SUPERVISION MANUAL (ACTUARIES) (AMENDMENT) INSTRUMENT 2005

Powers exercised

- A. The Financial Services Authority 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 138 (General rule-making power);
 - (2) section 156 (General supplementary powers);
 - (3) section 157(1) (Guidance);
 - (4) section 213 (The compensation scheme); and
 - (5) section 214 (General).
- B. The rule-making powers listed above are specified for the purpose of section 153(2) (Rule-making instruments) of the Act.

Commencement

C. This instrument comes into force on 1 October 2005.

Amendments to the Handbook

D. The modules of the FSA'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) below.

(1)	(2)
Statements of Principle and Code of Practice for Approved Persons	Annex A
(APER)	
General Provisions (GEN)	Annex B
Authorisation manual (AUTH)	Annex C
Supervision manual (SUP)	Annex D
Dispute Resolution: Complaints sourcebook (DISP)	Annex E
Compensation sourcebook (COMP)	Annex F

Citation

E. This instrument may be cited as the Supervision Manual (Actuaries) (Amendment) Instrument 2005.

By order of the Board 15 September 2005

Annex A

Amendments to the Statements of Principle and Code of Practice for Approved Persons

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4.1.3 Deliberately misleading (or attempting to mislead) by act or Ε omission: (2) his firm (or its auditors or an appointed actuary appointed by his firm under SUP 4 (Actuaries)); or 4.1.4 Behaviour of the type referred to in APER 4.1.3E includes, but is E not limited to, deliberately: (10) providing false or inaccurate information to the *firm* (or to the firm's auditors or an appointed actuary appointed by the firm under SUP 4 (Actuaries)); ... 4.1.6 E Deliberately failing to inform, without reasonable cause: (2) his firm (or its auditors or an appointed actuary appointed by his firm under SUP 4 (Actuaries)); or 4.2.3 E Failing to inform: (2) his firm (or its auditors or an appointed actuary appointed by his *firm* under *SUP* 4 (Actuaries)); 4.2.4 Behaviour of the type referred to in APER 4.2.3E includes, but is Ε not limited to: providing inaccurate or inadequate information to a firm, its (4) auditors or appointed an actuary appointed by his firm under SUP 4 (Actuaries); . . .

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Annex B

Amendments to the General Provisions

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GEN TP1 Transitional provisions

GEN TP 1.2 Table 2: Transitional Provisions applying across the Handbook

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Material to		Transitional provision	Transitional	Handbook
	which the			provision:	provision:
	transitional			dates in	coming into
	provision applies			force	force
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15		R	Notification A firm (or its auditor, appointed actuary or appropriate actuary appointed under SUP 4 (Actuaries)) will not contravene a notification rule in the Handbook to the extent that notice of the relevant matter was given to the firm's previous regulator before commencement in accordance with:		

Annex C

Amendments to the Authorisation manual

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AUTH 6 Annex 1 Approved Persons

	Question:	Answer:
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6	Can a significant influence function be outsourced?	It is a question of fact in each case who is performing a <i>significant influence function</i> . These functions are mostly described at a high level of responsibility, that is, for example, the <i>director</i> of a <i>company</i> or a <i>partner</i> of a partnership. The <i>persons</i> performing these functions cannot avoid their ultimate responsibility and therefore the need for <i>approval</i> approval. However, some of the <i>significant influence functions</i> may be performed by a <i>person</i> who is specifically brought in to do the job, for example the <i>chief executive function</i> (where it is to be performed by a <i>body corporate</i>) and the <i>appointed actuary actuarial</i> and <i>with-profits actuary functions</i> .
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Annex D

Amendments to the Supervision manual

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Amendments to the Transitional Provisions in the Supervision Manual are set out on page 8 of this instrument.

4.3.16A R An actuary appointed to perform the with-profits actuary function must:

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- (3) at least once a year in respect of each financial year commencing on or after 1 January 2005, report to the firm's governing body on key aspects (including those aspects of the firm's application of its Principles and Practices of Financial Management on which the advice described in (1) has been given) of the discretion exercised in respect of the period covered by his report affecting those classes of with-profits business of the firm;
- (4) in respect of each financial year commencing on or after 1

 January 2005, make a written report addressed to the relevant classes of the *firm's with-profits policyholders*, to accompany the *firm's* annual report under *COB* 6.11.9R, as to whether, in his opinion and based on the information and explanations provided to him by the *firm*, and taking into account where relevant the *rules* and *guidance* in *COB* 6.12, the annual report and the discretion exercised by the *firm* in respect of the period covered by the report may be regarded as taking, or having taken, the interests of the relevant classes of the *firm's with-profits policyholders* into account in a reasonable and proportionate manner;

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- 4.3.16B G ...
 - (1) bonus rates to be applied to *policies* at maturity or on <u>the</u> death of <u>the a policyholder</u> or when calculating the annual bonus;

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- (8) communications with *policyholders* or potential *policyholders* on the issues in (1) to (7).
- 4.3.16C G The reports in SUP 4.3.16AR(3) and (4) should be proportionate to the nature of the with-profits business. For smaller firms with fewer products, the extent of reporting would be proportionately less.

