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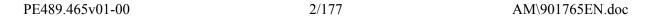
AMENDMENTS 641 - 944

Draft report Markus Ferber(PE485.882v01-00)

on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments repealing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (recast)

Proposal for a directive (COM(2011)0656 – C7-0382/2011 – 2011/0298(COD))

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Amendment 641 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] Article deleted

Or. en

Justification

The OTF category is deleted as all trading platforms operated by market operators or investment firms should be during multilateral trading subject to proper market rules (i.e. transparency, non-discretionary execution, non-discriminatory access, and full market surveillance).

Amendment 642 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] Article deleted

Or. en

Amendment 643 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF without the consent of the client. The operator of the OTF shall publish on a regular basis data in accordance with Article 27(2) disaggregated by orders executed against the proprietary capital of the operator and orders between third party buying and selling interests. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact unless the operator of the OTF can demonstrate compliance with the requirements in this Directive and Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and that such an operational arrangement supports the requirements in Article 27.

Or. en

Amendment 644
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an *OTFs* establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF. The *investment firm* shall *not act as* a *systematic internaliser* in *an OTF operated* by *itself*. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an *OTF* in shares, depositary receipts, exchange traded funds, certificates and other similar financial instruments establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF, except where this is undertaken on a matched principal basis or with the consent of the client. The operator of the OTF shall publish on a regular basis data in accordance with

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Article 27(2) disaggregated by orders executed against the proprietary capital of the operator and orders between third party buying and selling interests. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact unless the operator of the OTF can demonstrate compliance with the requirements in this Directive and Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and that such an operational arrangement supports the requirements in Article 27.

Or. en

Justification

The amendment ensures a level playing field between RMs, MTFs and OTFs in terms of conflicts of interest, through the ability of the client to opt in. The operator of an OTF should be allowed to execute orders against proprietary capital on a 'matched principal basis'. Banning proprietary trading could reduce liquidity in a market which is used by end investors for their risk management. The text also requires OTFs to publish to clients data showing execution quality.

Amendment 645 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an *OTFs establish arrangements* preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the *OTF*. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTF shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Investment firms and market operators of an OTF shall allow clients to choose whether their orders are executed against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator.

Or. en

Justification

In order for an OTF to work it is necessary that an investment firm use its own proprietary capital as buy-side firms do not wish to become each others counterparty, adding in unacceptable risk to the process. For this reason the OTF operator must be able to use its own capital to facilitate client trades and appropriately off set the risk incurred in executing against a client. However, a client should be given the choice over whether or not it wishes its orders to interact with proprietary capital or not.

Amendment 646 Diogo Feio

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF, except where the relevant client has elected in writing to opt-in to arrangements permitting the execution of the client's orders in that OTF against proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating that OTF for client facilitation purposes.

Amendment 647 Corien Wortmann-Kool

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF, except where the proprietary capital is applied to enable the investment firm to fulfil orders initiated by clients, respond to a client's request to trade or otherwise obtain best execution on behalf of its client; or execute a hedge to unwind the risk related to client trades or reflect interests and positions that emanate from risks that it warehouses on the back of client trades. The deployment of proprietary capital in an OTF shall be subject to strict order handling rules to prevent conflicts of interest and the investment firm shall disclose to its clients how its proprietary capital may be applied in the OTF. The investment firm operating an OTF shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Or. en

Amendment 648
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF or from any entity part of the same corporate group and/or legal entity as the investment firm and/or market operator. The investment firm or market operator or any entity part of the same corporate group and/or legal entity as the investment firm and/or market operator shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself and an OTF shall not connect with a systematic internaliser in a way which enables orders in an OTF and orders or quotes in a SI to interact. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Or. en

Amendment 649 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF, unless they obtain the prior consent of their clients before proceeding to execute their orders and subject to the obligation set out in Article

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which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

27 (1). The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact

Or. en

Amendment 650 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating *an* OTFs establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating OTFs that provide organised execution and arranging of trading in equities establish arrangements preventing the execution of client orders in an OTF against the proprietary capital of the investment firm or market operator operating the OTF. The investment firm shall not act as a systematic internaliser in an OTF operated by itself. An OTF shall not connect with another OTF in a way which enables orders in different OTFs to interact.

Or. en

Amendment 651 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Investment firms or market operators operating an OTF shall have discretion

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over how a transaction is to be executed and how clients interact.

Or. en

Amendment 652 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Investment firms or market operators operating an OTF shall have discretion over how a transaction is to be executed and how clients interact.

Or. en

Justification

The amendment clarifies the nature of the discretion afforded to OTFs.

Amendment 653 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall ensure that any access restrictions imposed by investment firms and market operators operating OTFs that provide organised execution and arranging of trading in equities only restrict access to the OTF to the investment firm's or operator's clients.

Amendment 654
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 b. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an OTF for bonds, structured finance products, emission allowances and derivatives, establish arrangements to identify clearly and manage the potential adverse consequences, for the operation of the OTF or for its participants, of any conflict of interest between the interest of the OTF, its owners or its operator and the sound functioning of the OTF.

Or. en

Justification

A sufficient level of investor protection is needed in the whole EU. Best practices should be shared between the Member States.

Amendment 655 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 b. With regard to paragraph 1a clients do not include entities listed in Annex II, section I, (1), (a) and (b).

Amendment 656 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 c. For OTFs providing organised execution and arranging of trading in equities that have significant market share Member States shall require that the rules mentioned in Article 18(3) governing access to an OTF comply with the conditions established in Article 55(5).

Or. en

Amendment 657
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. A request for authorisation as an OTF shall include a detailed explanation why the system does not correspond to and cannot operate as either a regulated market, MTF, or systematic internaliser.

Amendment

2. A request for authorisation as an OTF shall include a detailed explanation why the system does not correspond to and cannot operate as either a regulated market, MTF, or systematic internaliser. This explanation shall be transmitted to ESMA. ESMA shall within one month issue an opinion on whether it considers the explanation demonstrates that the system does not correspond to and cannot operate as either a regulated market, MTF, or systematic internaliser.

Or. en

Amendment 658 Pascal Canfin

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. After receiving the opinion of ESMA, the home Member State of the OTF shall only grant the authorisation to operate an OTF where the explanation given demonstrates that the system does not correspond to and cannot operate as either a regulated market, MTF, or systematic internaliser.

Or. en

Justification

OTF shall not substitute to existing MIFID categories.

Amendment 659
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 b. Where a competent authority disagrees with the assessment of the home Member State of the OTF that the system does not correspond to and cannot operate as either a regulated market, MTF, or systematic internaliser, that competent authority may refer the matter back to ESMA, which may act in accordance with the powers conferred on it under Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

Justification

Level playing field among the internal market cannot be ensured if no mechanism avoids different national interpretation.

Amendment 660
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. When a financial instrument is available on a regulated market or MTF, Member States shall ensure that OTFs are only authorised to execute large in scale orders from eligible counterparties of that particular financial instrument.

Or. en

Amendment 661 Sharon Bowles

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall require that, where OTFs allow for or enable algorithmic trading to take place through their systems, they have in place effective systems, procedures and arrangements to comply with the conditions of Article 51.

Amendment

4. Member States shall require *an OTF* to have in place effective systems, procedures and arrangements to comply with the conditions of Article 51 *or other* procedures and arrangements relevant to the trading model of the OTF.

Or. en

Justification

The requirements for both MTFs and OTFs should be the same with regard to systems resilience, circuit breakers and electronic trading. This is aligned with the amendment to

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Amendment 662 Markus Ferber

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall require that, where OTFs allow for or enable algorithmic trading to take place through their systems, they have in place effective systems, procedures and arrangements to comply with the conditions of Article 51.

Amendment

4. Member States shall require OTFs to comply with the conditions of Article 51 and 51a and to have in place effective systems, procedures and arrangements to do so.

Or. en

Amendment 663 Diogo Feio

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. Member States shall require that investment firms or market operators operating an OTF take appropriate steps to identify and manage any conflicts of interest arising in connection with the oversight and operation of their OTF.

Or. en

Justification

Investment firms and market operators operating an OTF must be required to identify and manage conflicts of interest in order to ensure appropriate treatment of trades. This will ensure that clients are sufficiently protected also where proprietary capital is used for client facilitation purposes, which is what the complete proprietary capital prohibition was also aimed at ensuring.

Amendment 664
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. Where an OTF executes an equivalent volume of transactions as competing MTFs or regulated markets on the same financial instruments or a significant volume of transactions executed in that financial instrument, Member States shall require that that OTF complies with all the requirements of an MTF.

Or. en

Justification

Level playing field across trading venues shall be preserved. Same profile, same rules.

Amendment 665 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 20 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. ESMA shall develop draft implementing technical standards to determine when an OTF is considered to have significant market share as referred to in paragraph 1c.

Amendment 666 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 22 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. ESMA shall conduct peer reviews to identify best practices concerning ongoing supervision in the Member States and shall advise the Commission by[...]* at the latest on measures that could ensure a stronger supervision among the Member States.

*OJ please insert date: two years after the entry into force of this Directive

Or. en

Justification

A sufficient level of investor protection is needed in the whole EU. Best practises should be shared between the Member States.

Amendment 667 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require investment firms to take all appropriate steps to identify conflicts of interest between themselves, including their managers, employees and tied agents, or any person directly or indirectly linked to them by control and their clients *or* between one client and another that arise in the course of providing any investment and ancillary

Amendment

1. Member States shall require investment firms to take all appropriate steps to identify *all* conflicts of interest between themselves, including their managers, employees and tied agents, or any person directly or indirectly linked to them by control and their clients, between one client and another that arise in the course of providing any investment and ancillary

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services, or combinations thereof.

services, or conflicts of interests caused by inducements or conflicts occurring in investment firms selling own products, or combinations thereof

Or. en

Amendment 668 Olle Ludvigsson

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require investment firms to take all *appropriate* steps to identify conflicts of interest between themselves, including their managers, employees and tied agents, or any person directly or indirectly linked to them by control and their clients or between one client and another that arise in the course of providing any investment and ancillary services, or combinations thereof.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require investment firms to take all *the necessary* steps to identify conflicts of interest between themselves, including their managers, employees and tied agents, or any person directly or indirectly linked to them by control and their clients or between one client and another that arise in the course of providing any investment and ancillary services, or combinations thereof.

Or. en

Amendment 669
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where organisational or administrative arrangements made by the investment firm in accordance with Article 16(3) to manage conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to client interests will be prevented, the investment firm shall clearly

Amendment

2. Where organisational or administrative arrangements made by the investment firm in accordance with Article 16(3) to manage *and avoid* conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to client interests will be prevented, the investment

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disclose the general nature and/or sources of conflicts of interest to the client before undertaking business on its behalf. firm shall clearly disclose the general nature and/or sources of conflicts of interest to the client before undertaking business on its behalf.

Or. en

Justification

Conflict of interests between service providers and investors must be avoided.

Amendment 670 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where organisational or administrative arrangements made by the investment firm in accordance with Article 16(3) to manage conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to client interests will be prevented, the investment firm shall clearly disclose the general nature and/or sources of conflicts of interest to the client before undertaking business on its behalf.

Amendment

2. The arrangements adopted by investment firms for assessing, paying, rewarding or promoting the persons mentioned in paragraph (1) should not incentivise them to act at any time in a manner that would not comply with the best interest of their clients. In particular, these arrangements should not incentivise any person including themselves, their managers, employees and tied agents, or any person directly or indirectly linked to them by control to recommend a specific financial instrument or a specific category of financial instruments to their clients.

Or. en

Amendment 671 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Member States shall ensure that any income received directly by any fund should be returned net of all direct costs to the fund's holders. Where these direct costs are set by associate companies of the fund management group, they must be proportionate to equivalent external costs and signed off by independent directors.

Or. en

Justification

Direct costs should be returned to the holder of the fund in question to reduce potential conflicts of interest.

Amendment 672 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where organisational or administrative arrangements made by the investment firm in accordance with Article 16(3) to manage conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to client interests will be prevented, the investment firm shall clearly disclose the general nature and/or sources of conflicts of interest to the client before undertaking business on its behalf.

Amendment

2. Where organisational or administrative arrangements made by the investment firm in accordance with Article 16 (3) to manage conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to client interests will be prevented, the investment firm shall *not undertake* business on its behalf.

Or. en

Amendment 673 Jürgen Klute

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Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where organisational or administrative arrangements made by the investment firm in accordance with Article 16(3) to *manage* conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to client interests will be prevented, the investment firm shall clearly disclose the general nature and/or sources of conflicts of interest to the client before undertaking business on its behalf.

Amendment

2. Where organisational or administrative arrangements made by the investment firm in accordance with Article 16(3) to *avoid* conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to client interests will be prevented, the investment firm shall clearly disclose the general nature and/or sources of conflicts of interest to the client before undertaking business on its behalf.

Or. en

Amendment 674
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 measures to:

Amendment

3. ESMA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to:

Or. en

Justification

This is a technical question and an area on which ESMA has already issued guidance, therefore it is more appropriate that the power be given to ESMA.

Amendment 675 Arlene McCarthy

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Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) establish appropriate criteria for determining the types of conflict of interest whose existence may damage the interests of the clients or potential clients of the investment firm.

Amendment

(b) establish appropriate criteria for determining the types of conflict of interest whose existence may damage the interests of the clients or potential clients of the investment firm. Areas covered should include, as a minimum, the use of sales targets for investment products, remuneration, rewards or payments in kind paid to its employees or agents involved in the advising on or selling of financial instruments to retail clients and the performance reviews of employees or agents which provide incentives for those employees or agents to act otherwise than in the best interests of each individual retail client.

Or. en

Amendment 676
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) establish appropriate criteria for determining the types of conflict of interest whose existence may damage the interests of the clients or potential clients of the investment firm.

