## HANDBOOK (RULEBOOK CONSEQUENTIALS NO. 2) INSTRUMENT 2015

#### **Powers exercised**

- A. The Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") makes this instrument in the exercise of the following powers and related provisions in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("the Act"):
  - (1) section 137G (The PRA's general rules); and
  - (2) section 137T (General supplementary powers).
- B. The rule-making powers referred to above are specified for the purpose of section 138G(2) (Rulemaking instruments) of the Act.

#### **Pre-conditions to making**

C. In accordance with section 138J of the Act (Consultation by the PRA), the PRA consulted the Financial Conduct Authority. After consulting, the PRA published a draft of the proposed rules and had regard to representations made.

#### Amendments

D. The modules of the PRA's Handbook of rules and guidance listed in column (1) below are amended in accordance with the Annexes to this instrument listed in column (2).

(1)	(2)
Glossary	А
Senior Management Arrangements, Systems and Controls (SYSC)	В
Supervision (SUP)	С
Prudential sourcebook for Mortgage and Home Finance Firms, and Insurance Intermediaries (MIPRU)	D
General Provisions (GEN)	E
Fees Manual (FEES)	F
Conduct of Business Sourcebook (COBS)	G

#### Deletion

E. Each of the following modules and sections of the PRA's Handbook is deleted:

BSOCS (Building Societies sourcebook)
BSOG (The Building Societies Regulatory Guide)
SUP 16.10 (Verification of standing data)
SUP 18 (Transfers of business)
GEN 1 (Appropriate regulator approval and emergencies)
GEN 4 (Statutory status disclosure)

GEN 6 (Insurance against financial penalties)

## Commencement

F. This instrument comes into force on 2 April 2015.

# Citation

G. This instrument may be cited as the Handbook (Rulebook Consequentials No. 2) Instrument 2015.

# By order of the Board of the Prudential Regulation Authority

30 March 2015

# Annex A

# Amendments to the Glossary

In this Annex new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

appropriate regulator	(1)		n the FCA Handbook, the FCA; and in the PRA dbook, the PRA;
	(2)	(a)	
		(b)	in SUP 18 "appropriate regulator" has the meaning given in section 103A of the Act. [deleted]
common platform firm	(A)	In t	he PRA Handbook (except SYSC 4-9):
	<u>(AB)</u>		the PRA Handbook (in SYSC 4-9), has the same aning as in (A) except that it excludes CRR firms.
competent employees rule	(a)		a <i>firm</i> which is not a <i>common platform firm <u>or a CRR</u> SYSC</i> 3.1.6R.
	(b)		
	<u>(c)</u>		CRR firm, Skills, Knowledge and Expertise 2.1 of the Rulebook.
contingency funding plan	(1)		
	(2)		<i>BIPRU</i> 12-and <i>BSOCS</i> ) a plan for dealing with liquidity s as required by <i>BIPRU</i> 12.4.10R.
credit institution	(A)	In the	e <i>PRA</i> Handbook:

		(1)	(excep the EL	t in REC):has the meaning in article 4(1)(1) of UCRR;
			(a)	has the meaning in article 4(1)(1) of the EU CRR; or [deleted]
		(2)	•	<del>C and in</del> -SUP 11 (Controllers and close links) JP 16 (Reporting requirements)):
designated money market fund	authe supe natio	orised rvision	under and, if	d BSOCS) a collective investment scheme the UCITS Directive or which is subject to applicable, authorised by an authority under the EEA State, and which satisfies the following
IPRU	IPRL acco	<del>J(BSO</del>	<del>C),</del> IPF to the	ential sourcebook, comprising <i>IPRU(BANK),</i> RU(FSOC), IPRU(INS) and IPRU(INV), or context one of these Interim Prudential
listed	(A)	In the	e <i>PRA</i> H	andbook:
		(1)		t in <i>LR,</i> SUP 11, INSPRU and IPRU(INS)) ed in an official list.
PD	(1)			
	(2)	(in G	ENPRU	, <u>and</u> BIPRU and BSOCS) probability of default.
Society	(1)			SOCS) the <u>The</u> society incorporated by Lloyd's he name of Lloyd's.
	(2)	(in B	<del>SOCS) (</del>	a building society. [deleted]
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subsidiary undertaking	(1)	
	(2)	
	(3)	(in LR and BSOCS) as defined in section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006.[deleted]

Delete the following definitions altogether. The deleted text is not shown.

1986 Act

BSOCS

CIS administrator

CIS trustee

composite insurer

discretionary investment manager

early repayment charge

employee

firm type

independent expert

IPRU(BSOC)

non-discretionary investment manager

own account trading firm

qualifying money market fund

scheme report

SDL

society

wholesale only bank

# Annex B

# Amendments to the Senior Management Arrangements, Systems and Controls sourcebook (SYSC)

In this Annex new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

# 1.1A Application

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<u>1.1A.1A</u>	<u>G</u>	Chapters 4 to 9 are not applicable to CRR firms. CRR firms are subject to the rules
		in the General Organisational Requirements Part of the PRA Rulebook.

