ad) of that Directive;
- e the notional capital requirements and the own fund items of related undertakings which are non-regulated undertakings carrying out financial activities, where the notional capital requirement is the capital requirement with which the related undertaking would have to comply under the relevant sector rules if the undertaking were a regulated entity.

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2 For the purposes of applying the provisions set out in [F7rule 14.1 of the Group Supervision part of the PRA Rulebook], where the parent insurance holding company or mixed financial holding company has issued subordinated debt or has other eligible own funds subject to the limits set out in [F8rules 4.1 and 4.2 of the Own Funds part of the PRA Rulebook], [F9rule 10.3 of the Group Supervision part of the PRA Rulebook] shall apply.

3 Special purpose vehicles, F10... to which the participating undertaking or one of its subsidiaries has transferred risk shall be excluded from the calculation of group solvency in any of the following situations:

- a the special purpose vehicle complies with the requirements set out in [F11Articles 318 to 327]F12...;
- b the special purpose vehicle is regulated by a third country supervisory authority, and complies with requirements equivalent to those set out in [F13Articles 318 to 327 of this Regulation].

For the purposes of this paragraph, [F14Articles 318 to 327 of this Regulation] shall apply at the level of the group.

#### Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in Art. 329(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(a)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F7** Words in Art. 329(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(b)(i)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F8** Words in Art. 329(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(b)(ii)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F9** Words in Art. 329(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(b)(iii)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F10** Words in Art. 329(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(c)(i)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2); S.I. 2019/1390, regs. 1(4), 11(3)(i); and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F11** Words in Art. 329(3)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(c)(ii)(aa)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F12** Words in Art. 329(3)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(c)(ii)(bb)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F13** Words in Art. 329(3)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(c)(iii)(aa)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F14** Words in Art. 329(3)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(61)(c)(iv)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

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### Article 330

#### Availability at group level of the eligible own funds of related undertakings

[<sup>F15</sup>1 In assessing whether certain own funds eligible to cover the Solvency Capital Requirement of a related insurance or reinsurance undertaking, a related third country insurance or reinsurance undertaking, an insurance holding company or a mixed financial holding company cannot effectively be made available to cover the group Solvency Capital Requirement, the [<sup>F16</sup>PRA] shall consider all of the following elements:

- a whether the own-fund item is subject to legal or regulatory requirements that restrict the ability of that item to absorb all types of losses wherever they arise in the group;
- b whether there are legal or regulatory requirements that restrict the transferability of assets to another insurance or reinsurance undertaking;
- c whether making those own funds available for covering the group Solvency Capital Requirement would not be possible within a maximum of 9 months;
- d whether, where method 2 is used, the own-fund item does not satisfy the requirements set out in Articles 71, 73 and 77; for this purpose, the term ‘ Solvency Capital Requirement ’ in those Articles shall include both the Solvency Capital Requirement of the related undertaking that has issued the own fund item and the group Solvency Capital Requirement.]

2 In the assessment referred to in the first paragraph, the [<sup>F16</sup>PRA] shall consider the restrictions that would exist on a going-concern basis.

In the assessment referred to in the first paragraph, the [<sup>F16</sup>PRA] shall also take into account any costs to the participating insurance or reinsurance undertaking or insurance holding company or mixed financial holding company, or to any related undertaking, that making such own funds available for the group is likely to entail.

3 The following items shall be assumed not to be effectively available to cover the group Solvency Capital Requirement:

- a ancillary own funds;
- b preference shares, subordinated mutual members account and subordinated liabilities;
- c an amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets; for this purpose, the amount of deferred tax asset may be reduced by the amount of the associated deferred tax liability provided that those deferred tax assets and associated deferred tax liabilities both arise from the tax law of [<sup>F17</sup>the United Kingdom] or third country and the taxation authority of [<sup>F18</sup>the United Kingdom] or [<sup>F19</sup>that] third country permits such offsetting.

Where the participating undertaking can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the [<sup>F16</sup>PRA] that the assumption referred to in the first subparagraph for one of the items is inappropriate in the specific circumstances of the group, the participating undertaking may include that item in the own funds available to cover the group Solvency Capital Requirement.

4 The following items shall in any case not be considered as effectively available to cover the group Solvency Capital Requirement:

- a any minority interest in a subsidiary exceeding the contribution of that subsidiary to the group Solvency Capital Requirement, where the subsidiary is an insurance or reinsurance undertaking, a third country insurance or reinsurance undertaking, an insurance holding company or a mixed financial holding company;

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- b any minority interest in a subsidiary ancillary services undertaking;
- c any restricted own funds item in ring-fenced funds as referred to in <sup>F20</sup>... Article 80 of this Regulation.

5 Where an own-fund item of a related insurance or reinsurance undertaking, third-country insurance or reinsurance undertaking, insurance holding company or mixed financial holding company cannot effectively be made available to cover the group Solvency Capital Requirement, this own fund item may only be included in the calculation of group solvency up to the contribution of that related insurance or reinsurance undertaking, third-country insurance or reinsurance undertaking, insurance holding company or mixed financial holding company to the group Solvency Capital Requirement.

6 Where a related insurance or reinsurance undertaking, third-country insurance or reinsurance undertaking, insurance holding company or mixed financial holding company is included in the consolidated data pursuant to points (a) or (c) of Article 335(1), its contribution to the consolidated group Solvency Capital Requirement shall reflect diversification benefits and be calculated as follows:

- a where the consolidated group Solvency Capital Requirement is calculated, in relation to that related undertaking, on the basis of the standard formula, the proportional share of the Solvency Capital Requirement of that related undertaking multiplied by a percentage corresponding to the proportion that the diversified component of the consolidated group Solvency Capital Requirement, as laid down in Article 336 (a), bears to the sum of the Solvency Capital Requirements of each of the undertakings included in the calculation of that diversified component of the consolidated group Solvency Capital Requirement;
- b where the consolidated group Solvency Capital Requirement is calculated, in relation to that related undertaking, on the basis of an internal model, the Solvency Capital Requirement of that related undertaking multiplied by a percentage corresponding to the proportion of the diversification effects at group level that are attributed to that related undertaking, determined by that internal model, provided that the sum of such percentages for all the related insurance and reinsurance undertakings, insurance holding companies or mixed financial holding companies included in the consolidated calculation based on the internal model equals 100 %.

#### Textual Amendments

- F15** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2016/467 of 30 September 2015 amending Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/35 concerning the calculation of regulatory capital requirements for several categories of assets held by insurance and reinsurance undertakings \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).
- F16** Word in Art. 330 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(62)(a)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F17** Words in Art. 330(3)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(62)(b)(i)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F18** Words in Art. 330(3)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(62)(b)(ii)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F19** Word in Art. 330(3)(c) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(62)(b)(iii)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

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**F20** Words in Art. 330(4)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Solvency 2 and Insurance \(Amendment, etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/407\)](#), regs. 1(2), [11\(62\)\(c\)](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1385](#), regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in [S.I. 2019/680](#), reg. 11)

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulation revoked by [2023 c. 29 Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)
- Recital 53 Sentence 1 replacement by [EUR 2016/2283](#) Regulation

### Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Art. 177(2)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)
- Art. 177(2)(h)(i) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)
- Art. 177(2)(h)(i) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)
- Art. 177(2)(r) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)
- Art. 177(2)(s) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)
- Art. 177(2)(t) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)
- Art. 177(5)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(f\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)
- Art. 177(5)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(f\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11(25)(39) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1(2), 22)