



# Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 8

### PART XII

#### CONTROL OVER AUTHORISED PERSONS

##### *[<sup>F1</sup>Enforcement procedures*

##### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 178-191G and cross-headings substituted (21.3.2009) for ss. 178-191 and cross-headings by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Controllers\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/534\)](#), reg. 3, [Sch. 1](#) (with reg. 8)

#### **191A Objection by the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator]**

- (1) The [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator] may object to a person's control over a UK authorised person in any of the circumstances specified in subsection (2).
- (2) The circumstances are that the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator] reasonably believes that—
  - (a) the person acquired or increased control without giving notice under section 178(1) in circumstances where notice was required;
  - (b) the person is in breach of a condition imposed under section 187; or
  - (c) there are grounds for objecting to control on the basis of the matters in section 186.
- (3) The [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator]—
  - (a) must take into account whether influence exercised by the person is likely to operate to the detriment of the sound and prudent management of the UK authorised person; and
  - (b) may take into account whether the person has co-operated with any information requests made or requirements imposed by the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator].

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(4) If the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator] proposes to object to a person's control over a UK authorised person, it must give that person a warning notice.

[ Where the appropriate regulator is the PRA, it must consult the FCA before giving a <sup>F3</sup>(4A) warning notice under this section.

(4B) Where the appropriate regulator is the FCA, it must consult the PRA before giving a warning notice under this section if—

- (a) the UK authorised person has as a member of its immediate group a PRA-  
authorised person, or
- (b) the person to whom the warning notice is to be given is a PRA-  
authorised person.]

<sup>F4</sup>(5) .....

(6) If the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator] decides to object to a person's control over a UK authorised person, it must give that person a decision notice.

(7) A person to whom the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator] gives a decision notice under this section may refer the matter to the Tribunal.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Pt. 12 substituted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 26(2)**, 122(3) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F3** S. 191A(4A)(4B) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 26(7)**, 122(3) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F4** S. 191A(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/632\)](#), regs. 1(3), **55**; 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

### 191B Restriction notices

(1) The [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator] may give notice in writing (a “restriction notice”) to a person in the following circumstances.

(2) The circumstances are that—

- (a) the person has control over a UK authorised person by virtue of holding shares or voting power; and
- (b) in relation to the shares or voting power, the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate regulator] has given the person a warning notice or a decision notice under section 189 or 191A or a final notice which confirms a decision notice given under section 189 or 191A.

[ Where the appropriate regulator is the PRA, it must consult the FCA before giving a <sup>F5</sup>(2A) restriction notice under this section.

(2B) Where the appropriate regulator is the FCA, it must consult the PRA before giving a restriction notice under this section if—

- (a) the UK authorised person has as a member of its immediate group a PRA-  
authorised person, or
- (b) the person to whom the restriction notice is to be given is a PRA-  
authorised person.]

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- (3) In a restriction notice, the [F<sup>2</sup>appropriate regulator] may direct that shares or voting power to which the notice relates are, until further notice, subject to one or more of the following restrictions—
- (a) except by court order, an agreement to transfer or a transfer of any such shares or voting power or, in the case of unissued shares, any agreement to transfer or transfer of the right to be issued with them, is void;
  - (b) no voting power is to be exercisable;
  - (c) no further shares are to be issued in pursuance of any right of the holder of any such shares or voting power or in pursuance of any offer made to their holder;
  - (d) except in a liquidation, no payment is to be made of any sums due from the body corporate on any such shares, whether in respect of capital or otherwise.

[ Subsection (3)(a) and (b) does not apply where the voting power represented by the F<sup>6</sup>(3A) shares in question is suspended under section 190A(2).]