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# 1 Annex 1 Detailed application of SYSC

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Part 2	Ap	pplication of the common platform requirements (SYSC 4 to 10)
2.1	R	The common platform requirements apply to every firm apart from an insurer, a managing agent and the Society unless provided otherwise in a specific rule. [deleted]
<u>2.1A</u>	<u>R</u>	The common platform organisational requirements apply to every firm apart from a CRR firm, an insurer, a managing agent and the Society unless provided otherwise in a specific rule.
<u>2.1B</u>	<u>R</u>	SYSC 10 applies to every firm apart from an insurer, a managing agent and the Society unless provided otherwise in a specific rule.

Part 3		bles summarising the application of the common platform requirements to ferent types of firm
3.1	G	The common platform requirements apply in the following four ways (subject to the provisions in Part 2 of this Annex).[deleted]
<u>3.1A</u>	<u>G</u>	The common platform requirements apply in accordance with Part 2 of this Annex and the provisions in 3.2BR, 3.2CR, 3.2DG, 3.2ER, 3.3AG and 3.4R.
3.2	G	For a common platform firm, they apply in accordance with Column A in the table below. [deleted]
<u>3.2C</u>	<u>R</u>	For a common platform firm other than a CRR firm, Provision SYSC 4 to Provision SYSC 9 apply in accordance with Column A in the table below.
<u>3.2D</u>	<u>G</u>	SYSC 4 to 9 are not applicable to CRR firms. CRR firms are subject to the rules in the General Organisational Requirements, Skills, Knowledge and Expertise, Compliance

		and Internal Audit, Risk Control, Outsourcing and Record Keeping Parts of the PRA Rulebook.
<u>3.2E</u>	<u>R</u>	For a common platform firm, Provision SYSC 10 applies in accordance with Column A in the table below.
3.3	G	For all other <i>firms</i> apart from <i>insurers, managing agents</i> , the Society and <i>full-scope</i> <i>UK AIFMs</i> of <i>unauthorised AIFs</i> , they apply in accordance with Column B in the table below. For these <i>firms</i> , where a <i>rule</i> is shown modified in Column B as 'Guidance', it should be read as <i>guidance</i> (as if "should" appeared in that rule instead of "must") and should be applied in a proportionate manner, taking into account the nature, scale and complexity of the firm's business. [deleted]
<u>3.3A</u>	G	For all other firms apart from CRR firms, insurers, managing agents, the Society and full-scope UK AIFMs of unauthorised AIFs, they apply in accordance with Column B in the table below. For these firms, where a rule is shown modified in Column B as 'Guidance', it should be read as guidance (as if "should" appeared in that rule instead of "must") and should be applied in a proportionate manner, taking into account the nature, scale and complexity of the firm's business.
<u>3.4</u>	<u>R</u>	For the purposes of Provision 4 to Provision 9 in the table below, the reference to:
		(1) <u>"common platform firm" in Column A must be read as "a common platform firm</u> apart from a CRR firm"; and

(2) <u>"all other firms" in Column B must be read as "all other firms apart from CRR firms".</u>

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- <u>12.1.13A</u> <u>R</u> <u>When applying SYSC 12.1.13R</u>, <u>CRR firms must read references to:</u>
  - (1) <u>SYSC 4.1.1R and SYSC 4.1.2R as references to General Organisation</u> Requirements 2.1 and 2.2 of the *PRA* Rulebook;
  - (2) <u>SYSC 4.1.7R as a reference to General Organisation Requirement 2.6 of the</u> <u>PRA Rulebook;</u>
  - (3) SYSC 4.3A as a reference to chapters 5 and 6 of the General Organisation Requirements Part of the *PRA* Rulebook;
  - (4) <u>SYSC 5.1.7R as a reference to Skills, Knowledge and Expertise 3.2 of the PRA</u> <u>Rulebook;</u>
  - (5) <u>SYSC 7 as a reference to Chapters 2 and 3 of the Risk Control Part of the PRA</u> <u>Rulebook;</u>