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SUP 10 Ann 1G: Frequently asked questions

	Question:	Answer:
	Requirement of the regime	
•••		
6	Can a significant influence function be outsourced?	It is a question of fact in each case who is performing a <i>significant influence function</i> . These functions are mostly described at a high level of responsibility, that is, for example, the <i>director</i> of a <i>company</i> or a <i>partner</i> in a <i>partnership</i> . The <i>persons</i> performing these functions cannot avoid their ultimate responsibility and therefore the need for approval. However, some of the <i>significant influence functions</i> may be performed by a <i>person</i> who is specifically brought in to do the job, for example the <i>chief executive function</i> (where it is to be performed by a <i>body corporate</i>) and the <i>appointed actuary actuarial</i> and <i>with-profits actuary functions</i> .
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18.2.16 G For a transfer of *long-term insurance business* the *independent expert* should be an *actuary* familiar with the role and responsibilities of the *actuarial function* holder and (if the relevant insurance business includes with-profits insurance business) a with-profits an appointed actuary.

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18.2.39 G For a scheme involving *long-term insurance business*, the report should:

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(7) state whether, in the *independent expert's* opinion, for each relevant *firm* the scheme has sufficient safeguards (such as principles of financial management or certification by the *appointed* a *with-profits* actuary or actuarial function holder) to ensure that the scheme operates as presented.

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18.2.58 G For *long-term insurance business*, the affidavit evidence to the court would normally include copies of reports on the transfer by the *actuarial function* holder and (if the *insurance business* includes *with-profits business*) the *with-profits actuary* of *appointed actuaries* of both *firms*, which should be provided to the *FSA* at an early stage. *SUP* 4.3.17R(4) requires a *firm* to request the advice of consult its *appointed-with-profits* actuary about the likely effect of

material changes in its business plans on <u>the</u> rights and reasonable expectations of the relevant classes of its *with-profits policyholders*. A transfer would be material unless the liabilities transferred were not material relative to the total liabilities of the *firm*. The advice on a transfer would normally be in the form of a formal report by the *appointed with-profits actuary*.

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SUP Sch 1 Record keeping requirements

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SUP Sch 1.2G

Handbook	Subject of	Content of record	When record	Retention
reference	record		must be made	period
SUP	Data for	Such data as the	•••	•••
4.3.17R	appointed	appointed actuary (or		
(3)	actuary (or	actuaries) appointed		
	<u>actuaries)</u>	under SUP 4		
	appointed under	(Actuaries)		
	<u>SUP 4</u>	reasonably requires		
	(Actuaries)			
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SUP TP1 Transitional Provisions applying to the Supervision manual only

SUP TP1.1

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Material to which the transitional provision applies		Transitional provision	Transitional provision: dates in force	Handbook provision: coming into force
4	SUP 4.3.1R(1) and SUP 4.4.1R(1)	R	Actuaries A firm will not contravene SUP 4.3.1R(1) or SUP 4.4.1R(1) to the extent that the office of actuarial function holder, with-profits actuary appointed actuary or appropriate actuary; respectively, is filled by an actuary appointed on or before 31 December 2004, provided that that actuary was appointed as at commencement and the appointment was made in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements, or the requirements of the regulatory system, in force at that time.		
4BA	SUP 4.3.1R [deleted] SUP 4.3.16AR(3)	R	A firm must notify the FSA immediately of all appointments under SUP 4.3.1R (as amended) which come into, or are in, effect on 31 December 2004, advising the FSA of the name and business address of each actuary appointed and the functions each actuary is to perform. The rules apply in	From 31 December 2004	31 December 2004

	and (4)		respect of each financial year commencing on or after 1 January 2005.	December 2004	December 2004
4C	SUP 4.5.9R[deleted]	R	An actuary, who immediately before 31 December 2004 is the appointed actuary of a firm, must notify the FSA under SUP 4.5.9R (as amended) if on that date he is not appointed by the firm under SUP 4.3.1R (as amended).	From 31 December 2004	31 December 2004
4D	SUP 4.5.10R[deleted]	R	An actuary, who immediately before the relevant time in (a) or (b) below is the appointed actuary of a firm, must notify the FSA under SUP 4.5.10R (as amended) if: (a) he is not appointed by the firm under SUP 4.3.1R (as amended) on 31 December 2004; or (b) he is or has been formally notified that he will not be so appointed by the firm.	From 31 December 2004	31 December 2004
4E	SUP 4.3.1R and SUP 4.3.3R[deleted]	G	Firms and the FSA will need to make fresh appointments once these proposed amendments come into effect, even if an actuary has already been appointed under the existing provisions. A firm will not need to seek fresh approval under section 60 of the Act for an existing appointed	From 31 December 2004	31 December 2004

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Annex E

Amendments to the Dispute Resolution: Complaints sourcebook

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DISP App 2.6 Valuing Relevant Benefits

2.6.3 G A *product provider* should ensure that the method it adopts for valuing augmentation benefits is consistent with the statements made in the documentation published about the windfall event. Relevant documentation for the purpose of valuing such benefits will include (but is not limited to):-÷

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(3) statements in <u>any report produced by</u> any appointed actuary report appointed under SUP 4 (Actuaries) produced for the event;

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2.6.7 G The product provider's appointed An actuary, appointed by a product provider under SUP 4 (Actuaries), should certify that the method adopted by the product provider for calculating the value of an augmentation benefit is in accordance with the guidance in DISP App 2.6.1G to DISP 2.6.6G.

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Annex F

Amendments to the Compensation sourcebook

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4.2.2 R Table COMP 4.2.2R Persons not eligible to claim unless COMP 4.3 applies (see COMP 4.2.1R)
This table belongs to COMP 4.2.1R

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(11)	The auditors of the <i>relevant person in default</i> , or of any body
	corporate body corporate in the same group as the relevant person
	in default, or the any appointed actuary appointed under SUP 4
	(Actuaries) by of a friendly society or insurance undertaking in
	default
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