

Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market, and repealing Directive 2003/71/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (a) ‘securities’ means transferable securities as defined in point (44) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU with the exception of money market instruments as defined in point (17) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, having a maturity of less than 12 months;
- (b) ‘equity securities’ means shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares in companies, as well as any other type of transferable securities giving the right to acquire any of the aforementioned securities as a consequence of their being converted or the rights conferred by them being exercised, provided that securities of the latter type are issued by the issuer of the underlying shares or by an entity belonging to the group of the said issuer;
- (c) ‘non-equity securities’ means all securities that are not equity securities;
- (d) ‘offer of securities to the public’ means a communication to persons in any form and by any means, presenting sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered, so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for those securities. This definition also applies to the placing of securities through financial intermediaries;
- (e) ‘qualified investors’ means persons or entities that are listed in points (1) to (4) of Section I of Annex II to Directive 2014/65/EU, and persons or entities who are, on request, treated as professional clients in accordance with Section II of that Annex, or recognised as eligible counterparties in accordance with Article 30 of Directive 2014/65/EU unless they have entered into an agreement to be treated as non-professional clients in accordance with the fourth paragraph of Section I of that Annex. For the purposes of applying the first sentence of this point, investment firms and credit institutions shall, upon request from the issuer, communicate the classification of their clients to the issuer subject to compliance with the relevant laws on data protection;
- (f) ‘small and medium-sized enterprises’ or ‘SMEs’ means any of the following:
 - (i) companies, which, according to their last annual or consolidated accounts, meet at least two of the following three criteria: an average number of employees during the financial year of less than 250, a total balance sheet

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- not exceeding EUR 43 000 000 and an annual net turnover not exceeding EUR 50 000 000;
- (ii) small and medium-sized enterprises as defined in point (13) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU.
- (g) ‘credit institution’ means a credit institution as defined in point (1) of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013;
- (h) ‘issuer’ means a legal entity which issues or proposes to issue securities;
- (i) ‘offeror’ means a legal entity or individual which offers securities to the public;
- (j) ‘regulated market’ means a regulated market as defined in point (21) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU;
- (k) ‘advertisement’ means a communication with both of the following characteristics:
- (i) relating to a specific offer of securities to the public or to an admission to trading on a regulated market;
 - (ii) aiming to specifically promote the potential subscription or acquisition of securities;
- (l) ‘regulated information’ means regulated information as defined in point (k) of Article 2(1) of Directive 2004/109/EC;
- (m) ‘home Member State’ means:
- (i) for all issuers of securities established in the Union which are not mentioned in point (ii), the Member State where the issuer has its registered office;
 - (ii) for any issues of non-equity securities whose denomination per unit amounts to at least EUR 1 000, and for any issues of non-equity securities giving the right to acquire any transferable securities or to receive a cash amount, as a consequence of their being converted or the rights conferred by them being exercised, provided that the issuer of the non-equity securities is not the issuer of the underlying securities or an entity belonging to the group of the latter issuer, the Member State where the issuer has its registered office, or where the securities were or are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market or where the securities are offered to the public, at the choice of the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market. The same shall apply to non-equity securities in a currency other than euro, provided that the value of such minimum denomination is nearly equivalent to EUR 1 000;
 - (iii) for all issuers of securities established in a third country which are not mentioned in point (ii), the Member State where the securities are intended to be offered to the public for the first time or where the first application for admission to trading on a regulated market is made, at the choice of the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market, subject to a subsequent choice by issuers established in a third country in either of the following circumstances:
 - where the home Member State was not determined by the choice of those issuers;
 - in accordance with point (i)(iii) of Article 2(1) of Directive 2004/109/EC;