13.8	Exte	rnal ev	ents a	nd other changes
13.8.4	e e	he applies a he applies a comply v	at all tii <del>o<i>priate</i> with a  </del>	requirement for appropriate systems and controls at SYSC 3.1.1R mes, including when a business continuity plan is invoked. However, progulator recognises that, in an emergency, a <i>firm</i> may be unable to particular <i>rule</i> and the conditions for relief are outlined in <i>GEN</i> 1.3 [deleted]
<u>13.8.4A</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>applie</u> <u>the ap</u> comp	es at all oproprin ly with	el requirement for appropriate systems and controls at SYSC 3.1.1R I times, including when a business continuity plan is invoked. However, ate regulator recognises that, in an emergency, a firm may be unable to a particular rule and the conditions for relief are outlined in Chapter 2 of Provisions Part of the PRA Rulebook.
19A.1	Ge	neral a	pplica	tion and purpose
19A.1.1	R	(1)	The F	Remuneration Code applies to : [deleted]
			(a)	<del>a <i>building society</i>,</del> [deleted]
			(b)	<del>a <i>bank</i>, [deleted]</del>
			(C)	an investment firm; [deleted]
			(d)	an overseas firm that; [deleted]
				(i) is not an <i>EEA firm</i> ; [deleted]
				(ii) has its head office outside the EEA; and [deleted]
				(iii) would be a <i>firm</i> referred to in (a), (b) or (c) if it had been a UK domestic firm, had carried on all of its business in the UK and had obtained whatever authorisations for doing so as are required under the Act. [deleted]
		(2)	<del>only i</del>	ation to a <i>firm</i> that falls under (1)(d), the <i>Remuneration Code</i> applies n relation to activities carried on from an establishment in the United lom. [deleted]
		(3)		wise, the <i>Remuneration Code</i> applies to a <i>firm</i> within (1) in the same as SYSC 4.1.1R (General Requirements). [deleted]
<u>19A.1.1B</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>The F</u>	Remuneration Code applies to :
			<u>(a)</u>	<u>a building society.</u>

<u>(b)</u> <u>a bank;</u>

- (c) an investment firm;
- (d) an overseas firm that;
  - (i) is not an EEA firm;
  - (ii) has its head office outside the EEA; and
  - (iii) would be a *firm* referred to in (a), (b) or (c) if it had been a *UK* domestic firm, had carried on all of its business in the *UK* and had obtained whatever authorisations for doing so as are required under the Act.
- (2) In relation to a *firm* that falls under (1)(d), the *Remuneration Code* applies only in relation to activities carried on from an establishment in the United Kingdom.
- (3) Otherwise, the *Remuneration Code* applies to a *firm* within (1) in the same way as SYSC 4.1.1R (General Requirements) or, in the case of a *CRR firm*, General Organisational Requirements 2.1 in the *PRA* Rulebook.

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- 19A.1.2 G Part 2 of SYSC 1 Annex 1 provides for the application of SYSC 4.1.1R (General Requirements). In particular, and subject to the provisions on group risk systems and controls requirements in SYSC 12, this means that: [deleted]
  - (1) in relation to what the *Remuneration Code* applies to, it: [deleted]
    - (a) applies in relation to regulated activities, activities that constitute dealing in investments as principal (disregarding the exclusion in article 15 of the Regulated Activities Order (Absence of holding out etc)), ancillary activities and (in relation to MiFID business) ancillary services; [deleted]
    - (b) applies with respect to the carrying on of *unregulated activities* in a *prudential context*, and [deleted]
    - (c) takes into account activities of other group members; and [deleted]
  - (2) in relation to where the *Remuneration Code applies*, it applies in relation to: [deleted]
    - (a) a *firm's UK* activities; [deleted]
    - (b) a *firm's passported activities* carried on from a *branch* in another *EEA* State; and [deleted]
    - (c) a UK domestic firm's activities wherever they are carried on, in a prudential context. [deleted]
- <u>19A.1.2A</u> <u>G</u> <u>Subject to the provisions on group risk systems and controls requirements in SYSC</u> <u>12:</u>
  - (1) in relation to what the *Remuneration Code* applies to, it:
    - (a) applies in relation to regulated activities, activities that constitute dealing in investments as principal (disregarding the exclusion in article 15 of the Regulated Activities Order (Absence of holding out, etc)),

ancillary activities and (in relation to MiFID business) ancillary services;

- (b) <u>applies with respect to the carrying on of unregulated activities in a</u> <u>prudential context, and</u>
- (c) takes into account activities of other group members; and
- (2) in relation to where the *Remuneration Code applies*, it applies in relation to:
  - (a) <u>a firm's UK activities;</u>
  - (b) <u>a firm's passported activities carried on from a branch in another EEA</u> <u>State; and</u>
  - (c) <u>a UK domestic firm's activities wherever they are carried on, in a</u> <u>prudential context.</u>