- (4) A restriction notice takes effect—
- (a) immediately; or
  - (b) on such date as may be specified in the notice.
- (5) A restriction notice does not extinguish rights which would be enjoyable but for the notice.
- (6) A copy of the restriction notice must be served on—
- (a) the UK authorised person in question; and
  - (b) in the case of shares or voting power held in a parent undertaking of a UK authorised person, the parent undertaking.
- (7) A person to whom the [F<sup>2</sup>appropriate regulator] gives a restriction notice may refer the matter to the Tribunal.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Pt. 12 substituted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), ss. 26\(2\), 122\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.](#)
- F5** S. 191B(2A)(2B) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), ss. 26\(8\), 122\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.](#)
- F6** S. 191B(3A) inserted (16.12.2016) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1239\), arts. 1\(2\), 33\(3\)](#)

### 191C Orders for sale of shares

- (1) The court may, on the application of the [F<sup>2</sup>appropriate regulator], order the sale of shares or the disposition of voting power in the following circumstances.
- (2) The circumstances are that—
- (a) a person has control over a UK authorised person by virtue of holding the shares or voting power; and
  - (b) the acquisition or continued holding of the shares or voting power by that person is in contravention of a final notice which confirms a decision notice given under section 189 or section 191A.

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[ Where the appropriate regulator is the PRA, it must consult the FCA before making <sup>F7</sup>(2A) an application to the court under this section.

(2B) Where the appropriate regulator is the FCA, it must consult the PRA before making an application to the court under this section if—

- (a) the UK authorised person has as a member of its immediate group a PRA-  
authorised person, or
- (b) the person holding the shares or voting power is a PRA-  
authorised person.]

(3) Where the court orders the sale of shares or disposition of voting power it may—

- (a) if a restriction notice has been given in relation to the shares or voting power,  
order that the restrictions cease to apply; and
- (b) make any further order.

(4) Where the court makes an order under this section, it must take into account the level of holding that the person would have been entitled to acquire, or to continue to hold, without contravening the final notice.

(5) If shares are sold or voting power disposed of in pursuance of an order under this section, any proceeds, less the costs of the sale or disposition, must be paid into court for the benefit of the persons beneficially interested in them; and any such person may apply to the court for payment of a whole or part of the proceeds.

(6) The jurisdiction conferred by this section may be exercised by the High Court and the Court of Session.

[ The appropriate regulator must obtain the consent of the Bank of England before <sup>F8</sup>(7) making an application under this section in relation to shares if the Bank has the power to direct the sale of those shares under section 190A(4).

(8) The appropriate regulator may not make an application under this section in relation to shares if the Bank of England has given a direction for the sale of those shares under section 190A(4).]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Pt. 12 substituted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), ss. 26\(2\), 122\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.](#)
- F7** S. 191C(2A)(2B) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), ss. 26\(9\), 122\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.](#)
- F8** S. 191C(7)(8) inserted (16.12.2016) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1239\), arts. 1\(2\), 33\(4\)](#)

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2023/1347 reg. 8](#)
- Act power to apply conferred (temp. until 15.5.2039) by [2014 c. 21 s. 79\(4\)](#)
- Act power to apply conferred (temp. until 15.5.2039) by [2014 c. 21 s. 81\(10\)](#)

### Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 17 Ch. 3B inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 64\(3\)](#)
- Pt. 20C inserted by [2016 c. 14 s. 30\(3\)](#)
- s. 31(1)(aa) inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(2\)](#)
- s. 32A inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 32A power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- s. 36A and cross-heading inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(4\)](#)
- s. 71J and cross-heading inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 4](#)
- s. 86(9A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 8\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 8(6)-(10) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1234, regs. 1(2), 13(c))
- s. 87A(11) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 10\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 10(4)(5) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1234, regs. 1(2), 15(b))
- s. 124(10)(c)(i) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(11\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(11)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(4), 51(2)(e))
- s. 129(7)(a) word inserted by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(12\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(12)(a)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(4), 51(2)(f))
- s. 129(7)(c) omitted and word by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(12\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(12)(a)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(4), 51(2)(f))
- s. 214(5A) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 8](#)
- s. 261E(A1) inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 64\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 367A inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10](#)
- s. 395(13)(h)(i) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 395(13)(bc)-(be) word inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 395(14) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 427A(3) words substituted by [2002 c. 40 Sch. 17 para. 59](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 does not contain a section 427A.)
- Sch. 1ZA para. 32(c) and word inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 18](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 19(2)(b)(iia) inserted by [2023 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 19\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2A2B power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 2A power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 2B inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 7](#)
- Sch. 2B power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 11A para. 5(3) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 38\(5\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 38(2)-(5)(7)(8) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1234, regs. 1(2), 20)

- Sch. 17A para. 12 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/662 reg. 13\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 13(1) substituted (25.6.2020) by S.I. 2020/646, regs. 1(2)(c), 11(3))