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- (n) 'host Member State' means the Member State where an offer of securities to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought, when different from the home Member State;
- (o) 'competent authority' means the authority designated by each Member State in accordance with Article 31, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation;
- (p) 'collective investment undertaking other than the closed-end type' means unit trusts and investment companies with both of the following characteristics:
 - (i) they raise capital from a number of investors, with a view to investing it in accordance with a defined investment policy for the benefit of those investors;
 - (ii) their units are, at the holder's request, repurchased or redeemed, directly or indirectly, out of their assets;
- (q) 'units of a collective investment undertaking' means securities issued by a collective investment undertaking as representing the rights of the participants in such an undertaking over its assets;
- (r) 'approval' means the positive act at the outcome of the scrutiny by the home Member State's competent authority of the completeness, the consistency and the comprehensibility of the information given in the prospectus;
- (s) 'base prospectus' means a prospectus that complies with Article 8, and, at the choice of the issuer, the final terms of the offer;
- (t) 'working days' means working days of the relevant competent authority excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, as defined in the national law applicable to that competent authority;
- (u) 'multilateral trading facility' or 'MTF' means a multilateral trading facility as defined in point (22) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU;
- (v) 'organised trading facility' or 'OTF' means an organised trading facility as defined in point (23) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU;
- (w) 'SME growth market' means an SME growth market as defined in point (12) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU;
- (x) 'third country issuer' means an issuer established in a third country;
- (y) 'offer period' means the period during which potential investors may purchase or subscribe for the securities concerned;
- (z) 'durable medium' means any instrument which:
 - (i) enables a customer to store information addressed personally to that customer in a way accessible for future reference and for a period adequate for the purposes of the information; and
 - (ii) allows the unchanged reproduction of the information stored.

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- Regulation power to modify conferred by [2023 c. 29 s. 3Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)
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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 69](#)
- Annex A replacement by [EUR 2019/2146 Regulation](#)
- Annex B replacement by [EUR 2019/2146 Regulation](#)
- Annex C replacement by [EUR 2019/2146 Regulation](#)
- Annex D replacement by [EUR 2019/2146 Regulation](#)
- Art. 1(2)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 32\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 1(2)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 32\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 1(2)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 32\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 1(2)(e) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 32\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 1(4)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 32\(4\)\(a\)](#)
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- Art. 1(4)(g) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 32\(4\)\(bb\) \(as inserted\) by S.I. 2020/628 reg. 17\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 1(4)(j) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 32\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 1(5)(e) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 32\(5\)\(a\) \(as substituted\) by S.I. 2020/628 reg. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 1(5)(f) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 32\(5\)\(b\) \(as substituted\) by S.I. 2020/628 reg. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 1(5)(j)(v) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 32\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 32(5) substituted immediately before IP completion day by [S.I. 2020/628, regs. 1\(3\), 17\(3\)\(b\)](#))
- Art. 1(5)(j)(v) words omitted by virtue of [S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 32\(5\)\(c\) \(as substituted\) by S.I. 2020/628 reg. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 1(5)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1376 reg. 28\(2\)](#)
- Art. 1(6a)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 32\(5A\) \(as inserted\) by S.I. 2020/628 reg. 17\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 1(6c) inserted by [S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 32\(5B\) \(as inserted\) by S.I. 2020/628 reg. 17\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 2(a) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(b\)](#)
- Art. 2(e) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(c\)](#)
- Art. 2(e) words substituted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 33\(c\) by S.I. 2020/1301 reg. 3Sch. para. 48\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(g) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(d\)](#)
- Art. 2(j) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(e\)](#)
- Art. 2(l) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(f\)](#)
- Art. 2(m)(n) omitted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(g\)](#)
- Art. 2(o) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(h\)](#)
- Art. 2(r) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(t) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(j\)](#)
- Art. 2(u) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(k\)](#)
- Art. 2(v) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(l\)](#)
- Art. 2(w) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(m\)](#)

- Art. 2(za)-(zf) inserted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 33\(a\)](#)
- Art. 2(ze)(zf) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 33(a) by [S.I. 2020/1301 reg. 3Sch. para. 48\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(zg) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1376 reg. 28\(3\)](#)
- Art. 7(5)(d) omitted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 36\(a\)](#)
- Art. 7(7)(a)(iv) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 36\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 43\(b\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 19(1)(a) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 47\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 19(1)(a) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 47(a)(ii) by [S.I. 2020/1301 reg. 3Sch. para. 48\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 19(1)(j) substituted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 47\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 19(1)(j) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/1234, reg. 47(a)(iii) by [S.I. 2020/1301 reg. 3Sch. para. 48\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 29(1)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 54\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 45a inserted by [S.I. 2019/1234 reg. 66\(2\)](#)