Amendment

(b) establish appropriate criteria for determining the types of conflict of interest whose existence may damage the interests of the clients or potential clients of the investment firm. This includes disproportionate use of sales targets for investment products, which is potentially damaging to the quality and objectiveness of the provision of investment services.

Justification

Employees who want to act in accordance with legal rules and his or her own professionalism and competence sometimes end up in situations where the demand for good advice are conflicting with sales targets. Sales targets are not bad in themselves, but they should be adequate and proportional and not conflict in any way with the provision of quality advice.

Amendment 677
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) establish appropriate criteria for determining the types of conflict of interest whose existence may damage the interests of the clients or potential clients of the investment firm. Amendment

(b) establish appropriate criteria for determining the types of conflict of interest whose existence may damage the interests of the clients or potential clients of the investment firm, including conflicts of interest caused by inducements or conflicts occurring in investment firms selling own products.

Or. en

Amendment 678
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 23 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a and 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ESMA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by [...]*.

Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

*OJ please	insert	date:	•••

Or. en

Justification

This is a technical question and an area on which ESMA has already issued guidance, therefore it is more appropriate that the power be given to ESMA.

Amendment 679 Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that, when providing investment services or, where appropriate, ancillary services to clients, an investment firm act honestly, fairly and professionally in accordance with the best interests of its clients and *comply*, in particular, with the principles set out in this Article and in Article 25.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that, when providing investment services or, where appropriate, ancillary services to clients, an investment firm act honestly, fairly and professionally in accordance with the best interests of its clients and complies, in particular, with the provisions of Regulation (EU) .../... on packaged retail investment products and Directive 2002/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 December 2002 on insurance mediation, and with the principles set out in this Article and in Article 25.

Or. fr

Amendment 680 Jean-Paul Gauzès

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1 a. Member States shall ensure that where investment firms design new investment products or structured deposits for advice given to professional or retail clients those products are designed to meet the needs of an identified target market within the relevant category of clients (professional or retail) and that the investment firm takes reasonable steps to ensure that the investment product is marketed and distributed to clients within the target market.

Or. en

Amendment 681
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall ensure that where investment firms design investment products or structured deposits for sale to professional or retail clients those products are designed to meet the needs of an identified target market within the relevant category of clients and that the investment firm takes reasonable steps to ensure that (i) when an investment firm or its affiliates conduct direct marketing to retail investors, the investment product is marketed and distributed to clients within the target group and/or, (ii) materials appropriate for the target market are prepared and made available by the investment firm to any third party distributing the investment product or structured deposit to retail clients.

Justification

The wording needs to be expanded to take account that product manufacturers distribute their product using a number of different channels, over which they cannot always exercise legal or contractual control. For example, advisers are appointed and can often be paid for by the end client and do not belong to the same group of companies as the product manufacturer. The investment firm manufacturing the product cannot then contractually enforce the sales process of a third party entity.

Amendment 682 Leonardo Domenici

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall ensure that investment firms assess a general consistency of the financial instruments distributed, especially when directly designed, with due regard to their characteristics, against the characteristics and needs of the potential target group of clients to whom these instruments are being addressed. Member States shall require that investment firms take reasonable steps to ensure that the sale and distribution policy is consistent with suitability and appropriateness assessment rules.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment aims to clarify what investment firms are required to do in order to ensure that all financial instruments distributed, especially when directly designed, are previously assessed in order to ensure that their characteristics are compatible with the need of the potential target group of clients. Investment firm must take reasonable steps to ensure that the sale and distribution policy is consistent to the rules on suitability and appropriateness assessment.

Amendment 683 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall ensure that where investment firms design investment products or structured deposits for sale to retail clients those products are designed to meet the needs of an identified target market within the relevant category of clients and that the investment firm takes reasonable steps to ensure that the investment product is marketed and distributed to clients within the target group, unless the product is designed according to a specific client demand.

Or. en

Justification

Disclosure is a cornerstone of client information, transparency in the information shall be given at the appropriate level and time, bans will lead to excluding clients from advices specifically retail ones.

Amendment 684 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. In particular, Member States should ensure that investment firms assess a general consistency of the financial instruments distributed (especially when directly designed), with due regard to their characteristics against the characteristics and needs of the potential target group of

clients to whom these instruments are being addressed. This assessment shall take into account the full customer protection offered by an issuer which is member of an institutional protection scheme as defined in Article 80(8) of Directive 2006/48/EC. Moreover, Member States shall require that investment firms take reasonable steps to ensure that the sale and distribution policy is consistent with the suitability and appropriateness assessment rules.

Or. en

Amendment 685 Herbert Dorfmann

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall ensure that investment firms assess a general consistency of the financial instruments distributed, especially when directly designed, with due regard to their characteristics, against the characteristics and needs of the potential target group of clients to whom these instruments are being addressed. This assessment takes into account the full customer protection offered by an issuer which is member of an institutional protection scheme as defined in Article 80(8) of the Directive 2006/48/EC. Moreover, Member States shall require that investment firms take reasonable steps to ensure that the sale and distribution policy is consistent with suitability and appropriateness assessment rules.

Amendment 686 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. All information, including marketing communications, addressed by the investment firm to clients or potential clients shall be fair, clear and not misleading. Marketing communications shall be clearly identifiable as such.

Amendment

2. All information, including *advertising and* marketing communications, addressed by the investment firm to clients or potential clients shall be fair, clear and not misleading. Marketing communications shall be clearly identifiable as such.

Any advertising or marketing communications shall specify clearly and prominently, in the format outlined in Annex IIa:

- a) the total provider cost, in the case of an investment service or financial instrument being promoted by an investment firm;
- b) the total cost of investment, in the case of an investment service or financial instrument being promoted via a sales channel whereby additional charges or rebates are applied.

Or. en

Justification

High levels of disclosure, including both the total provider cost and the total cost of investment will ensure that investors are equipped with the necessary information to make informed investment decisions.

Amendment 687 Robert Goebbels

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. An investment firm shall only be

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allowed to either provide non-independent investment advice or independent advice.

Or. en

Justification

Allowing for investment firms to offer both non-independent and independent advice can potentially be very misleading for clients.

Amendment 688
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 2 a. Member States shall ensure, that investment firms provide national competent authorities on an ongoing basis with:
- their product range
- a description of their target markets
- a description of their client structure
- internal sales targets
- their actual sales
- their code of conduct on internal inducements.

If the whole lot of products sold by an investment firm or its internal sales targets are not matching its client structure, sales targets shall be revised and the supervisor shall have the possibility to suspend sales of certain products.

Amendment 689 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Appropriate information shall be provided to clients or potential clients about:

Appropriate information shall be provided in a comprehensible form to clients or potential clients at the most appropriate time, taking into account the specificities of the client, about:

Or. en

Amendment 690 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided *on an independent basis* and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *the ongoing* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

- the investment firm and its services: when investment advice is provided, information shall specify in advance whether the advice is provided in conjunction with the acceptance or receipt of third-party inducements and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *a periodical* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients and inform its client as to the total cost of investment advice as a single monetary amount including both fees paid directly by the client to the investment adviser as well as any inducements paid by a third party. This disclosure shall be provided to the client prior to the provision of the investment advice.

The disclosure of services and costs of advice shall be provided in a key services

document not exceeding [2 pages] setting out the principal services to be provided to the client, details of the qualification of the adviser as set out in [Article 24(8a)] and the aggregate cost of the advice to be provided to the client.

ESMA shall prepare binding technical standards setting out the mandatory contents of the key services document.

Where the cost of fees and inducements cannot be ascertained prior to the provision of the advice, then the manner of calculation shall be disclosed in a comprehensive, accurate and understandable manner in the key services documents with the total aggregate cost of the advice being disclosed to the client as soon as practically possible thereafter. Where investment advice is provided on an ongoing basis disclosure as to the cost of investment advice, including inducements shall be provided on a periodic basis and at least annually. The periodic report shall disclose all inducements paid or received in the preceding period.

Or. en

Amendment 691 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services: when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided on an independent **basis and** whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment

Amendment

- the investment firm and its services: when investment advice is provided, information shall specify *in advance* the basis on which the advice is provided *including* whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether *or not* the

PE489.465v01-00 32/177 AM\901765EN.doc firm will provide the client with *the on-going* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients.

investment firm will provide the client with a periodic assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients and inform its client as to the total cost of investment advice as a single monetary amount including both fees paid directly by the client to the investment adviser as well as any inducements paid by a third party. This disclosure shall be provided to the client prior to the provision of the investment advice.

Or. en

Justification

The amendment removes the term 'independent', due to the different interpretations between Member States. It should be an obligation also for "non-independent" advisers to inform that the investment advice is not provided on an independent basis. The amendment focuses on ensuring a client is informed whether advice is based on a consideration of instruments from across the market or a more limited range of products.

Amendment 692 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided on an independent basis and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with the on-going assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment

the investment firm and its services and where more detailed information may be available and how to obtain it;

Amendment 693 Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided *on an independent basis* and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *the on-going* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment

— the investment firm and its services; when investment advice *or portfolio management* is provided, information shall specify *in advance* whether the advice *or portfolio management* is provided *in conjunction with the acceptance or receipt of third-party inducements* and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *a periodical* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Or. en

Amendment 694 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify *whether the advice is provided on an independent basis and* whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with the ongoing assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with the on-going *periodical* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment 695 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided *on an independent basis* and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with the *on-going* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided *in conjunction with the acceptance or receipt of third-party inducements* and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with the *regular* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients.

Or. en

Amendment 696 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided *on an independent basis* and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *the ongoing* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify *in advance* whether the advice is provided *in conjunction with the acceptance or receipt of third-party inducements* and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *a periodical* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment 697 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify whether the advice is provided on an independent basis and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *the on-going* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify *in advance* whether the advice is provided on an independent basis and whether it is based on a broad or on a more restricted analysis of the market and shall indicate whether the investment firm will provide the client with *a periodic* assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Or en

Amendment 698 Diogo Feio

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify *whether* the advice is provided on an independent basis and *whether it is based* on a *broad or on a more restricted* analysis of the market and shall indicate *whether* the investment firm will provide the client with the on-going assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment

- the investment firm and its services; when investment advice is provided, information shall specify that the advice is provided on an independent basis and on a reasonable analysis of the market that suits the client's best interests and shall indicate periodicity with which the investment firm will provide the client with the on-going assessment of the suitability of the financial instruments recommended to clients,

Amendment 699
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

 if the investment advice is considering the full portfolio of the client or if advice is just given concerning specific products,

Or. en

Amendment 700 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

 the typology of products it proposes and if they are managed by an entity of the same group, in such case it shall identify those products,

Or. en

Amendment 701 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- if the advice is given just for one

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transaction, or on an ongoing basis,

Or. en

Amendment 702 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

- financial instruments and proposed investment strategies; this should include appropriate guidance on and warnings of the risks associated with investments in those instruments or in respect of particular investment strategies,

Amendment

- financial instruments and proposed investment strategies; this should include a full breakdown of all underlying holdings held both directly and indirectly, and a commitment to provide a full percentage breakdown on at least a quarterly basis with a maximum reporting delay of 60 days and appropriate guidance on and warnings of the risks associated with investments in those instruments or in respect of particular investment strategies,

Or. en

Justification

High levels of disclosure, including both the total provider cost and the total cost of investment will ensure that investors are equipped with the necessary information to make informed investment decisions.

Amendment 703 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- financial instruments and proposed investment strategies; this should include appropriate guidance on and warnings of - *the intended target market*, financial instruments, *their structure* and proposed investment strategies; this should include

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the risks associated with investments in those instruments or in respect of particular investment strategies, appropriate guidance on and warnings of the risks associated with investments in those *financial* instruments or in respect of particular investment strategies,

Or. en

Amendment 704 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

- financial instruments and proposed investment strategies; this should include appropriate guidance on and warnings of the risks associated with investments in those instruments or in respect of particular investment strategies,

Amendment

- financial instruments and proposed investment strategies; this should include appropriate guidance on and warnings of the risks associated with investments in those instruments or in respect of particular investment strategies, whether the service or product may be subject to third parties monetary or non-monetary payment,

Or. en

Amendment 705 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- execution venues,

- execution venues; when client orders are routed to an execution venue, information shall specify the relationships the investment firm maintains with this execution venue, which may include, but are not limited to routing arrangements, potential for earning maker rebates, shareholdings and ownership,

The competition that MiFID 1 successfully created has been almost exclusively driven by user-sponsored entry into the execution business: almost a third of lit equity trading occurs on user-controlled execution venues. However, conflicts of interests arising from a combination of the status of owner, operator and user of an organised trading venue which may impact on investor protection, the overall efficiency of the price formation process and market surveillance need to be addressed. In particular, there should be an appropriate upfront disclosure regime to clients concerning the relationships between the execution venue and investment firm, covering routing arrangements, maker rebates as well as the operation / ownership of other execution venues.

Amendment 706 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- execution venues,

- major execution venues, and

Or. en

Amendment 707 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- costs and associated charges.

- costs and associated charges, including a full breakdown of management fees, all underlying costs or charges, and:
- a) the total provider cost, in the case of an investment service or financial instrument being promoted to a client or potential client by an investment firm;
- b) the total cost of investment, in the case of an investment service or financial instrument being promoted to a client or potential client via a sales channel.

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High levels of disclosure, including both the total provider cost and the total cost of investment will ensure that investors are equipped with the necessary information to make informed investment decisions.

Amendment 708
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

costs and associated charges.

 costs and associated charges related both to the investment services and the financial instruments recommended to clients.

Or. en

Justification

Costs and associated charges shall relate to both services and products.

Amendment 709
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

costs and associated charges.

- costs and associated charges, including the cost of advice and how the client may pay for it.