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#### Purpose

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- (1) The aim of the Remuneration Code is to ensure that firms have risk-focused remuneration policies, which are consistent with and promote effective risk management and do not expose them to excessive risk. It expands upon the general organisational requirements in SYSC 4. [deleted]
  - (2) The Remuneration Code implements the main provisions of the CRD which relate to remuneration. The Committee of European Banking Supervisors published Guidelines on Remuneration Policies and Practices on 10 December 2010. Provisions of the Capital Requirements (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/917) together with the European Banking Authority's Guidelines to article 22(3) and (5) of the Banking Consolidation Directive relating to the collection of remuneration benchmarking information and high earners information have been implemented through SUP 16 Annex 33AR and SUP 16 Annex 34AR. The Guidelines can be found at http://www.eba.europa.eu/cebs/media/Publications/Standards%20and%20G uidelines/2012/EBA-GL-2012-04---GL-4-on-remuneration-benchmarkingexercise-.pdf and http://www.eba.europa.eu/cebs/media/Publications/Standards%20and%20G uidelines/2012/EBA-GL-2012-05---GL-5-on-remuneration-data-collectionexercise-.pdf. [deleted]
  - (3) [deleted]
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- (1) The aim of the *Remuneration Code* is to ensure that *firms* have risk-focused *remuneration* policies, which are consistent with and promote effective risk management and do not expose them to excessive risk. It expands upon the general organisational requirements in General Organisational Requirements 2.1 of the *PRA* Rulebook.
- (2) The Remuneration Code implements the main provisions of the CRD which relate to remuneration. The Committee of European Banking Supervisors published Guidelines on Remuneration Policies and Practices on 10 December 2010. Provisions of the Capital Requirements Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/3115) together with the European Banking Authority's Guidelines to article 75(1) and (3) of the CRD relating to the collection of remuneration benchmarking information and high earners information have been implemented through the Remuneration Reporting Requirements Part of the PRA Rulebook. The Guidelines can be found at-http://www.eba.europa.eu/-/eba-publishes-guidelines-to-streamline-data-collection-on-remuneration-

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19A.2 General requirement
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- 19A.2.2
- (1) If a firm's remuneration policy is not aligned with effective risk management it is likely that *employees* will have incentives to act in ways that might undermine effective risk management..[deleted]
- (2) The Remuneration Code covers all aspects of remuneration that could have a bearing on effective risk management including salaries, bonuses, longterm incentive plans, options, hiring bonuses, severance packages and pension arrangements. In applying the Remuneration Code, a firm should have regard to applicable good practice on remuneration and corporate governance, such as guidelines on executive contracts and severance produced by the Association of British Insurers (ABI) and the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). In considering the risks arising from its remuneration policies, a firm will also need to take into account its statutory duties in relation to equal pay and non-discrimination. [deleted]
- (3) As with other aspects of a firm's systems and controls, in accordance with SYSC 4.1.2R remuneration policies, procedures and practices must be comprehensive and proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the common platform firm's activities. What a firm must do in order to comply with the Remuneration Code will therefore vary. For example, while the Remuneration Code refers to a firm's remuneration committee and risk management function, it may be appropriate for the governing body of a smaller firm to act as the remuneration committee, and for the firm not to have a separate risk management function. [deleted]
- (4) The principles in the Remuneration Code are used by the appropriate regulator to assess the quality of a firm's remuneration policies and whether they encourage excessive risk taking by a firm's employees. [deleted]
- (5) The appropriate regulator may also ask remuneration committees to provide the appropriate regulator with evidence of how well the firm's remuneration policies meet the Remuneration Code's principles, together with plans for improvement where there is a shortfall. The appropriate regulator also expects relevant firms to use the principles in assessing their exposure to risks arising from their remuneration policies as part of the internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP).[deleted]
- (6) The Remuneration Code is principally concerned with the risks created by the way remuneration arrangements are structured, not with the absolute amount of remuneration, which is generally a matter for firms' remuneration committees. [deleted]
- <u>19A.2.2A</u> <u>G</u> (1) <u>If a *firm's remuneration* policy is not aligned with effective risk management it is likely that *employees* will have incentives to act in ways that might undermine effective risk management.</u>
  - (2) The Remuneration Code covers all aspects of remuneration that could have a bearing on effective risk management including salaries, bonuses, longterm incentive plans, options, hiring bonuses, severance packages and pension arrangements. In applying the *Remuneration Code*, a *firm* should have regard to applicable good practice on *remuneration* and corporate governance, such as guidelines on executive contracts and severance

produced by the Association of British Insurers (ABI) and the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). In considering the risks arising from its *remuneration* policies, a *firm* will also need to take into account its statutory duties in relation to equal pay and non-discrimination.

