



# Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 8

### PART XI

#### INFORMATION GATHERING AND INVESTIGATIONS

##### *Powers to gather information*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>166 Reports by skilled persons.**

- (1) This section applies where either regulator has required or could require a person to whom subsection (2) applies (“the person concerned”) to provide information or produce documents with respect to any matter (“the matter concerned”).
- (2) This subsection applies to—
  - (a) an authorised person (“A”),
  - (b) any other member of A's group,
  - (c) a partnership of which A is a member, or
  - (d) a person who has at any relevant time been a person falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c),who is, or was at the relevant time, carrying on a business.
- (3) The regulator mentioned in subsection (1) may either—
  - (a) by notice in writing given to the person concerned, require the person concerned to provide the regulator with a report on the matter concerned, or
  - (b) itself appoint a person to provide the regulator with a report on the matter concerned.
- (4) When acting under subsection (3)(a), the regulator may require the report to be in such form as may be specified in the notice.
- (5) The regulator must give notice of an appointment under subsection (3)(b) to the person concerned.
- (6) The person appointed to make a report—

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- (a) must be a person appearing to the regulator to have the skills necessary to make a report on the matter concerned, and
  - (b) where the appointment is to be made by the person concerned, must be a person nominated or approved by the regulator.
- (7) It is the duty of—
- (a) the person concerned, and
  - (b) any person who is providing (or who has at any time provided) services to the person concerned in relation to the matter concerned,
- to give the person appointed to prepare a report all such assistance as the appointed person may reasonably require.
- (8) The obligation imposed by subsection (7) is enforceable, on the application of the regulator in question, by an injunction or, in Scotland, by an order for specific performance under section 45 of the Court of Session Act 1988.
- (9) A regulator may make rules providing for expenses incurred by it in relation to an appointment under subsection (3)(b) to be payable as a fee by the person concerned.
- (10) The powers conferred by this section may also be exercised by the FCA in relation to a person to whom subsection (11) [<sup>F2</sup>, (12) or (13)] applies, (and references to the person concerned are to be read accordingly).
- (11) This subsection applies to—
- (a) a recognised investment exchange (“A”),
  - (b) any other member of A's group,
  - (c) a partnership of which A is a member, or
  - (d) a person who has at any time been a person falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c),
- who is, or was at the relevant time, carrying on a business.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(12) This subsection applies to a person who provides, or has provided, a service to an FCA investment firm or to a relevant parent undertaking of such a firm.]]
- [<sup>F4</sup>(13) This subsection applies to a person who is or has at any relevant time been involved in the administration of any trust arrangement relating to a funeral plan contract entered into or carried out by an authorised person.
- (14) In this section, “funeral plan contract” has the same meaning as in article 59(2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 166 substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), s. 122\(3\), Sch. 12 para. 5](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113, art. 2\(1\)\(c\), Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.](#)
- F2** Words in [s. 166\(10\)](#) substituted (16.5.2022 for specified purposes, 29.7.2022 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/466\), arts. 1\(3\), 6\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F3** S. 166(12) inserted (1.7.2021) by [Financial Services Act 2021 \(c. 22\), s. 49\(5\), Sch. 2 para. 6\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 Pt. 3](#)); [S.I. 2021/671, reg. 4\(b\)](#)

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- F4** S. 166(13)(14) inserted (16.5.2022 for specified purposes, 29.7.2022 in so far as not already in force) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/466), arts. 1(3), **6(3)(b)**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 11 modified (E.W.S.) (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Claims Management Activity) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1253), arts. 1(2)(3), **82(13)**
- C2** Pt. 11 applied in part (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Over the Counter Derivatives, Central Counterparties and Trade Repositories (Amendment, etc., and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/335), regs. 1(1), **75** (with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C3** Pt. 11 applied in part (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/542), regs. 1, **36** (with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C4** Pt. 11 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Credit Rating Agencies (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/266), regs. 1(3), **18(1)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1384, regs. 1(4), 50(3)) (with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C5** S. 166 applied (22.7.2013) by The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1773), regs. 1, **71(1)(b)**
- C6** S. 166 applied (20.4.2015 for specified purposes, 21.12.2015 for specified purposes, 21.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by The Mortgage Credit Directive Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/910), arts. 1(5), **23(2)(b)** (with Pt. 4)
- C7** S. 166 applied (with modifications) (13.7.2016) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/715), regs. 1(2), **6**
- C8** S. 166 modified (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Claims Management Activity) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1253), arts. 1(2)(3), **55(4)**
- C9** S. 166 applied by S.I. 2018/1149, **reg. 60** (as inserted (1.3.2019) by The Financial Services Contracts (Transitional and Saving Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/405), regs. 1(2), **3**)
- C10** S. 166 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2018/1201, **Sch. 3 para. 32A(2)** (as substituted (6.9.2019) by The Financial Services (Electronic Money, Payment Services and Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1212), regs. 1(2), **7(15)**)
- C11** S. 166 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2018/1201, **Sch. 3 para. 12H(2)** (as substituted (6.9.2019) by The Financial Services (Electronic Money, Payment Services and Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1212), regs. 1(2), **7(8)**)
- C12** S. 166 applied (31.12.2020) by The Electronic Commerce and Solvency 2 (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1361), regs. 1(2), **20** (as amended by S.I. 2019/1390, regs. 1(2), 6); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C13** S. 166 applied (with modifications) (31.5.2021) by The Civil Liability Act 2018 (Financial Conduct Authority) (Whiplash) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/594), regs. 1, **2(4)(b)**
- C14** S. 166 applied (with modifications) (8.6.2023 for specified purposes, 7.10.2023 in so far as not already in force) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/612), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 15** (with art. 11)
- C15** S. 166(1)-(8) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2014) by The Capital Requirements Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/3115), regs. 1(2), **14**

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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))