The amendment will ensure that the cost of advice is made clear to clients. This will allow consumers to judge the value of the services they receive, and improve competition by allowing them to compare firms' costs.

Amendment 710 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

costs and associated charges.

- costs and associated charges in a detailed manner separately for every transaction or service stating a percentage and a total amount including the cost of advice and how those costs shall be covered.

Or. en

Amendment 711 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– costs and associated charges.

 costs and associated charges, which must include the cost of advice and payment method.

Or. en

Amendment 712 Catherine Stihler

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4

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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- costs and associated charges.

- costs and associated charges, which must include the cost of advice and how the client may pay for it.

Or. en

Amendment 713 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

costs and associated charges.

costs and associated charges where relevant.

Or. en

Amendment 714 Robert Goebbels

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The information referred to in the first subparagraph should be provided in a comprehensible form in such a manner that clients or potential clients are reasonably able to understand the nature and risks of the investment service and of the specific type of financial instrument that is being offered and, consequently, to take investment decisions on an informed basis. *This information* may *be* provided in a standardised format.

Amendment

The information referred to in the first subparagraph should be provided in a comprehensible form in such a manner that clients or potential clients are reasonably able to understand the nature and risks of the investment service and of the specific type of financial instrument that is being offered and, consequently, to take investment decisions on an informed basis. *Member States* may *require that this information is* provided in a standardised format.

It is easier for customers to compare services and related costs available if Member States require information in standardised form.

Amendment 715 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The information referred to in the first subparagraph should be provided in a comprehensible form in such a manner that clients or potential clients are reasonably able to understand the nature and risks of the investment service and of the specific type of financial instrument that is being offered and, consequently, to take investment decisions on an informed basis. *This information* may *be* provided in a standardised format.

Amendment

The information referred to in the first subparagraph should be provided in a comprehensible form in such a manner that clients or potential clients are reasonably able to understand the nature and risks of the investment service and of the specific type of financial instrument that is being offered and, consequently, to take investment decisions on an informed basis. *Member States* may *require that this information is* provided in a standardised format.

Or. en

Amendment 716
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The information about costs and charges shall include all depreciations of the investment, which are not caused by the occurrence of underlying risk.

Or. en

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Amendment 717 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The information has to be presented regularly, but at least annually and shall specify exact amounts.

Or. en

Amendment 718 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. Any fees, commission, monetary or non-monetary benefit paid or provided to or by a third party in relation to the provision of an investment or ancillary service to the client should be displaced visibly in the location of the investment firm, and clearly disclosed to the client prior to the provision of the relevant service, including in any marketing material, and should be designed to enhance the quality of the relevant service to the client and not impair compliance with the firm's duty to act in the best interest of the client. Disclosure should include the existence, nature and amount of the fee, commission or other benefits.

ESMA shall develop draft implementing technical standards to specify the conditions for investment firms to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

ESMA shall submit those draft implementing technical standards to the Commission by [...]*.

Power is conferred on the Commission to adopt the implementing technical standards referred to in the second subparagraph in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

*OJ please insert date: ...

Or. en

Amendment 719 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided on an independent basis, the firm:
- (i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,
- (ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

deleted

Amendment 720 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided on an independent basis, the firm:
- (i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,
- (ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 721 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. When the investment firm *informs the client that* investment advice *is provided on an independent basis*, the firm:

Amendment

5. When the investment firm *provides* investment advice, the firm:

Amendment 722 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. When the investment firm *informs the client that* investment advice *is provided on an independent basis*, the firm:

Amendment

5. When the investment firm *provides* investment advice, the firm *shall*:

Or. en

Amendment 723 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. *When the* investment firm *informs* the client *that* investment advice is provided

on an independent basis, the firm:

Amendment

5. An investment firm shall inform the client whether its investment advice is provided on an independent basis or restricted basis, and, in the case of independent advice the firm:

Or. en

Justification

The UK has introduced higher standards of consumer protection in the form of the Retail Distribution Review. In the interests of the EU single market and in order to provide protection to all consumers in the EU as well as a level playing field between financial advisers, it is appropriate to apply these higher standards throughout MiFID.

Amendment 724 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

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Text proposed by the Commission

5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided on *an independent* basis, the firm:

Amendment

5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided on *a fee-paying* basis, the firm:

Or. en

Amendment 725 Corien Wortmann-Kool

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided on an independent basis, the firm:

Amendment

5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided the firm shall also inform the client whether the financial instruments recommended will be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm.

When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided on an independent basis, the firm:

Or. en

Amendment 726 Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice is provided on *an independent* basis, the firm:

Amendment

5. When the investment firm informs the client that investment advice *or portfolio management* is provided on *fee-paying* basis, the firm *shall also inform the client whether the financial instruments*

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recommended will be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm.

Or. en

Amendment 727 Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 728 Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

deleted

Amendment 729 Diogo Feio

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. When the investment firm *informs the client that* investment advice *is provided on an independent basis*, the firm:

Amendment

5. When the investment firm *provides* investment advice, the firm:

Or. en

Amendment 730 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Amendment

(i) shall inform the client whether and to what extent it has accepted or received fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients. Fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients shall be deducted in all from the fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid by the client with regards to the investment advice

Or. en

Amendment 731 Wolf Klinz

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Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Amendment

(i) shall *diversify its offer* with regard to *the* type *of financial instrument* or *investment strategy. The offer does* not *have to* be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Or. en

Amendment 732 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a *sufficiently large number* of financial instruments available *on* the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Amendment

(i) shall assess a *comprehensive range* of financial instruments available *across* the *entire relevant* market. The financial instruments *considered* should be diversified with regard to *both* their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm. *Firms* which cannot provide sufficiently broad analysis of financial instruments across the market must make clear to the client that their advice is not independent.

Or. en

Justification

The UK has introduced higher standards of consumer protection in the form of the Retail Distribution Review. In the interests of the EU single market and in order to provide protection to all consumers in the EU as well as a level playing field between financial

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advisers, it is appropriate to apply these higher standards throughout MiFID.

Amendment 733
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments **should** be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and **should** not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Amendment

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments *considered shall* be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and *shall* not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Or. en

Justification

It is better to use the word "shall" instead of "should" in this sentence.

Amendment 734 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links

Amendment

(i) shall *carry out* a *comprehensive and fair analysis* of the *relevant* market *and provide advice which is unbiased and unrestricted*. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities

with the investment firm,

having close links with the investment firm.

Or. en

Justification

following a proposal from BEUC

Amendment 735 Peter Simon

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm.

Amendment

(i) shall comprehensively assess the relevant market and provide clients with advice which is unbiased and unrestricted. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Or. de

Amendment 736 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not

Amendment

(i) shall *carry out* a *comprehensive and fair analysis* of the *relevant* market *and provide advice which is unbiased and unrestricted*. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their

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be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm, type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Or. en

Amendment 737 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm.

Amendment

(i) shall *carry out* a *comprehensive and fair analysis* of the *relevant* market *and provide advice which is unbiased and unrestricted*. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Or. en

Justification

The Commission's criteria for independent investment advice does not go sufficiently far in ensuring that independent advisers consider the whole market and provide impartial advice.

Amendment 738 Robert Goebbels, Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) shall assess a sufficiently large number

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of financial instruments available on the market. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm, of financial instruments available on the market and provide advice which is unbiased and unrestricted. The financial instruments should be diversified with regard to their type and issuers or product providers and should not be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm,

Or. en

Justification

It should be ensured that independent investment advisers provide impartial advice.

Amendment 739
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

deleted

Or. en

Justification

Is against the introduction of a ban on any kind of inducements when providing investment advice on an independent basis.

Amendment 740 Kay Swinburne

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Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

deleted

Or. en

Justification

Restrictions on fees should be dealt with separately. The UK has introduced higher standards of consumer protection in the form of the Retail Distribution Review. In the interests of the EU single market and in order to provide protection to all consumers in the EU as well as a level playing field between financial advisers, it is appropriate to apply these higher standards throughout MiFID.

Amendment 741 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall not accept *or* receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept any inducements and shall not receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients except those fees, commissions or monetary benefits are transferred to the client.

The investment firms are neither authorised to offer services remunerated by fees, commissions or any benefits paid or provided by a financial institution or a person acting on behalf of a financial institution that issues investment products

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they advise except they are transferring fees, commissions or any benefits to the investor.

Or. en

Amendment 742 Philippe De Backer

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall *not accept or receive* fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) the client shall be given the possibility, contractually, of being informed about fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided to the investment firm by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Or. nl

Amendment 743 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) shall inform the client whether the financial instruments recommended will be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm.

Amendment 744 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall *not accept or receive* fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) shall *inform its client prior the* agreement about expected fees, commissions or any monetary benefits to be paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Or. en

Amendment 745 Robert Goebbels, Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or *any monetary benefits* paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions, *benefits* or *other inducements* paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Or. en

Amendment 746 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees,

Amendment

(ii) shall not *perceive* fees, commissions or

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commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients. any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients, that are in excess of the remuneration due to be paid by the client in relation to its investment advice.

Or. en

Amendment 747 Peter Simon

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions *or* any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions, any monetary benefits or benefits in kind or other inducements paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party, or a person having close links with the investment firm, in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Or. de

Amendment 748 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients. The investment firms are neither authorised to offer services remunerated by fees, commissions or any benefits paid

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or provided by a financial institution or a person action on behalf of a financial institution that issues investment products they advise.

Or. en

Amendment 749 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any *monetary* benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

(ii) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients but only be remunerated through charges payable by or on behalf of the client.

Or. en

Justification

The Commission's criteria for independent investment advice does not go sufficiently far in ensuring that independent advisers consider the whole market and provide impartial advice.

Amendment 750 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii a) shall not perceive excessive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits, from the portfolio turnover of its client.

Amendment 751 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – point ii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii b) shall receive any fees, commissions or any monetary benefits from any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party on an ongoing basis only to the extent that during the same period of time it provides an ongoing periodical assessment of the financial instruments recommended. Such an ongoing assessment shall include, at least, the application of a warning mechanism for products which behaviour diverges from what might have been anticipated in normal circumstance or which gain probabilities are greatly altered from what might have been anticipated.

Or. en

Amendment 752
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall allow investment firms which are not allowed to keep monetary benefits from third parties according to this article to charge own commissions on every sales process and to set off inducements transferred to the investors against advisory fees.

Or. en

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Amendment 753
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 5 a. When the investment firm provides investment advice, the firm:
- (i) shall consider a sufficiently large number of financial instruments within the firm's product range and
- (ii) recommend one or several suitable financial instruments according to the client's preferences, needs, financial situation and personal circumstances.

Or. en

Justification

The investment firm shall always act in the interest of the client.

Amendment 754 Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5 a. Member States shall ensure that the manner in which an investment firm remunerates its staff, appointed representatives or other investment firms does not impede compliance with its obligation to act in the best interests of clients. Member States shall ensure that where staff advise on or sell financial instruments to retail clients, the remuneration structures of the staff

involved do not prejudice their ability to provide an objective recommendation, where relevant, or to provide information in a manner that is fair, clear and not misleading, including by ensuring that remuneration is not solely dependent on targets for the sale or profitability of financial instruments and does not otherwise give rise to undue conflicts of interest.

Or. en

Amendment 755 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5 a. ESMA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to determine acceptable ratios of portfolio turnover and induced compensation.

ESMA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by 31 December 2014.

Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2012.

Or. en

Amendment 756 Sharon Bowles, Olle Schmidt

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5 a. The investor shall be provided with details of all deductions, including fees and costs, elaborated at a cumulative level. This shall include an illustration of the long term effect on returns by way of a direct comparison of return to the investor compared with total deductions. This shall be given in advance of investment on the basis of a reasonable projection and at least once a year for each actual investment. ESMA shall issue guidelines concerning appropriate formats of projections and presentations.

Or en

Justification

The level of cumulative deductions on some investments means the effective rate of return is very poor. This is hidden in layers of investment or not realised when stated in small percentage terms, hence the effect on returns needs to be shown.

Amendment 757 Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 5 a. An investment firm will be able to expressly agree with each of its clients or potential clients not to provide any investment advice if:
- (i) the agreement is unequivocal and properly documented in the pre contractual and contractual stages of the investment, and
- (ii) clients or potential clients are duly informed of the implications and consequences of not receiving the

investment advice service.

Or. en

Justification

The amendment aims set out the boundaries of what constitutes "investment advice", and seeks to differentiate it from other investment services, such as non-personal recommendations or recommendations not presented as suitable, and from other non-investment related services, such as marketing. If both the provider and receiver of the investment service are aware of the kind of service provided and the risks and consequences associated with it and, on that basis, agree to go ahead, the receiver will not be entitled to claim that it expected to receive a service other than that agreed on and the provider will not be entitled to breach the legal requirements in respect thereof, alleging lack of clarity. In order to bolster legal certainty in respect of the requirements the investment service must meet, the matter must be dealt with in the MiFID revision.

Amendment 758
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5 b. Where an investment firm is providing advice, portfolio management or other services where the client may reasonably depend upon the firm to act in their best interests, Member States shall ensure that firms do not accept fees, commissions or monetary benefits where these could influence or bias advice or decisions made on behalf of the client.

Or. en

Justification

There should be an expectation that firms should avoid receiving third party payments or benefits in situations where this might prejudice the firm's duty to act in the best interests of their client. However, this allows flexibility for member states to consider the best way to safeguard client's interests, based on the specificities of their national market.

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Amendment 759 Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 760 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall *not accept* or *receive* fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

6. When providing portfolio management to professional or retail clients in accordance with Article 4(2) the investment firm shall prior the agreement inform its client about expected fees, commissions or any monetary benefits to be paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients. The periodic report disclosed by the investment firm every 6 months shall disclose all fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients

Amendment 761 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

- 6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients, *except if:*
- a) the client has been duly informed of such fees, commissions or monetary benefits before the provision of the relevant service;
- b) these fees, commissions or monetary benefits are to the ultimate benefit of the client.

