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The Credit Rating Agencies (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

PART 8

Transitional Provisions CHAPTER 1

Advance applications

Determination of an advance application

- **26.**—(1) The FCA must, before the end of the relevant period, take the following steps.
- (2) The first step is that the FCA must consider the application based on compliance with the conditions for the issuing of credit ratings set out in the CRA Regulation.
- (3) The second step is that the FCA must decide whether the applicant should be registered as a credit rating agency or whether the advance application for registration should be rejected.
 - (4) The third step is that the FCA must notify the applicant of its decision, and the reasons therefor.
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the relevant period is 45 working days beginning with the day on which the FCA confirms that an application is complete.
- (6) The FCA may extend the relevant period by 15 working days, in particular where the application—
 - (a) indicates that the applicant intends to—
 - (i) endorse credit ratings (within the meaning of Article 4.3 of the CRA Regulation);
 - (ii) outsource functions (within the meaning of Article 9 of the CRA Regulation);
 - (b) requests an exemption from compliance with a requirement of the CRA Regulation (in accordance with Article 6.3 of that Regulation).