- (3) As with other aspects of a *firm's* systems and controls, in accordance with General Organisational Requirement 2.2 of the *PRA* Rulebook, *remuneration* policies, procedures and practices must be comprehensive and proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the *common platform firm's* activities. What a *firm* must do in order to comply with the *Remuneration Code* will therefore vary. For example, while the *Remuneration Code* refers to a *firm's remuneration* committee and risk management function, it may be appropriate for the *governing body* of a smaller *firm* to act as the *remuneration* committee, and for the *firm* not to have a separate risk management function.
- (4) <u>The principles in the *Remuneration Code* are used by the *appropriate* <u>regulator to assess the quality of a firm's remuneration policies and whether</u> <u>they encourage excessive risk-taking by a firm's employees.</u></u>
- (5) The appropriate regulator may also ask remuneration committees to provide the appropriate regulator with evidence of how well the firm's remuneration policies meet the Remuneration Code's principles, together with plans for improvement where there is a shortfall. The appropriate regulator also expects relevant firms to use the principles in assessing their exposure to risks arising from their remuneration policies as part of the internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP).
- (6) The Remuneration Code is principally concerned with the risks created by the way remuneration arrangements are structured, not with the absolute amount of remuneration, which is generally a matter for firms' remuneration committees.

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#### Record-keeping

19A.2.4	G	In line with the record-keeping requirements in SYSC 9, a <i>firm</i> should ensure that its <i>remuneration</i> policies, practices and procedures are clear and documented. Such policies, practices and procedures would include performance appraisal processes and decisions. [deleted]
<u>19A.2.4A</u>	<u>G</u>	In line with the record-keeping requirements in the Record Keeping Part of the <i>PRA</i> <u>Rulebook, a <i>firm</i> should ensure that its <i>remuneration</i> policies, practices and procedures are clear and documented. Such policies, practices and procedures would include performance appraisal processes and decisions.</u>
 19A.3	Rei	nuneration principles for banks, building societies and investment firms
19A.3.5	R	A firm must: [deleted]
		(1) maintain a record of its <i>Remuneration Code staff</i> in accordance with the general record-keeping requirements (SYSC 9); and [deleted]
		(2) take reasonable steps to ensure that its <i>Remuneration Code staff</i> understand the implications of their status as such, including the potential for

*remuneration* which does not comply with certain requirements of the *Remuneration Code* to be rendered void and recoverable by the *firm*. [deleted]

- <u>19A.3.5A</u> <u>R</u> <u>A firm must:</u>
  - (1) maintain a record of its *Remuneration Code staff* in accordance with the general record-keeping requirements in the Record Keeping Part of the *PRA* Rulebook; and
  - (2) take reasonable steps to ensure that its *Remuneration Code staff* understand the implications of their status as such, including the potential for *remuneration* which does not comply with certain requirements of the *Remuneration Code* to be rendered void and recoverable by the *firm*.

- 19A.3.13 G (1) A *firm* should be able to demonstrate that its decisions are consistent with an assessment of its financial condition and future prospects. In particular, practices by which *remuneration* is paid for potential future revenues whose timing and likelihood remain uncertain should be evaluated carefully and the *governing body* or *remuneration* committee (or both) should work closely with the *firm*'s risk function in evaluating the incentives created by its *remuneration* system. [deleted]
  - (2) The governing body and any remuneration committee are responsible for ensuring that the firm's remuneration policy complies with the Remuneration Code and where relevant should take into account relevant guidance, such as that issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). [deleted]
  - (3) The periodic review of the implementation of the *remuneration* policy should assess compliance with the *Remuneration Code*. [deleted]
  - (4) Guidance on what the supervisory function might involve is set out in SYSC 4.3.3G. [deleted]
- <u>19A.3.13A</u> <u>G</u> (1) <u>A firm should be able to demonstrate that its decisions are consistent with an assessment of its financial condition and future prospects. In particular, practices by which *remuneration* is paid for potential future revenues whose timing and likelihood remain uncertain should be evaluated carefully and the governing body or remuneration committee (or both) should work closely with the firm's risk function in evaluating the incentives created by its remuneration system.</u>
  - (2) The governing body and any remuneration committee are responsible for ensuring that the firm's remuneration policy complies with the Remuneration Code and where relevant should take into account relevant guidance, such as that issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).
  - (3) The periodic review of the implementation of the *remuneration* policy should assess compliance with the *Remuneration Code*.
  - (4) Guidance on what the supervisory function might involve is set out in paragraph 2.8 of the *PRA's* Supervisory Statement: internal governance.

19A.3.17 G (1) This Remuneration Principle is designed to manage the conflicts of interest which might arise if other business areas had undue influence over the *remuneration* of *employees* within control functions. Conflicts of interest can easily arise when *employees* are involved in the determination of *remuneration* for their own business area. Where these could arise they need to be managed by having in place independent roles for control functions (including, notably, risk management and compliance) and human resources. It is good practice to seek input from a *firm*'s human resources function when setting *remuneration* for other business areas. [deleted]