Or. en

Justification

Monetary inducements in the case of portfolio management should not be banned entirely. Non-monetary benefits such as soft commissions (broker research, financial analysis or pricing information systems) provide important assistance for asset managers in the process of taking investment decisions or transmitting orders for execution and are subject to MiFID Level 2 requirement that they enhance the quality of the service. Soft commissions should be allowed in relation to portfolio management, as they help to reduce fees to clients, and assist investment managers in providing a better service to their clients.

Amendment 762 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

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Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

- 6. An investment firm that provides investment advice or portfolio management to a retail client, or sells a financial instrument to a retail client without advice, must only receive remuneration for these and any closely related services from the client. In relation to all of these services an investment firm:
- i) shall not accept fees, commissions or any monetary or non-monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party even where the firm intends to refund any such payments to the client,
- ii) shall clearly set out its charges for the retail client in a single monetary figure or simple percentage terms,
- iii) when distributing its own products, shall not bundle advice, portfolio management or distribution charges with product charges, but must disclose the cost of such activities separately, based upon their economic cost,
- iv) must not assess employee performance, or calculate employee remuneration in a way that is significantly dependent on sales volumes or profits generated by the employee for the firm.

Or. en

Justification

The UK has introduced higher standards of consumer protection in the form of the Retail Distribution Review. In the interests of the EU single market and in order to provide protection to all consumers in the EU as well as a level playing field between financial advisers, it is appropriate to apply these higher standards throughout MiFID.

Amendment 763 Catherine Stihler

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any *monetary* benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

- 6. When providing *investment advice*, portfolio management *or another service* whereby a retail client is entitled to rely upon its judgement the investment firm:
- a) shall only be remunerated through charges payable by or on behalf of the client, and shall not solicit or accept any other payments or benefits in relation to these services; and
- b) shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any other benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Or. en

Amendment 764 Thomas Mann

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

6. When providing portfolio management to professional or retail clients within the meaning of Article 4 (2) point (9) and (10) the investment firm shall, prior to the agreement, inform its client about the expected scale of inducements. The periodic report shall disclose all inducements paid or received in the preceding period.

Or. en

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Investment firms providing financial portfolio management services are prohibited from accepting any monetary benefits paid by a third party for such services (except when received directly from investors). The obligation quoted fails to take into consideration that retail and professional clients generally require a higher level of protection compared to eligible counterparties. Against this background, the scope of this regulation should be limited to situations where financial portfolio management services are rendered to retail and professional clients.

Amendment 765 Robert Goebbels

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or *any monetary benefits* paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

6. When providing portfolio management or investment advice the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions, benefits or other inducements paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Or. en

Justification

Commission on all investment advice should be banned as it creates a serious conflict of interest between the investment adviser and the client.

Amendment 766 Philippe De Backer

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When *providing* portfolio management the *investment firm* shall *not accept or*

Amendment

6. When portfolio management *is provided*, the *client* shall *be given the possibility*,

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receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

contractually, of being informed about fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided to the investment firm by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party.

Or. nl

Amendment 767 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall *not accept* or receive fees, commissions or *any* monetary benefits *paid or provided by any* third *party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to* clients.

Amendment

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall disclose on a specific or general manner when it may receive fees, commissions or monetary benefits from third parties and where and how clients can have detailed information about such payment.

Or. en

Amendment 768 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall, *prior* to the *agreement, inform its client about the expected scale* of *inducements. The periodic report shall disclose all inducements paid or received in* the *preceding period*.

Or. en

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Amendment 769 Corien Wortmann-Kool

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

6. When providing portfolio management, investment advice or another service whereby the client is entitled to rely upon its judgement, the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Or. en

Amendment 770 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients.

Amendment

6. When providing portfolio management the investment firm shall not accept or receive fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the provision of the service to clients. If any monetary benefit is foreseen it has to be passed to the investor

Or. en

Amendment 771 Arlene McCarthy

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Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 6a When providing investment advice or portfolio management a firm and anyone acting on behalf of the investment firm, shall, in relation to these services:
- (i) not accept or receive fees, commissions or any benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party but only be remunerated through charges payable by or on behalf of the client;
- (ii) clearly disclose to the client a tariff of its charges and, where the firm offers services in relation to one or more inhouse financial instruments, ensure that the charges are presented separately from charges for any financial instrument;
- (iii) ensure that neither the remuneration, rewards or payments in kind paid to its employees or agents involved in the advising on or selling of financial instruments to retail clients, nor the performance reviews of such employees or agents, provide any incentive for those employees or agents to act otherwise than in the best interests of each individual retail client;
- (iv) inform the client whether the financial instruments recommended will be limited to financial instruments issued or provided by entities having close links with the investment firm.

Or. en

Justification

Commission on all investment advice should be banned as it creates a serious conflict of interest between the investment adviser and the client. In addition remuneration practices (for both advice and sales) within firms and extends the ban on commission to all types of

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advice must be addressed.

Amendment 772
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6 a. Member States shall ensure that an investment firm's remuneration policies in relation to its employees, representatives or other associated investment firms do not impair its ability to act in the best interests of clients. For those employees who advise on or sell financial instruments to retail clients, Member States shall ensure that their remuneration by the firm will not affect employees' impartiality in making a suitable recommendation or appropriate sale or presenting information in a form that is fair, clear and not misleading. Remuneration in such situations shall not be solely dependent on sales targets or the profit to the firm from a specific financial instrument.

Or. en

Justification

This new paragraph allows member states to take action on remuneration practices within firms to prevent the risks of bias in advice and sales of financial instruments to clients. Remuneration schemes, such as significant sales bonuses attached to a specific financial instrument, should not be permitted where they risk an investment firm inappropriately recommending or selling products or services to clients.

Amendment 773 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6 a. An investment firm must not offer or pay any fees, commissions or monetary or non-monetary benefits to another investment firm or third party for the benefit of another firm, in relation to the other firm advising, selling to, or managing financial instruments for retail clients, or any closely related services.

Or. en

Justification

The UK has introduced higher standards of consumer protection in the form of the Retail Distribution Review. In the interests of the EU single market and in order to provide protection to all consumers in the EU as well as a level playing field between financial advisers, it is appropriate to apply these higher standards throughout MiFID.

Amendment 774
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6 a. An investment firm which advises on or sells financial instruments to retail clients shall ensure it does not remunerate or assess the performance of its staff in a way that conflicts with its duty to act in the best interests of its clients. In particular it shall not make any arrangement by way of remuneration or otherwise that could benefit staff such that they are incentivised to recommend a particular financial instrument to a retail client when the firm could offer another financial instrument which would better

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meet that client's needs.

Or. en

Justification

following a proposal of the FSA

Amendment 775 Catherine Stihler

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6 a. An Investment firm which advises on or sells financial instruments to retail clients shall ensure it does not remunerate or assess the performance of its staff in a way that conflicts with its duty to act in the best interests of its clients. In particular it shall not make any arrangement by way of remuneration or otherwise that could benefit staff such that they are incentivised to recommend a particular financial instrument to a retail client when the firm could offer another financial instrument which would better meet that client's needs.

Or. en

Amendment 776 Werner Langen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7. When an investment service is offered together with another service or product

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as part of a package or as a condition for the same agreement or package, the investment firm shall inform the client whether it is possible to buy the different components separately and shall provide for a separate evidence of the costs and charges of each component.

ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of crossselling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1.

Or. de

Justification

The requirements for the ESMA guidelines are very complicated to meet and, in terms of cost-effectiveness, are indefensibly out of proportion to the likely increases in transparency.

Amendment 777 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7. When an investment service is offered together with another service or product as part of a package or as a condition for the same agreement or package, the investment firm shall inform the client whether it is possible to buy the different components separately and shall provide for a separate evidence of the costs and charges of each component.

ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of crossselling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices deleted

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are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1.

Or. en

Amendment 778
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

When an investment service is offered together with another service or product as part of a package or as a condition for the same agreement or package, the investment firm shall inform the client whether it is possible to buy the different components separately and shall provide for a separate evidence of the costs and charges of each component.

Amendment

When an investment service is offered together with another service or product as part of a package or as a condition for the same agreement or package, the investment firm shall inform the client whether it is possible to buy the different components separately and shall provide for a separate evidence of the costs and charges of each component. Investment products may not be offered in a contingent sale with other investment products, deposits or financial services with the exception of current account or securities account.

Or. en

Justification

following a proposal from BEUC

Amendment 779 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

When an investment service is offered

When an investment service is offered

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together with another service or product as part of a package or as a condition for the same agreement or package, the investment firm shall inform the client whether it is possible to buy the different components separately and shall provide for a separate evidence of the costs and charges of each component.

together with another service or product as part of a package or as a condition for the same agreement or package, the investment firm shall inform the client whether it is possible to buy the different components separately and shall provide for a separate evidence of the costs and charges of each component. A product combining investment and savings products may not be offered to retail investors.

Or. en

Amendment 780 Robert Goebbels, Markus Ferber, Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of cross-selling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1.

Amendment

ESMA, in cooperation with EBA and EIOPA, through the Joint Committee, shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of cross-selling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1.

Or. en

Justification

Cooperation among all three ESAs in developing guidelines is of high relevance to cross-selling, since in this situation there is clear involvement of different financial sectors such as insurance and banking. (ECB suggestion)

Amendment 781 Sylvie Goulard

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Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of cross-selling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1.

Amendment

ESMA, in cooperation with EBA and EIOPA, through the Joint Committee, shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of cross-selling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1.

Or. en

Justification

Cooperation among all three ESAs in developing guidelines is of high relevance to cross-selling, since in this situation there is clear involvement of different financial sectors such as insurance and banking.

Amendment 782 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of cross-selling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1.

Amendment

ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment and the supervision of cross-selling practices indicating, in particular, situations in which cross-selling practices are not compliant with obligations in paragraph 1 *and Article 25*.

Or. en

Justification

following a proposal by BEUC

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Amendment 783 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 8. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 concerning measures to ensure that investment firms comply with the principles set out therein when providing investment or ancillary services to their clients. Those delegated acts shall take into account:
- (a) the nature of the service(s) offered or provided to the client or potential client, taking into account the type, object, size and frequency of the transactions;
- (b) the nature of the products being offered or considered including different types of financial instruments and deposits referred to in Article 1 (2);
- (c) the retail or professional nature of the client or potential clients or, in the case of paragraph 3, their classification as eligible counterparties.

deleted

Or. en

Justification

Given the diversity of investment services provided across the EU, it is more appropriate that flexibility is given to Member States to cater for differences in their implementation of the Directive. Therefore this measure is not necessary.

Amendment 784 Kay Swinburne

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Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8 a. Member States shall require that individuals providing any kind of investment advice or, where appropriate, ancillary services to clients, possess an appropriate level of knowledge and competence based upon recognised qualifications.

Or. en

Justification

Each member states should have a minimum level of qualification expected from those selling financial products to retail clients, however this should be Member state specific due to the many differences in knowledge and experience of investors in each member state.

Amendment 785 Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a directive Article 24 – paragraph 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8 a. The provision of financial advice to retail investors is subject to the adviser being qualified to a minimum standard European level. ESMA shall provide binding technical standards setting out the mandatory contents of the underlying certification and training programmes. ESMA shall agree in consultation with national competent authorities which existing qualifications shall be deemed equivalent to this standard.

Or. en

Amendment 786 Jean-Paul Gauzès

Proposal for a directive Article 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 24 a

- 1. Member States shall require any investment firm that uses an internal trade matching system to apply to the competent authority for prior authorisation. Before granting such authorisation the competent authority shall ensure that the system:
- (a) forms part of the investment firm's best execution policy;
- (b) does not grant any type of participant any special privileges with regard to information or order execution;
- (c) is not linked to any other internal trade matching system;
- (d) enables each participant to choose the types of counterparty with which it agrees to execute its orders;
- (e) is specifically identified in connection with post-trade transparency obligations.

In connection with point (b), wherever appropriate, special care shall be taken to ensure that the investment firm's own-account orders are treated in exactly the same way as orders on behalf of third parties.

ESMA shall develop draft implementing technical standards to establish which types of counterparty must, as a minimum requirement, identify internal order execution systems.

ESMA shall submit those draft implementing technical standards to the Commission by [...]* at the latest.

Power is conferred on the Commission to adopt the implementing technical

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standards in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

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Or. fr

Amendment 787
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 24 a

Member States shall ensure that competent authorities are responsible for the implementation of the investor protection provisions set by this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 788 Jean-Paul Gauzès

Proposal for a directive Article 24 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 24b

The competent authorities shall require internal trade matching systems which account for a proportion of the total transactions handled by all trading systems that is above a given threshold to be converted into MTFs.

ESMA shall develop draft implementing technical standards to lay down the

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procedures for calculating that threshold.

ESMA shall submit those draft implementing technical standards to the Commission by [...]* at the latest.

Power is conferred on the Commission to adopt the implementing technical standards in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

Or. fr

Amendment 789
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 24 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 24 b

Member States may establish independent bodies besides their competent authorities to monitor markets and approve the suitability of products for retail investors.

Or. en

Amendment 790 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When providing investment advice or portfolio management the investment firm shall obtain the necessary information

Amendment

1. When providing *product information*, investment advice or portfolio management the investment firm shall obtain the

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regarding the client's or potential client's knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service, his financial situation and his investment objectives so as to enable the firm to recommend to the client or potential client the investment services and financial instruments that are suitable for him

necessary information regarding the client's or potential client's knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service, his financial situation *including credit obligations, his current risk exposure, the acceptance of economical losses* and his investment objectives so as to enable the firm to recommend to the client or potential client the investment services and financial instruments that are suitable for him.

ESMA shall develop by [...]* at the latest, guidelines for minimum information to be obtained from the client and for the assessment of the suitability of the financial instrument or service.

*OJ please insert date: ...

Or. en

Justification

inspired by a proposal from BEUC

Amendment 791 Jean-Paul Gauzès

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When providing investment advice or portfolio management the investment firm shall obtain the necessary information regarding the client's or potential client's knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service, his financial situation and his investment objectives so as to enable the firm to recommend to the client or potential client the investment

Amendment

1. When providing investment advice or portfolio management the investment firm shall obtain the necessary information regarding the client's or potential client's knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service, his financial situation and his investment objectives (including his risk tolerance) so as to enable the firm to recommend to the client

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services and financial instruments that are suitable for him.

or potential client the investment services and financial instruments that are suitable for him

Or. en

Amendment 792 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. When providing product information, investment advice or portfolio management the investment firm shall demonstrate that the product sold was the most suitable from the product range to meet the client's needs.

Or. en

Amendment 793
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 b. When providing product information, investment advice or portfolio management the investment firm shall assess if any investment is suitable for a client, especially when the client has open loan liabilities. If an investment is deemed as unsuitable at this moment, the investment firm shall issue a warning to the client.

Or. en

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Amendment 794 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that investment firms, when providing investment services other than those referred to in paragraph 1, ask the client or potential client to provide information regarding his knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service offered or demanded so as to enable the investment firm to assess whether the investment service or product envisaged is appropriate for the client.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that investment firms, when providing investment services other than those referred to in paragraph 1, ask the client or potential client to provide information regarding his knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service offered or demanded so as to enable the investment firm to assess whether the investment service or product envisaged is appropriate for the client. This shall not apply to the service of safekeeping and administration of financial instruments as specified in Section A (9) of Annex I.

Or. en

Amendment 795 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ESMA shall develop by [...]* at the latest, guidelines for minimum information to be asked regarding clients' knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service offered or demanded and for the assessment of the appropriateness of the product or service with respect to the knowledge and experience of the client.

*OJ please insert date: ...

Or. en

Amendment 796
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. Member States shall ensure that investment firms providing products bundled by cross-selling practices pursuant to Article 24(7) are assessing the suitability for the investor of each product separately as well as the suitability of the whole package.

Or. en

Amendment 797 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall allow investment firms when providing investment services that only consist of execution or the reception and transmission of client orders with or without ancillary services, with the exclusion of the ancillary service specified in Section B (1) of Annex 1, to provide those investment services to their clients without the need to obtain the information or make the determination provided for in paragraph 2 where all the following

Member States shall allow investment firms when providing investment services that only consist of execution or the reception and transmission of client orders with or without ancillary services to provide those investment services to their clients without the need to obtain the information or make the determination provided for in paragraph 2 where all the following conditions are met:

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conditions are met:

Or. en

Amendment 798 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall allow investment firms when providing investment services that only consist of execution or the reception and transmission of client orders with or without ancillary services, with the exclusion of the ancillary service specified in Section B (1) of Annex 1, to provide those investment services to their clients without the need to obtain the information or make the determination provided for in paragraph 2 where all the following conditions are met:

Amendment

Member States shall allow investment firms when providing investment services that only consist of execution or the reception and transmission of client orders with or without ancillary services, to provide those investment services to their clients without the need to obtain the information or make the determination provided for in paragraph 2 where all the following conditions are met:

Or. en

Amendment 799
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall allow investment firms when providing investment services that only consist of execution or the reception and transmission of client orders with or without ancillary services, with the exclusion of the ancillary service specified in Section B (1) of Annex 1, to provide those investment services to their clients

Amendment

Member States shall allow investment firms when providing investment services that only consist of execution or the reception and transmission of client orders with or without ancillary services to provide those investment services to their clients without the need to obtain the information or make the determination without the need to obtain the information or make the determination provided for in paragraph 2 where all the following conditions are met: provided for in paragraph 2 where all the following conditions are met:

Or. en

Justification

This amendment seeks to achieve the objective to ensure a level playing field for the granting of loans or credits. Under the original proposal, 3rd parties would be able to grant such credits to clients without applying the obligations included in this article.

Amendment 800 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

a) the services *referred* to *any of the following* financial instruments:

a) the services do not refer to financial instruments that, embedding derivatives, incorporating a structure or being considered illiquid, make difficult for the client to understand the risk involved.

Or. en

Amendment 801 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies, and excluding shares in non-UCITS collective investment undertakings and shares that

deleted

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Or. en

Amendment 802 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies, and excluding shares in non-UCITS collective investment undertakings and shares that embed a derivative;

Amendment

1. shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market, or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies,

Or. en

Justification

Because instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are subject to common EU rules regarding publication of information, disclosure of key facts or subject to specific provision in terms of risk management and deposit (UCITS and AIF), these products shall be generally available for execution by investors.

Amendment 803 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies, and excluding shares in non-UCITS collective investment undertakings and shares that embed a

Amendment

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies;

Or. en

Justification

Instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are already subject to EU legislation relating to disclosure of key information, or are subject to risk management provisions. For this reason, these products should be available for execution by investors.

Amendment 804 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies, and excluding shares in non-UCITS collective investment undertakings and shares that embed a derivative;

Amendment

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies, excluding shares that embed a derivative;

Or. en

Amendment 805 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies, and excluding shares in non-UCITS collective investment Amendment

(i) shares admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third-country market or on a MTF, where these are shares in companies, and excluding shares in non-UCITS collective investment

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undertakings and shares that embed a derivative;

undertakings and shares that embed a derivative *unless the derivative does not increase risk to the investor*:

Or. en

Justification

This amendment seeks to achieve the objective ensuring that derivative does not increase risk to the end investor.

Amendment 806 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) bonds or other forms of securitised debt, admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market or on a MTF, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk involved;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 807 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (ii) bonds or other forms of securitised debt, admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market or on a MTF, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which makes it difficult for the
- (ii) bonds or other forms of securitised debt, admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market or on a MTF;

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Or. en

Justification

Instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are already subject to EU legislation relating to disclosure of key information, or are subject to risk management provisions. For this reason, these products should be available for execution by investors.

Amendment 808 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) bonds or other forms of securitised debt, admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market or on a MTF, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk involved;

Amendment

2. bonds or other forms of securitised debt, admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market or on a MTF, *for which a prospectus has been issued*;

Or. en

Justification

Because instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are subject to common EU rules regarding publication of information, disclosure of key facts or subject to specific provision in terms of risk management and deposit (UCITS and AIF), these products shall be generally available for execution by investors.

Amendment 809
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point ii

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Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) bonds or other forms of securitised debt, admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market or on a MTF, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which *makes* it difficult for *the* client to understand the risk involved;

Amendment

(ii) bonds or other forms of securitised debt, admitted to trading on a regulated market or on an equivalent third country market or on a MTF, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which would make it difficult for a client to understand the risk involved or the derivative does not increase risk to the investor;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment seeks to achieve the objective ensuring that derivative does not increase risk to the end investor.

Amendment 810 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) money market instruments, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk involved; deleted

Or. en

Amendment 811 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iii Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) money market instruments, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk involved:

3. money market instruments;

Or. en

Justification

Because instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are subject to common EU rules regarding publication of information, disclosure of key facts or subject to specific provision in terms of risk management and deposit (UCITS and AIF), these products shall be generally available for execution by investors.

Amendment 812 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) money market instruments, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk involved;

(iii) money market instruments;

Or. en

Justification

Instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are already subject to EU legislation relating to disclosure of key information, or are subject to risk management provisions. For this reason, these products should be available for execution by investors.

Amendment 813
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

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Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) money market instruments, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which *makes* it difficult for *the* client to understand the

risk involved;

Amendment

(iii) money market instruments, excluding those that embed a derivative or incorporate a structure which would make it difficult for a client to understand the risk involved or the derivative does not increase the risk to the investor;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment seeks to achieve the objective ensuring that derivative does not increase risk to the end investor.

Amendment 814
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010; deleted

Or. en

Justification

As long as there is no legal decision about the suitability of certain UCITS products for retail investors, exemption from the suitability test should be subsumed under Article 25 Paragraph 3 point v. It is our task to find a definition for UCITS in the revision of the UCITS directive which guarantees suitability of all UCITS for retail investors.

Amendment 815 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding deleted structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010;

Or. en

Justification

The notion of complex / non-complex product is not in line with the UCITS reality.

Amendment 816 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding deleted structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010;

Or. en

Amendment 817 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article

(iv) shares or units in UCITS;

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Or. en

Amendment 818
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010;

(iv) shares or units in UCITS;

Or. en

Justification

The very successful UCITS brand could suffer damage in the eyes of non-EU regulators and investors if some UCITS were no longer considered automatically non-complex, as they may be seen as unsuitable for retail investors. European investors' confidence in UCITS might also be affected. Complexity is not equal to risk. On the contrary, many of the UCITS features reduce risks for investors which are high in "plain vanilla" financial instruments such as stocks and bonds.

Amendment 819 Jean-Paul Gauzès, Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010;

(iv) shares or units in UCITS;

Amendment 820 Robert Goebbels, Elisa Ferreira

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010;

(iv) shares or units in UCITS;

Or. en

Justification

A categorisation of UCITS would cast doubt on the soundness of the UCITS framework. Complexity, stemming from innovation in asset management, does not necessarily involve higher risks from an investment performance perspective. Focus should therefore not be on complexity as such, but rather on the difficulty for clients to understand the risks involved. This should be addressed within the current UCITS framework rather than within MiFID.

Amendment 821 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010; (iv) shares or units in UCITS;

Or. en

Justification

Instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are already subject to EU legislation

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relating to disclosure of key information, or are subject to risk management provisions. For this reason, these products should be available for execution by investors.

Amendment 822 Werner Langen

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010;

(iv) shares or units in UCITS;

Or. de

Justification

By definition, UCITS are non-complex financial instruments. They meet all relevant requirements in line with the current definition under Article 38 of the MiFID implementing directive and are currently being provided with 'key investor information' so as to guarantee better investor protection. Any differentiation between funds causes needless red tape and dilutes the UCITS brand without guaranteeing that investors are better protected.

Amendment 823 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010;

4. shares or units in UCITS or AIF as defined in Directive 2011/61/EU where they are offered to retail investors;

Or. en

Justification

Because instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are subject to common EU rules regarding publication of information, disclosure of key facts or subject to specific provision in terms of risk management and deposit (UCITS and AIF), these products shall be generally available for execution by investors.

Amendment 824 Diogo Feio

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010; (iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010 and other UCITS based on complex portfolio management techniques;

Or. en

Justification

not only structured UCITS, but also UCITS based on complex portfolio management techniques should be considered as complex financial instruments, since the UCITS regime allows them to be materially complex as other structured instruments.

Amendment 825 Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation 583/2010; (iv) shares or units in UCITS excluding structured UCITS as referred to in Article 36 paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 583/2010 which do not comply with requirements established in Article 38 of

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Commission Directive 2006/73/EC;

Or. en

Amendment 826 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(v) other non-complex financial instruments for the purpose of this paragraph.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 827 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(v) other non-complex financial instruments for the purpose of this paragraph.

5. other *similar* financial instruments *listed* and traded on a regulated market or MTF for which a prospectus has been issued, for the purpose of this paragraph.

Or. en

Justification

Because instruments listed and traded on regulated markets are subject to common EU rules regarding publication of information, disclosure of key facts or subject to specific provision in terms of risk management and deposit (UCITS and AIF), these products shall be generally available for execution by investors.

Amendment 828 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(v) other *non-complex* financial instruments *for the purpose of this paragraph* .

(v) other financial instruments, including structured UCITS and shares in non-UCITS, which are assessed by an investment firm as non-complex.

Or. en

Justification

It would be appropriate for there to be a case by case test of the complexity of a financial instrument, rather than deeming them all to be complex.

Amendment 829 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The investment firm shall establish a record that includes the document or documents agreed between the firm and the client that set out the rights and obligations of the parties, and the other terms on which the firm will provide services to the client. The rights and duties of the parties to the contract may be incorporated by reference to other documents or legal texts.

Amendment

4. When the investment service relates to an investment advice in relation to a complex product as mentioned in paragraph 3. a) which has been subscribed by a client, the investment firm shall provide the client with an ongoing periodical assessment of the appropriateness or suitability of such financial instrument.

Or. en

Amendment 830 Olle Schmidt

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on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports on the service provided to its clients. *These* reports shall include periodic communications to clients, *taking into account* the *type and the complexity* of financial instruments *involved* and the *nature* of the *service provided to the client and* shall include, where applicable, the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. When providing investment advice, the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the personal characteristics of the client.

Amendment

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports on the service provided to its clients. *In case of* portfolio management or under the condition that an investment firm offers and concludes such a service with its clients these reports shall include periodic communications to clients about the performance of the relevant financial instruments and *periodic assessment of* the suitability of the recommended financial instruments. These reports shall include, where applicable, the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. When providing investment advice in accordance with Article 24(3), the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the preferences, needs and other personal characteristics of the client.

Or. en

Justification

This text makes it clear that this service has to be provided in case of portfolio management or in case of investment advice if offered by the investment firm to its clients and expressly agreed upon with them. Supports that investment firms, when providing investment advice, shall specify how the advice given meets the characteristics of the client. A clarification should be done to also include preferences and needs of the client.

Amendment 831 Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports on the service provided to its clients. These reports shall include periodic communications to clients, taking into account the type and the complexity of financial instruments involved and the nature of the service provided to the client and shall include, where applicable, the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. When providing investment advice, the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the personal characteristics of the client.