- (2) The need to avoid undue influence is particularly important where *employees* from the control functions are embedded in other business areas. This Remuneration Principle does not prevent the views of other business areas being sought as an appropriate part of the assessment process. [deleted]
- (3) The appropriate regulator would generally expect the ratio of the potential variable component of remuneration to the fixed component of remuneration to be significantly lower for employees in risk management and compliance functions than for employees in other business areas whose potential bonus is a significant proportion of their remuneration. Firms should nevertheless ensure that the total remuneration package offered to those employees is sufficient to attract and retain staff with the skills, knowledge and expertise to discharge those functions. The requirement that the method of determining the remuneration of relevant persons involved in the compliance function must not compromise their objectivity or be likely to do so also applies (see SYSC 6.1.4R(4)). [deleted]
- <u>19A.3.17A</u> <u>G</u> (1) This Remuneration Principle is designed to manage the conflicts of interest which might arise if other business areas had undue influence over the remuneration of employees within control functions. Conflicts of interest can easily arise when employees are involved in the determination of remuneration for their own business area. Where these could arise they need to be managed by having in place independent roles for control functions (including, notably, risk management and compliance) and human resources. It is good practice to seek input from a *firm's* human resources function when setting remuneration for other business areas.
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  - (3) The appropriate regulator would generally expect the ratio of the potential variable component of remuneration to the fixed component of remuneration to be significantly lower for employees in risk management and compliance functions than for employees in other business areas whose potential bonus is a significant proportion of their remuneration. Firms should nevertheless ensure that the total remuneration package offered to those employees is sufficient to attract and retain staff with the skills, knowledge and expertise to discharge those functions. The requirement that the method of determining the remuneration of relevant persons involved in the compliance function must not compromise their objectivity or be likely to do so also applies (see Compliance and Internal Audit 2.4(4) of the PRA Rulebook).

20.1 Application and purpose

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20.1.4	G	The reverse stress testing requirements are an integral component of a firm's
		business planning and risk management under SYSC and the Risk Control Part of
		the PRA Rulebook. For BIPRU firms as referred to in SYSC 20.1.1R (1)(a), this
		chapter amplifies SYSC 7.1.1G to SYSC 7.1.8G on risk control Risk Control in the
		PRA Rulebook. For insurers as referred to in SYSC 20.1.1R (1)(b), this chapter
		amplifies SYSC 14.1.17G to SYSC 14.1.25G on business planning and risk
		management.

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## 21.1 Risk control: guidance on governance arrangements

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- (1) This chapter provides additional guidance on risk-centric governance arrangements for effective risk management. It expands upon the general organisational requirements in SYSC 2, SYSC 3, SYSC 4, SYSC 7 and FUND 3.7, and so applies to the same extent as SYSC 3.1.1R (for insurors, managing agents and the Society), SYSC 4.1.1R (for every other firm) and FUND 3.7 (for a full-scope UK AIFM of an authorised AIF). [deleted]
- (2) Firms should, taking account of their size, nature and complexity, consider whether in order to fulfil the general organisational requirements in SYSC 2, SYSC 3, SYSC 4, SYSC 7 and (for a *full-scope UK AIFM* of an *authorised* AIF) FUND 3.7 their risk control arrangements should include: [deleted]
  - (a) appointing a Chief Risk Officer; and [deleted]
  - (b) establishing a governing body risk committee. [deleted]

The functions of a Chief Risk Officer and *governing body* risk committee are explained further in this section.[deleted]

- (3) The appropriate regulator considers that banks and insurers that are included in the FTSE 100 Index are examples of the types of firm that should structure their risk control arrangements in this way. However, this guidance will also be relevant to some similar sized firms (whether or not listed) and some smaller firms, by virtue of their risk profile or complexity. [deleted]
- 21.1.1A G (1) <u>This chapter provides additional guidance on risk-centric governance</u> <u>arrangements for effective risk management. It expands upon the general</u> <u>organisational requirements in SYSC 2, SYSC 3, SYSC 4, SYSC 7 and the</u> <u>General Organisational Requirements Part and the Risk Control Part of the</u> <u>PRA Rulebook, and so applies to the same extent as SYSC 3.1.1R (for</u> <u>insurers, managing agents and the Society), SYSC 4.1.1R and the General</u> <u>Organisational Requirements Part and the Risk Control Part of the PRA</u> <u>Rulebook (for CRR firms).</u>
  - (2) Firms should, taking account of their size, nature and complexity, consider whether in order to fulfil the general organisational requirements in SYSC 2, SYSC 3, SYSC 4, SYSC 7 and the General Organisational Requirements Part and the Risk Control Part of the PRA Rulebook and their risk control arrangements should include:
    - (a) appointing a Chief Risk Officer; and
    - (b) establishing a governing body risk committee.

The functions of a Chief Risk Officer and governing body risk committee are

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explained further in this section.

(3) The appropriate regulator considers that banks and insurers that are included in the FTSE 100 Index are examples of the types of firm that should structure their risk control arrangements in this way. However, this guidance will also be relevant to some similar sized firms (whether or not listed) and some smaller firms, by virtue of their risk profile or complexity.