Amendment

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports on the service provided to its clients. *If advisory services are provided on a periodical basis, firms* shall *inform* clients *about* the *frequency* of the *communications. These reports* shall include, where applicable the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. When providing investment advice *pursuant to Article 24 (3)*, the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the personal characteristics of the client.

Or. en

Amendment 832 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports on the service provided to its clients. These reports shall include periodic communications to clients, taking into account the type and the complexity of financial instruments involved and the nature of the service provided to the client and shall include, where applicable, the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. When providing investment advice, the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the personal characteristics of the client.

Amendment

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports in writing or on a durable medium on the service provided to its clients. These reports shall include periodic communications to clients, taking into account the type and the complexity of financial instruments involved and the nature of the service provided to the client and shall include, where applicable, the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. If the services included the conclusion of sales the report shall state if the sale was in accordance with internal sales targets of the investment firm. When providing

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investment advice, the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the personal characteristics of the client.

ESMA shall develop by [...]* at the latest, guidelines for the content and the layout of the adequate reports to be provided to the client.

*OJ please insert date: ...

Or. en

Amendment 833 Gay Mitchell

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports on the service provided to its clients. These reports shall include periodic communications to clients, taking into account the type and the complexity of financial instruments involved and the nature of the service provided to the client and shall include, where applicable, the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. When providing investment advice, the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the personal characteristics of the client.

Amendment

5. The client must receive from the investment firm adequate reports *in writing* on the service provided to its clients. These reports shall include periodic communications to clients, taking into account the type and the complexity of financial instruments involved and the nature of the service provided to the client and shall include, where applicable, the costs associated with the transactions and services undertaken on behalf of the client. When providing investment advice, the investment firm shall specify how the advice given meets the personal characteristics of the client.

Or. en

Amendment 834 Herbert Dorfmann

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5 a. Taking into account the type and complexity of financial instruments and the nature of the service involved, Member States shall allow investment firms to provide yearly communications to clients by a standardized form.

Or. en

Amendment 835
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 6 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 measures to ensure that investment firms comply with the principles set out therein when providing investment or ancillary services to their clients.

Amendment

6. **ESMA** shall **develop draft regulatory technical standards** to **specify the** measures to ensure that investment firms comply with the principles set out therein when providing investment or ancillary services to their clients.

ESMA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by [...]*.

Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

*OJ please insert date: ...

Or. en

Justification

This is a technical issue which should therefore be undertaken by ESMA.

Amendment 836 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6 a. When investment advise is given to a client and related to this advice any kind of inducement is provided to the advisor, the advisor shall inform each client regularly, but at least once a year, of the kind and volume of inducement he received for the investment advice and the respective orders related to the respective client.

Or. en

Amendment 837 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, *guidelines* for the assessment of financial instruments *incorporating* a structure *which* makes it *difficult* for the *client* to *understand* the risk *involved* in *accordance with* paragraph 3 (a).

Amendment

7. ESMA shall develop by [18 months] at the latest, and update periodically, technical standards for the assessment of financial instruments referred to in paragraph 3 that embed derivatives or incorporate a structure that makes it highly complex for a retail investor to understand, to determine which among those could fall under the scope of the regime referred to in that paragraph with the exception of UCITS. In its assessment, ESMA shall take into account whether

complexity in each of these products reduces risk to investors, as compared to products in paragraph 3.

Or. en

Justification

ESMA shall be able to update the list of products under 25.3 on an appropriate basis taking into account risk criteria. Products listed above are subject to specific EU regulations. Changes to the UCITS regulation shall be introduced under their specific regime soon under review. In addition complexity does not always increase risks.

Amendment 838 Alfredo Pallone

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, *guidelines* for the assessment of financial instruments incorporating a structure which makes *it* difficult for the client to understand the *risk* involved in accordance with paragraph 3 (a).

Amendment

7. ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, technical standards for the assessment of financial instruments embedding a derivative, incorporating a structure or being illiquid so as to determine which among these products could fall under the scope of paragraph 3. In its assessment, ESMA shall take into account whether complexity and/or illiquidity in each of these products makes difficult for the client to understand the risks involved in accordance with paragraph 3 (a).

Or. en

Amendment 839 Diogo Feio

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 7

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7. ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment of financial instruments incorporating a structure which makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk involved in accordance with paragraph 3 (a).

Amendment

7. ESMA shall develop by [] at the latest, and update periodically, guidelines for the assessment of financial instruments incorporating a structure which makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk involved in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) and of UCITS based on complex portfolio management techniques.

Or. en

Amendment 840 Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a directive Article 25 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7a. Investment firms shall comply with the provisions of the regulation on packaged retail investment products.

Or. fr

Amendment 841 Olle Ludvigsson

Proposal for a directive Article 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 25 a

Recruitment policies and working conditions for frontline employees

In order to ensure that the provisions on investor protection in Articles 24 and 25 of this Directive are met, Member States shall require that investment firms

maintain appropriate recruitment policies and working conditions for those employees who give advice, provide services and sell financial products to clients. These employees shall:

- (a) be at sufficiently high qualification and knowledge levels with regard to the services and products on offer,
- (b) be continuously provided with adequate training and updated information on new services and products,
- (c) be given the time and resources necessary to be able to deliver balanced and comprehensive advice and to provide clients with all relevant information,
- (d) not be made subject to biased sales strategies, based for example on excessive sales targets or sales instructions pointing to a specific service or product, which create incentives to deviate from giving fair and honest recommendations in line with the best interests of clients.

Or. en

Amendment 842 Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a directive Article 26 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Investment firms shall comply with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No .../... on packaged retail investment products.

Or. fr

Amendment 843 Olle Schmidt

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on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 26 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 26 a

Minimum competence requirements

- 1. Member States shall ensure that the staff of investment firms possess an appropriate level of knowledge and competence in relation to investment services or, where appropriate, ancillary services in order to satisfy the requirements of Article 24 of this Directive.
- 2. Member States shall ensure that the appropriate level of knowledge and competence is determined on the basis of qualifications they recognise or experience.
- 3. Member States shall ensure that investment firms provide sufficient and appropriate training to their staff to ensure that these provisions are complied with.
- 4. Member States shall make public the criteria they have established in order for investment firms' staff to meet their competence requirements. Such criteria shall include a list of any qualifications they recognise.
- 5. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 measures to specify the requirements provided in paragraphs 1 and 2, and in particular, the necessary requirements for appropriate knowledge and competence.

Or. en

Justification

A sufficient level of qualifications must be ensured for staff providing investment services. Continuous training and competence development must be the responsibility of the company. In the Commission proposal for Directive on Credit Agreements Relating to Residential Property 2011/0062(COD), a similar formulation is suggested. Given the complexity of investment products, the introduction of qualification requirements is even more relevant in the MiFID directive.

Amendment 844
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms take all *reasonable* steps to obtain, when executing orders, the best possible result *for their clients* taking into account price, costs, speed, likelihood of execution and settlement, size, nature or any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order. *Nevertheless*, *whenever there is a specific instruction from the client the investment firm shall execute the order following* the specific instruction.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms obtain, when executing orders, the best possible price.

Nevertheless, whenever there is a specific instruction from the client the investment firm shall take all necessary steps to obtain, when executing orders, the best possible result, taking into account price, costs, speed, likelihood of execution and settlement, size, nature or any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order, taking into consideration the specific instruction.

Or. en

Justification

Best execution principle has been highly ineffective so far.

Amendment 845 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 1

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1. Member States shall require that investment firms take all reasonable steps to obtain, when executing orders, the best possible result for their clients taking into account price, costs, speed, likelihood of execution and settlement, size, nature or any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order. Nevertheless, whenever there is a specific instruction from the client the investment firm shall execute the order following the specific instruction.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms take all reasonable steps to obtain, when executing orders, the best possible result for their clients taking into account price, costs, speed, likelihood of execution and settlement, size, nature or any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order. Nevertheless, whenever there is a specific instruction from the client the investment firm shall execute the order following the specific instruction. Following execution of a transaction on behalf of a client, the investment firm shall make available upon request, information on how the order was executed and upon which venue.

Or. en

Justification

In order to make the best execution requirements more meaningful to investors it is important that they are told how and where their transactions were executed should they ask for the information.

Amendment 846
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall require that each execution venue makes available to the public, *without any charges*, data relating to the quality of execution of transactions on that venue on at least an annual basis. Periodic reports shall include details about price, speed of execution and likelihood of

Amendment

2. Member States shall require that each execution venue makes available to the public *on request* data relating to the quality of execution of transactions on that venue on at least an annual basis. Periodic reports shall include details about price, speed of execution and likelihood of

execution for individual financial instruments.

execution for individual financial instruments.

Or. en

Justification

There is a need to carefully consider the costs against the benefits for the clients to publish data. The venue must be able to charge those who want the data on request.

Amendment 847
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. An investment firm shall not receive any remuneration or advantage to route orders to a particular venue or any other trading arrangements and shall not put in place any arrangement which results in routing flows on a systematic basis to some venues or any other trading arrangements.

Or. en

Justification

Remuneration of order flows is in full contradiction with the principle of best execution.

Amendment 848
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3

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Member States shall require that, where the order execution policy provides for the possibility that client orders may be executed outside a regulated market, MTF or OTF, the investment firm shall, in particular, inform its clients about this possibility. Member States shall require that investment firms obtain the prior express consent of their clients before proceeding to execute their orders outside a regulated market MTF or OTF or an MTF. Investment firms *may* obtain this consent *either* in *the form of a general agreement or in* respect of individual transactions.

Amendment

Member States shall require that, where the order execution policy provides for the possibility that client orders may be executed outside a regulated market, MTF or OTF, the investment firm shall, in particular, inform its clients about this possibility. Member States shall require that investment firms obtain the prior express consent of their clients before proceeding to execute their orders outside a regulated market MTF or OTF or an MTF. Investment firms **shall** obtain this consent in respect of individual transactions. When executing orders outside of a regulated market or a MTF, an investment firm shall obtain the best possible price for their clients.

Or. en

Amendment 849 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall require that, where the order execution policy provides for the possibility that client orders may be executed outside a regulated market, *MTF* or *OTF*, the investment firm shall, in particular, inform its clients about this possibility. Member States shall require that investment firms obtain the prior express consent of their clients before proceeding to execute their orders outside a regulated market *MTF* or *OTF* or an MTF. Investment firms may obtain this consent either in the form of a general agreement or in respect of individual transactions.

Amendment

Member States shall require that, where the order execution policy provides for the possibility that client orders may be executed outside a regulated market *or MTF*, the investment firm shall, in particular, inform its clients about this possibility. Member States shall require that investment firms obtain the prior express consent of their clients before proceeding to execute their orders outside a regulated market or an MTF. Investment firms may obtain this consent either in the form of a general agreement or in respect of individual transactions.

Amendment 850
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall require investment firms to monitor the effectiveness of their order execution arrangements and execution policy in order to identify and, where appropriate, correct any deficiencies. In particular, they shall assess, on a regular basis, whether the execution venues included in the order execution policy provide for the best possible result for the client or whether they need to make changes to their execution arrangements. Member States shall require investment firms to notify clients of any material changes to their order execution arrangements or execution policy.

Amendment

Member States shall require investment firms to monitor the effectiveness of their order execution arrangements and execution policy in order to identify and, where appropriate, correct any deficiencies and transmit the result of this monitoring to the competent authority at least every three months. In particular, they shall assess, on a regular basis, whether the execution venues included in the order execution policy provide for the best possible result for the client or whether they need to make changes to their execution arrangements. Member States shall require investment firms to notify clients of any material changes to their order execution arrangements or execution policy. Member States shall withdraw the authorisation of investment firms which order execution policy fails to ensure the best possible result for their clients on a regular and highly significant basis when executing orders outside of a regulated market or MTF.

Or en

Amendment 851 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Member States shall require investment firms to *summarize and* make public on *an annual* basis, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues where they executed client orders in the preceding *year*.

Amendment

Member States shall require investment firms to make public on a monthly basis, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues in terms of trading volumes sent where they executed client orders in the preceding months, with data on execution quality, and potential price improvements received for the execution of these client orders on these execution venues. This data shall be calculated by independent third parties.

Or. en

Justification

It is important to have disclosure regimes on investment firms to make public for each class of financial instruments the top five execution venues where they execute client orders should be strengthened in terms of its frequency and data on the execution quality.

Amendment 852
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall require investment firms to summarize and make public on an *annual* basis, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues where they executed client orders in the preceding year.

Amendment

Member States shall require investment firms to summarize and make public on an *monthly* basis, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues where they executed client orders in the preceding year. These summaries shall include the criteria for the selection of venues and detail the effectiveness of their order execution arrangements and execution policy to ensure best execution to their clients.

Or. en

Justification

Annual summary is not relevant for investors. Detail information shall be available to make it possible for investors to compare the quality of execution offered by different investment firms.

Amendment 853 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall require investment firms to summarize and make public on an annual basis, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues where they executed client orders in the preceding year. Amendment

Member States shall require investment firms to summarize and make public on an annual basis, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues where they executed client orders in the preceding year unless they have chosen in their best execution policy to only execute client orders on the primary market.

Or. en

Justification

It must be made clear that it is still possible to only execute on the primary market so as not to impose additional burdens on small brokers.

Amendment 854
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall require investment firms to summarize and make public on *an annual basis*, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues where they executed client orders in the

Amendment

Member States shall require investment firms to summarize and make public on *request*, for each class of financial instruments, the top five execution venues where they executed client orders in the

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Or. en

Justification

There is a need to carefully consider the costs against the benefits for the clients to publish data. The investment firm must be able to charge those who want the data on request.

Amendment 855
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Member States shall require investment firms to be able to demonstrate to their clients, at their request, that they have executed their orders in accordance with the firm's execution policy.

Amendment

6. Member States shall require investment firms to be able to demonstrate to their clients, at their request, that they have executed their orders in accordance with the firm's execution policy and in accordance with this Directive.

Investment firms shall, on request of a client, disclose to its client the identity of the venue to which the client's orders were routed for execution in the six months prior to the request, and the time of the transactions, if any, that resulted from such orders and the price and size of other transactions executed during the same period.

Or. en

Justification

Clients should be in a real position to check the quality of execution of their orders by the investment firm.

Amendment 856 Olle Schmidt

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on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 – paragraph 7 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 concerning:

7. **ESMA** shall **develop draft regulatory technical standards** to **specify**:

Or. en

Justification

It seems unnecessary for both the Commission and ESMA to work on similar issues. Since this issue is more technical than political, ESMA should undertake the work.

Amendment 857 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 27 a

Member States shall ensure that national competent authorities supervise the compliance of investment firms with the best execution provisions set in this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 858 Sharon Bowles

Proposal for a directive Article 28 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

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3. *The* Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 concerning measures which define:

Amendment

3. In order to ensure that measures for the protection of investors and fair and orderly functioning of markets take account of technical developments in financial markets, and to ensure the uniform application of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 concerning measures which define:

Or. en

Justification

Commission's original wording from MiFID I is reinserted, as it remains a key element to the directive.

Amendment 859
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 28 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 concerning measures which define:

Amendment

3. **ESMA** shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to specify:

Or. en

Justification

This is a technical question, therefore ESMA is best placed to make proposals on this issue.

Amendment 860 Olle Schmidt

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on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 28 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a and 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ESMA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by [...]*.

Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

*OJ please insert date: ...

Or. en

Amendment 861 Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Werner Langen

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States *shall prohibit* tied agents registered in their territory *from handling* clients' money and/or financial instruments.

Amendment

Member States may allow, in accordance with Article 16(6), (8) and (9), tied agents registered in their territory to handle clients' money and/or financial instruments on behalf of and under the full responsibility of the investment firm of which they are acting within their territory or, in the case of a cross-border operation, in the territory of a Member State which allows a tied agent to handle clients' money, provided that the investment firm, for which the tied agent is acting, is authorised to handle clients' money.

Or. en

Justification

MiFID 1 gave Member States an option to allow tied agents in their territory to handle clients' money and/or financial instruments if the agents are under the full responsibility of the investment firm for which they are acting. In the current proposal however COM proposed to delete this option. Several Member States have used this discretion for tied agents of investment firms which were handling client money as well, and they did not have any negative experience or complaints.

Amendment 862 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. *I* Tied agents shall be registered in the public register in the Member State *where they are established*. ESMA shall publish on its website references or hyperlinks to the public registers established under this Article by the Member States that decide to allow investment firms to appoint tied agents.

Amendment

3. Tied agents shall be registered in the public register in the Member State. ESMA shall publish on its website references or hyperlinks to the public registers established under this Article by the Member States that decide to allow investment firms to appoint tied agents.

Or. en

Amendment 863 Robert Goebbels

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register if it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess appropriate general, commercial and professional knowledge so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register if it has been established that they possess an appropriate level of knowledge and competences based on recognised qualifications so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant

information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Or. en

Justification

Investment advice has an enormous impact on citizens' lives. As such tied agents should possess an appropriate level of qualifications to advise clients on how to invest their funds.

Amendment 864 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register if it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess appropriate *general*, *commercial* and *professional knowledge* so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register if it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess an appropriate level of knowledge and competence based upon recognised qualifications so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Or. en

Justification

Each member states should have a minimum level of qualification expected from those selling financial products to retail clients, however this should be Member state specific due to the many differences in knowledge and experience of investors in each member state.

Amendment 865 Arlene McCarthy

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

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Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register *if* it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess appropriate *general*, *commercial* and *professional knowledge* so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register once it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess an appropriate level of knowledge and competence based on recognised qualifications so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client. Tied agents shall be required to undergo professional training on an ongoing basis to update and validate their knowledge and competence.

Or. en

Justification

Investment advice has an enormous impact on people's lives. As such tied agents should possess an appropriate level of qualifications to advise clients on how to invest their funds.

Amendment 866 Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register if it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess appropriate *general*, *commercial* and *professional knowledge* so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register if it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess appropriate *level of knowledge* and *competences based on recognised qualifications* so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Or. en

Amendment 867 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are only admitted to the public register if it has been established that they are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess appropriate general, commercial and professional knowledge so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that tied agents are of sufficiently good repute and that they possess appropriate general, commercial and professional knowledge so as to be able to communicate accurately all relevant information regarding the proposed service to the client or potential client.

Or. en

Amendment 868
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States *may decide* that investment firms *can* verify whether the tied agents which they have appointed are of sufficiently good repute and possess the knowledge as referred to in the third subparagraph.

Amendment

Member States *shall ensure* that investment firms verify whether the tied agents which they have appointed are of sufficiently good repute and possess the knowledge as referred to in the third subparagraph.

Or en

Amendment 869 Syed Kamall, Kay Swinburne

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Proposal for a directive Article 29 – paragraph 5 – subparagraphs 1 a and 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Investment firms shall provide full and complete information on their investment services and financial instruments to tied agents, to be updated on at least a quarterly basis with a maximum reporting delay of 60 days.

Tied agents shall be required to provide this information to the client or potential client in advance of receiving orders or placing financial instruments.

Or. en

Justification

To ensure investors are fully informed of potential conflicts of interests, it is vital that investment firms and tied agents are completely transparent about relationships between providers and agents.

Amendment 870
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible counterparties without being obliged to comply with the obligations under Articles 24 (with the exception of paragraph 3), 25 (with the exception of paragraph 5), 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible counterparties without being obliged to comply with the obligations under Articles 24, 25, 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly related to those transactions.

Or. en

Justification

The proposal extends the scope of information that must be provided to eligible counterparties (Articles 24(3) and 25(5)). Retail clients should enjoy the highest level of protection, while eligible counterparties are capable to take care of their own interests, for example be able to decide what information etc. they desire, and the references to Articles 24 and 25 should therefore be excluded in Article 30 (which means that deletions should be made also in Article 25(6)(c)).

Amendment 871 Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible counterparties without being obliged to comply with the obligations under Articles 24 (with the exception of paragraph 3), 25 (with the exception of paragraph 5), 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly related to those transactions.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible counterparties without being obliged to comply with the obligations under Articles 24, 25, 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly related to those transactions.

Or. en

Justification

Eligible counterparties are authorised to sell (or invest on behalf of third parties) and give financial advice by virtue of their knowledge, experience and skills, which have been previously assessed by their supervisors in order to give such authorisation. Therefore, it is completely unreasonable to require the provision of the information under Articles 24.3 and 30 when ECPs are dealing with other ECPs. Moreover, if ECPs consider that they need such

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information to "understand the nature and risks of the investment service and of the specific type of financial instrument that is being offered", they are perfectly aware of their right to request to be treated as retail investors.

Amendment 872 Sven Giegold on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible counterparties without being obliged to comply with the obligations under Articles 24 (with the exception of paragraph 3), 25 (with the exception of paragraph 5), 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly related to those transactions.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible counterparties without being obliged to comply with the obligations under Articles 24 (with the exception of paragraph 3, 5, 6, 7), 25 (with the exception of paragraph 5), 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly related to those transactions.

Or. en

Amendment 873 Thomas Mann

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible counterparties without being obliged to comply with the

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that investment firms authorised to execute orders on behalf of clients and/or to deal on own account and/or to receive and transmit orders *and/or providing portfolio management*, may bring about or enter into transactions with eligible

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obligations under Articles 24 (with the exception of paragraph 3), 25 (with the exception of paragraph 5), 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly related to those transactions.

counterparties without being obliged to comply with the obligations under Articles 24 (with the exception of paragraph 3), 25 (with the exception of paragraph 5), 27 and 28(1) in respect of those transactions or in respect of any ancillary service directly related to those transactions.

Or. en

Justification

Investment firms providing financial portfolio management services are prohibited from accepting any monetary benefits paid by a third party for such services (except when received directly from investors). The obligation quoted fails to take into consideration that retail and professional clients generally require a higher level of protection compared to eligible counterparties. Against this background, the scope of this regulation should be limited to situations where financial portfolio management services are rendered to retail and professional clients.

Amendment 874 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall recognise as eligible counterparties for the purposes of this Article investment firms, credit institutions, insurance companies, UCITS and their management companies, pension funds and their management companies, other financial institutions authorised or regulated under Union legislation or the national law of a Member State, undertakings exempted from the application of this Directive under Article 2(1)(k), national governments and their corresponding offices including public bodies that deal with public debt at national level, central banks and supranational organisations.

Amendment

Member States shall recognise as eligible counterparties for the purposes of this Article investment firms, credit institutions, insurance companies, UCITS and their management companies, pension funds and their management companies, other financial institutions authorised or regulated under Union legislation or the national law of a Member State. undertakings exempted from the application of this Directive under Article 2(1)(k), national governments and their corresponding offices including public bodies that deal with public debt at national level, central banks and supranational organisations. However, municipal authorities and regional administrative

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bodies are exempt.

Or. en

Amendment 875 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Classification as an eligible counterparty under the first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to the right of such entities to *request*, either on a general form or on a trade-by-trade basis, *treatment* as clients whose business with the investment firm is subject to Articles 24, 25, 27 and 28.

Amendment

Classification as an eligible counterparty under the first subparagraph shall be without prejudice to the right of such entities to *notify their brokers*, either on a general form or on a trade-by-trade basis, *of their right to be treated* as clients whose business with the investment firm is subject to Articles 24, 25, 27 and 28.

Or. en

Justification

When an institutional investor is acting on behalf of one of their clients, they are required to offer their clients best execution etc, yet as they are eligible counterparties the broker they are acting through does not have any obligation to provide them with best execution, meaning they cannot fulfil their obligation to their client. MiFID I allowed for a request to be treated as a professional client instead of an eligible counterparty, but this has not been a successful approach as the requests have not been taken into account in many circumstances. As such, this should be changed to a notification procedure.

Amendment 876
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. The Commission shall be empowered to deleted

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adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 to specify measures which define:

- (a) the procedures for requesting treatment as clients under paragraph 2;
- (b) the procedures for obtaining the express confirmation from prospective counterparties under paragraph 3;
- (c) the predetermined proportionate requirements, including quantitative thresholds that would allow an undertaking to be considered as an eligible counterparty under paragraph 3.

Or. en

Justification

It is not necessary to specify procedures for meeting obligations provided for in EU law and scope should be allowed in implementation for Member States to cater for national idiosyncrasies.

Amendment 877 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 30 – paragraph 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the procedures for *requesting treatment* as clients under paragraph 2;

(a) the procedures for *notifying a broker of their right to be treated* as clients under paragraph 2;

Or. en

Justification

When an institutional investor is acting on behalf of one of their clients, they are required to offer their clients best execution etc, yet as they are eligible counterparties the broker they are acting through does not have any obligation to provide them with best execution, meaning they cannot fulfil their obligation to their client. MiFID I allowed for a request to be treated as a professional client instead of an eligible counterparty, but this has not been a successful

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approach as the requests have not been taken into account in many circumstances. As such, this should be changed to a notification procedure.

Amendment 878 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 31 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Monitoring of compliance with the rules of the MTF *or the OTF* and with other legal obligations

Amendment

Monitoring of compliance with the rules of the MTF and with other legal obligations

Or. en

Amendment 879 Astrid Lulling

Proposal for a directive Article 31 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms *and* market operators operating *an* MTF or OTF establish and maintain *effective* arrangements and procedures, relevant to the MTF or OTF, for the regular monitoring of the compliance by its users or clients with their rules. Investment firms and market operators operating *an* MTF or an OTF shall monitor *the* transactions *undertaken* by their users or clients under their systems in order to identify breaches of those rules, disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms *or* market operators operating *a* MTF or *an* OTF establish and maintain arrangements and procedures, relevant to the MTF or OTF, for the regular monitoring of the compliance by its users or clients with their rules. Investment firms and market operators operating *a* MTF or an OTF shall monitor *orders placed and* transactions *executed and order cancelled* by their users or clients under their systems in order to identify breaches of those rules, disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is introduced to ensure that besides Regulated Markets (article 51.3) MTF and OTF operators are also monitoring the ratio of orders placed to cancelled. The most appropriate place to set a ratio shall be the Market Abuse regulation in article 8.3.C under a new indent "-cancellation of orders above a daily ratio of 30% of orders executed to orders placed, unless explained in writing to the authority"

Amendment 880
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 31 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an MTF or OTF establish and maintain effective arrangements and procedures, relevant to the MTF or OTF, for the regular monitoring of the compliance by its users or clients with their rules. Investment firms and market operators operating an MTF or an OTF shall monitor the transactions undertaken by their users or clients under their systems in order to identify breaches of those rules, disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an MTF or OTF establish and maintain effective arrangements and procedures, relevant to the MTF or OTF, for the regular monitoring of the compliance by its users or clients with their rules. Investment firms and market operators operating an MTF or an OTF shall monitor the transactions undertaken by their users or clients under their systems in order to identify breaches of those rules, disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse. Member States shall ensure that market operators operating an MTF or an OTF have sufficient resources in place to ensure an effective monitoring.

Or. en

Amendment 881 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 31 – paragraph 1

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1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an MTF *or OTF* establish and maintain effective arrangements and procedures, relevant to the MTF *or OTF*, for the regular monitoring of the compliance by its users or clients with their rules. Investment firms and market operators operating an MTF *or an OTF* shall monitor the transactions undertaken by their users or clients under their systems in order to identify breaches of those rules, disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse.

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that investment firms and market operators operating an MTF establish and maintain effective arrangements and procedures, relevant to the MTF, for the regular monitoring of the compliance by its users or clients with their rules. Investment firms and market operators operating an MTF shall monitor the transactions undertaken by their users or clients under their systems in order to identify breaches of those rules, disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse.