#### Annex C

## Amendments to the Supervision manual (SUP)

In this Annex new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

# 10B.9 Systems and controls function

- 10B.9.1 R ...
  - (2) setting and controlling its risk exposure (see SYSC 3.2.10G<u>, and</u>-SYSC 7.1.6R and, for *CRR firms*, Risk Control 2.5 of the *PRA* Rulebook); and.
  - (3) adherence to internal systems and controls, procedures and policies (see SYSC 3.2.16G, and SYSC 6.2 and, for *CRR firms*, Compliance and Internal Audit 3.1 of the *PRA* Rulebook).

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## **10B.11** Application for approval and withdrawing an application for approval

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  - (2) Usually this will be the *firm* that is employing the PRA candidate to perform the PRA controlled function. Where a firm has outsourced the performance of a PRA controlled function, the details of the outsourcing determine where responsibility lies and whom the PRA anticipates will submit PRA-approved persons application forms. SUP 10B.11.7G describes some common situations. The firm which is outsourcing is referred to as "A" and the person to whom the performance of the PRA controlled function has been outsourced, or which makes the arrangement for the PRA controlled function to be performed, is referred to as "B". In each situation, A must take reasonable care to ensure that, in accordance with section 59(2) of the Act, no person performs a PRA controlled function under an arrangement entered into by its contract-or in relation to the carrying on by A of a regulated activity, without approval from the PRA. See also SYSC 3.2.4G and SYSC 8.1.1R, and, for CRR firms, Outsourcing 2.1 of the PRA Rulebook and SYSC 13.9 for insurers.

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<u>10B.11.7A</u> <u>G</u> <u>The reference to "SYSC 8" in the table above must be read as "SYSC 8 or, in</u> the case of a *CRR firm*, the Outsourcing Part of the *PRA* Rulebook".

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#### **10B.14** How to apply for approval and give notifications

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10B.14.4 G Where *SUP* 10B.14.1D (4) or the equivalent situation under *SUP* 10B.14.2R applies to a *firm*, *GEN* 1.3.2R (Emergency) does <u>General Provisions 2.2 of the *PRA* Rulebook does not apply.</u>

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SUP 16.10 [FCA only]	All ca	ategories of <i>firm</i> except:	Entire section
	(a)	an <i>ICVC</i> ;	
	(b)	a UCITS qualifier,	
	(c)	a credit union; and	
	(d)	a dormant account fund operator.	

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16.3	General provisions on reporting				
SUP 16.3.2	2 (	G	This cl	napter has been split into the following sections, covering: [deleted]	
			(1)	annual controllers reports (SUP 16.4); [deleted]	
			(2)	annual close links reports (SUP 16.5); [deleted]	
			(3)	compliance reports (SUP 16.6); [deleted]	
			(4)	[deleted]	
			(5)	persistency reports (SUP 16.8); [deleted];	
			(6)	annual appointed representatives reports (SUP 16.9); [deleted];	
			(7)	Verification of standing data (SUP 16.10); [deleted]	
			(8)	product sales data reporting (SUP 16.11); [deleted];	
			(9)	integrated regulatory reporting (SUP 16.12); [deleted]:	
			(10)	reporting under the Payment Services Regulations (SUP 16.13); [deleted];	
			(11)	client money and asset return (SUP 16.14); [deleted];	
			(12)	reporting under the Electronic Money Regulations (SUP 16.15). [deleted];	
			(13)	prudent valuation reporting (SUP 16.16);[deleted];	
			(14)	remuneration reporting (SUP 16.17) [deleted]; and	

- (15) AIFMD reporting (SUP 16.18) [deleted].
- <u>SUP 16.3.2A</u> <u>G</u> <u>This chapter has been split into the following sections, covering:</u>
  - (1) <u>annual controllers reports (SUP 16.4);</u>
  - (2) <u>annual close links reports (SUP 16.5);</u>
  - (3) compliance reports (SUP 16.6);
  - (4) persistency reports (SUP 16.8);
  - (5) <u>annual appointed representatives reports (SUP 16.9);</u>
  - (6) product sales data reporting (SUP 16.11);
  - (7) integrated regulatory reporting (SUP 16.12);
  - (8) reporting under the Payment Services Regulations (SUP 16.13);
  - (9) client money and asset return (SUP 16.14);
  - (10) reporting under the Electronic Money Regulations (SUP 16.15).
  - (11) prudent valuation reporting (SUP 16.16);
  - (12) remuneration reporting (SUP 16.17); and
  - (13) AIFMD reporting (SUP 16.18).

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			A firm must notify the appropriate regulator if it changes its accounting reference date.[deleted]
		(2)	When a <i>firm</i> extends its accounting period, it must make the notification in (1) before the previous accounting reference date.[deleted]
		(3)	When a <i>firm</i> shortens its accounting period, it must make the notification in (1) before the new accounting reference date. [deleted]
		(4)	SUP 16.10.4AR to SUP 16.10.4CG (Requirement to check the accuracy of standing data and to report changes to the <i>appropriate regulator</i> ) apply to any notification made under (1). [deleted]
<u>16.3.17A</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>(1)</u>	A firm must notify the appropriate regulator if it changes its accounting reference date.
		<u>(2)</u>	When a <i>firm</i> extends its accounting period, it must make the notification in (1) before the previous accounting reference date.
		<u>(3)</u>	When a <i>firm</i> shortens its accounting period, it must make the notification in (1) before the new accounting reference date.
		<u>(4)</u>	Notifications 5.3A and 5.5 (Core Information Requirements) apply to any notification made under (1).

# **TP 1 Transitional provisions**

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(1)	(2) Material to which the transitional provision applies	(3)	(4) Transitional provision	(5) Transitional provision: dates in force	(6) Handbook provision: coming into force
14C [FCA only]	SUP 16.10.4	R	A firm whose accounting reference date falls between 1 April 2005 and 30 June 2005 (inclusive) need not comply with SUP 16.10.4R until its accounting reference date in	1 April 2005- 30 June 2005	1 April 2005

#### Annex D

# Amendments to the Prudential sourcebook for Mortgage and Home Finance Firms, and Insurance Intermediaries (MIPRU)

In this Annex new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

#### 2.3 Knowledge, ability and good repute

- 2.3.5 G Firms are reminded that Principle 3 requires firms to take reasonable care to organise and control their affairs responsibly and effectively. Principle 3 is amplified by the rule which requires firms to take reasonable care to establish and maintain such systems and controls as are appropriate to its business (SYSC 3.1.1R and SYSC 4.1.1R). A firm's systems and controls should enable it to satisfy itself of the suitability of anyone who acts for it (SYSC 3.2.13G and SYSC 5.1.2G). This includes the assessment of an individual's honesty and competence. In addition, the competence requirement which every firm should follow.[deleted]
- 2.3.5A G Firms are reminded that *Principle* 3 requires firms to take reasonable care to organise and control their affairs responsibly and effectively. *Principle* 3 is amplified by the *rule* which requires *firms* to take reasonable care to establish and maintain such systems and controls as are appropriate to its business (SYSC 3.1.1R, SYSC 4.1.1R and, for *CRR firms*, General Organisational Requirement 2.1 of the *PRA* Rulebook). A *firm's* systems and controls should enable it to satisfy itself of the suitability of anyone who acts for it (SYSC 3.2.13G). This includes the assessment of an individual's honesty and competence. In addition, the *competent employees rule* (SYSC 3.1.6R, SYSC 5.1.1R Skills, Knowledge and Expertise 2.1 of the *PRA* Rulebook) sets out a high-level competence requirement which every firm should follow.

# Annex E

# **General Provisions (GEN)**

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# TP1 Transitional provisions

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# GEN TP 1.3 (4) Transitional Provisions applying to GEN only

The references to "GEN 6.1" in the table above must be read as "GEN 6.1 and General Provisions 7 in the *PRA* Rulebook".

# Annex F

## Amendments to the Fees manual (FEES)

In this Annex new text is underlined.

# 4.2 Obligation to pay periodic fees

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4.2.10A R A CRR firm need not pay a periodic fee on the date on which it is due under the relevant provision in FEES 4.2.1R, if that date falls during a period during which circumstances of the sort set out in General Provisions 2.2 in the PRA Rulebook exist, and that firm has reasonable grounds to believe that those circumstances impair its ability to pay the fee, in which case the firm must pay it on or before the fifth business day after the end of that period.

#### Annex G

#### Amendments to the Conduct of Business Sourcebook (COBS)

In this Annex new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

#### 20.2 Treating with-profits policyholders fairly

- 20.2.48 G A reattribution expert's report should comply with the applicable rules on expert evidence. The scope and content of the report should be substantially similar to that of the report required of an *independent expert* under SUP 18.2 (Insurance business transfers), as if (where appropriate) a reference to:[deleted]
  - (1) the 'scheme report' was a reference to the 'reattribution expert's report'; [deleted]
  - (2) the 'independent expert' was a reference to the 'reattribution expert'; and[deleted]
  - (3) the 'scheme' was a reference to the proposal for a 'reattribution'.[deleted]
- 20.2.48A G <u>A reattribution expert's report should comply with the applicable rules on</u> expert evidence. The scope and content of the report should be substantially similar to that expected of the report of an independent expert as set out in the *PRA's* Statement of Policy: The Prudential Regulation Authority's approach to insurance business transfers, as if (where appropriate) a reference to:
  - (1) the 'scheme report' was a reference to the '*reattribution expert*'s report';
  - (2) the 'independent expert' was a reference to the 'reattribution expert': and
  - (3) the 'scheme' was a reference to the proposal for a 'reattribution'.