Or. en

Amendment 882 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 31 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall ensure that investment firms and market operators, operating a trading venue, record their transaction to ensure identification of the client ("trade marking").

Or. en

Amendment 883 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 31 – paragraph 2

2. Member States shall require investment firms and market operators operating an MTF *or an OTF* to report significant breaches of its rules or disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse to the competent authority. Member States shall also require investment firms and market operators operating an MTF *or an OTF* to supply the relevant information without delay to the authority competent for the investigation and prosecution of market abuse and to provide full assistance to the latter in investigating and prosecuting market abuse occurring on or through its systems.

Amendment

2. Member States shall require investment firms and market operators operating an MTF to report significant breaches of its rules or disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may involve market abuse to the competent authority. Member States shall also require investment firms and market operators operating an MTF to supply the relevant information without delay to the authority competent for the investigation and prosecution of market abuse and to provide full assistance to the latter in investigating and prosecuting market abuse occurring on or through its systems.

Or. en

Amendment 884
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 31 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. ESMA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to determine the resources that have to be put in place to ensure an effective monitoring of a MTF or OTF.

ESMA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by [...]*.

Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with the procedure laid down in Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

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Or. en

Justification

Effective monitoring impose that there is no competition between markets in that respect.

Amendment 885
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Suspension and removal of instruments from trading on an MTF

Amendment

Suspension and removal of instruments from trading on an MTF *or an OTF*

Or. en

Amendment 886 Olle Schmidt

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating an MTF *that suspends* or *removes* from trading a financial instrument makes public this decision, communicates it to regulated markets, other MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument and communicates relevant information to the competent authority. The competent authority shall inform the competent authorities of the other Member States. Member States shall

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating an MTF to suspend or remove from trading a financial instrument following the decision of the regulated market where the instrument was primarily admitted to trading and when the reason for the suspension is of global nature, makes public this decision, communicates it to regulated markets, other MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument and communicates

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require *that* other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument shall also suspend or remove that financial instrument from trading where the suspension or removal is due to the non-disclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument except where this could cause significant damage to the investors' interests or the orderly functioning of the market. Member States shall require the other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs to communicate their decision to their competent authority and all regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument, including an explanation *if* the decision was not to suspend or remove the financial instrument from trading.

relevant information to the competent authority. The competent authority shall inform the competent authorities of the other Member States. Member States shall require *the* other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs *to communicate their decision not to* suspend or remove *the* financial instrument from trading to their competent authority and all regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument, including an explanation *why* the decision was not to suspend or remove the financial instrument from trading.

Or. en

Justification

With regard to the balanced provisions of the "Transparency Directive', MiFID II should not foresee implicit extended reporting duties at the expense of issuers which are also traded on MTFs or OTFs. Given the provisions of the 'Transparency Directive' the "non-disclosure of information about the issuer" can not be assessed by MTFs or OTFs as they are not aimed to be receivers of the corporate disclosure.

Amendment 887
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating an MTF that suspends or removes from trading a financial instrument makes public this decision, communicates it to regulated markets, other MTFs and OTFs trading the same

Amendment

1. Without prejudice to the right of the competent authority under Article 72(1)(d) and (e) to demand suspension or removal of an instrument from trading, the operator of a regulated market, an MTF or an OTF may suspend or remove from trading a financial instrument which

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financial instrument and communicates relevant information to the competent authority. The competent authority shall inform the competent authorities of the other Member States. Member States shall require that other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument shall also suspend or remove that financial instrument from trading where the suspension or removal is due to the non-disclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument except where this could cause significant damage to the investors' interests or the orderly functioning of the market. Member States shall require the other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs to communicate their decision to their competent authority and all regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument, including an explanation if the decision was not to suspend or remove the financial instrument from trading.

no longer complies with the rules of the regulated market, the MTF, or OTF unless such a step would be likely to cause significant damage to the investors' interests or the orderly functioning of the market.

Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating a regulated market, an MTF, or an OTF that suspends or removes from trading a financial instrument makes public this decision, communicates it to regulated markets, other MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument and communicates relevant information to the competent authority. The competent authority shall inform the competent authorities of the other Member States. Where the suspension or removal is due to the non-disclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument, the relevant competent authority as defined in point (7) of Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1287/2006 shall require that other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs or any other trading arrangement trading the same financial instrument shall also suspend or remove immediately that financial instrument from trading. Member States shall require the

other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs to communicate their decision to their competent authority and all regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument, including an explanation if the decision was not to suspend or remove the financial instrument from trading.

Or en

Justification

No justification to have different rules for regulated market, MTF, OTF in that respect. Relevant competent authority for the financial instrument shall have the power to suspend or remove the financial instrument from trading for all trading venues.

Amendment 888 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating an MTF that suspends or removes from trading a financial instrument makes public this decision, communicates it to regulated markets, other MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument and communicates relevant information to the competent authority. The competent authority shall inform the competent authorities of the other Member States Member States shall require that other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument shall also suspend or remove that financial instrument from trading where the suspension or removal is due to the non-disclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument except where this could cause significant damage to the

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating an MTF that suspends or removes from trading a financial instrument makes public this decision, communicates it to regulated markets, other MTFs trading the same financial instrument and communicates relevant information to the competent authority. The competent authority shall inform the competent authorities of the other Member States. Member States shall require that other regulated markets, MTFs trading the same financial instrument shall also suspend or remove that financial instrument from trading where the suspension or removal is due to the nondisclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument except where this could cause significant damage to the

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investors' interests or the orderly functioning of the market. Member States shall require the other regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs to communicate their decision to their competent authority and all regulated markets, MTFs and OTFs trading the same financial instrument, including an explanation if the decision was not to suspend or remove the financial instrument from trading.

investors' interests or the orderly functioning of the market. Member States shall require the other regulated markets, MTFs to communicate their decision to their competent authority and all regulated markets, MTFs trading the same financial instrument, including an explanation if the decision was not to suspend or remove the financial instrument from trading.

Or. en

Amendment 889
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ESMA shall develop draft implementing technical standards to determine format and timing of the communications and the publication referred to in paragraph 1.

Power is conferred on the Commission to adopt the implementing technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

ESMA shall submit those draft implementing technical standards to the Commission by [XXX].

Amendment

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Or. en

Justification

In view of the workload of ESMA, a degree of prioritisation should be provided. Standards on the format and timing of a communication do not seem necessary.

Amendment 890 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 to list the specific situations constituting significant damage to the investors' interests and the orderly functioning of the internal market referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 and to determine issues relating to the non-disclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument as referred to in paragraph 1.

Amendment

3. **ESMA** shall **develop draft regulatory technical standards** to list the specific situations constituting significant damage to the investors' interests and the orderly functioning of the internal market referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 and to determine issues relating to the non-disclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument as referred to in paragraph 1.

ESMA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by [...]*.

Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in first subparagraph in accordance with Articles 10-14 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

*OJ please insert date 12 months after entry into force of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 891
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 94 to list the specific situations

Amendment

3. *ESMA* shall *develop draft regulatory technical standards* to list the specific situations constituting significant damage

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constituting significant damage to the investors' interests and the orderly functioning of the internal market referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 and to determine issues relating to the non-disclosure of information about the issuer or financial instrument as referred to in paragraph 1.

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ESMA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by [...]*.

Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

*OJ please insert date: ...

Or. en

Justification

The question of the specific situations which might cause harm to an investor's interests is largely a technical one, therefore ESMA is best placed to make proposals on this issue.

Amendment 892 Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a directive Article 32 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Within one month following receipt of the notification referred to in Article 32(3) of Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR], ESMA may adopt individual decisions requiring competent authorities to take the necessary action to respond to adverse developments which may seriously jeopardise the orderly functioning and integrity of financial markets or the stability of the whole or may seriously threaten the investor protection with

respect to its own competence in emergency situations. Furthermore, ESMA may extend the implementation of the individual decisions to other national competent authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 893 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 33

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] Article deleted

Or. en

Amendment 894
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 33 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. ESMA shall develop draft implementing technical standards determining format and timing of the communications and the publication referred to in paragraph 1.

Power is conferred on the Commission to adopt the implementing technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010.

ESMA shall submit those draft implementing technical standards to the Commission by [XXX].

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Justification

In view of the workload of ESMA, a degree of prioritisation should be provided. Standards on the format and timing of a communication do not seem necessary.

Amendment 895 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 34 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Cooperation and exchange of information for MTFs *and OTFs*

Amendment

Cooperation and exchange of information for MTFs

Or. en

Amendment 896 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 34 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating an MTF *or an OTF* immediately informs investment firms and market operators of other MTFs, *OTFs* and regulated markets of:

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating an MTF immediately informs investment firms and market operators of other MTFs and regulated markets of:

Or. en

Amendment 897
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 34 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating a regulated market, an MTF or an OTF cooperates with the regulated market where a security is admitted to trading and which is designated to carry out cross-market surveillance in accordance with Article 11 [MAR].

Or. en

Justification

As the opportunities to abuse and manipulate markets with the use of cross-market strategies have increased with fragmentation of markets, the surveillance functions of these markets need to cooperate to ensure that also such cross-market strategies can be detected. The primary listing venue has the best opportunities to take the overall responsibility, due to it being closer to the information flow of the issuer. The secondary markets need to be required to cooperate

Amendment 898 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 34 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating a regulated market, or an MTF cooperate with the designated competent authority or a third party to whom the task of overall real-time surveillance has been delegated, in order for it to carry out its obligations in accordance with [Article 17a (new) MAR].

Or. en

Justification

As the opportunities to abuse and manipulate markets with the use of cross-market strategies have increased with fragmentation of markets, the competent authorities and surveillance functions of these markets need to cooperate to ensure that such cross-market strategies can be detected. The secondary markets need to be required to cooperate.

Amendment 899 Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a directive Article 34 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Member States shall require that an investment firm or a market operator operating a regulated market, an MTF or an OTF, that are secondary trading venues to a specific share, cooperate with the primary listing venue of this share, in order for it to carry out its obligations in accordance with [Article 11 MAR].

Or. en

Justification

With the fragmentation of trading occurring as a result of the implementation of MiFID, opportunities to abuse and manipulate markets with the use of cross-market strategies have increased. There is no real-time surveillance function looking at the overall trading in one share, not the trading venues, nor the competent authorities. This loophole needs to be fixed. The surveillance function of the primary listing venue should do this job as it is closest to the information-flow of the issuer.

Amendment 900 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

ESMA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to determine the specific circumstances that trigger an information requirement as referred to in paragraph 1.

Amendment

ESMA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to determine the specific circumstances that trigger an information requirement as referred to in paragraph 1 and the specific requirements and conditions for the cooperation between primary and secondary listing venues referred to in paragraph 1a.

Or. en

Justification

ESMA should develop guidelines for implementing rules on surveillance cooperation between different trading venues.

Amendment 901 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive Article 34 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

ESMA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to determine the specific circumstances that trigger an information requirement as referred to in paragraph 1.

Amendment

ESMA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to determine the specific circumstances that trigger an information requirement as referred to in paragraph 1 and the specific requirements and conditions for the cooperation referred to in paragraph 1a.

Or. en

Justification

As the opportunities to abuse and manipulate markets with the use of cross-market strategies have increased with fragmentation of markets, the competent authorities and surveillance functions of these markets need to cooperate to ensure that such cross-market strategies can be detected. The secondary markets need to be required to cooperate. ESMA is best placed to further detail these rules.

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Amendment 902 Jürgen Klute

Proposal for a directive Article 35 – paragraph 3 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the majority of financial products traded on the market are products which are directly funding small and medium sized enterprises, not including financial institutions.

Or. en

Justification

Without exempting financial institutions from SME markets, a loophole could be created watering down the MTF regulation.

Amendment 903 Robert Goebbels, Arlene McCarthy, Elisa Ferreira

Proposal for a directive Article 35 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Member States shall require that where a financial instrument of an issuer is admitted to trading on one SME growth market, the financial instrument may also be traded on another SME growth market without the consent of the issuer. In such a case however, the issuer shall not be subject to any obligation relating to corporate governance or initial, ongoing or ad hoc disclosure with regard to the latter SME market.

Amendment

7. Member States shall require that where a financial instrument of an issuer is admitted to trading on one SME growth market, the financial instrument may *only* be traded on another SME growth market *with* the consent of the issuer.

Or. en

Justification

The decision on where its instruments are traded should remain the sole decision of the SME.

Amendment 904 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 35 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Member States shall require that where a financial instrument of an issuer is admitted to trading on one SME growth market, the financial instrument may also be traded on another SME growth market *without* the consent of the issuer. In such a case however, the issuer shall not be subject to any obligation relating to corporate governance or initial, ongoing or ad hoc disclosure with regard to the latter SME market

Amendment

7. Member States shall require that where a financial instrument of an issuer is admitted to trading on one SME growth market, the financial instrument may also be traded on another SME growth market *but only with* the *explicit* consent of the issuer. In such a case however, the issuer shall not be subject to any obligation relating to corporate governance or initial, ongoing or ad hoc disclosure with regard to the latter SME market

Or. en

Justification

There are several negative impacts that could potentially arise from allowing the shares of a company listed on an SME growth market to be traded on other markets. These include a fragmentation of the liquidity on their stock producing diverging prices, more difficult control and visibility by SMEs over their share ownership, and potentially diminished investor confidence. It is therefore crucial that SMEs retain the ability to decide whether or not they want their stock to be traded on additional SME growth markets.

Amendment 905 Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a directive Article 35 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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financial instrument of an issuer is admitted to trading on one SME growth market, the financial instrument may *only* be traded on another SME growth market *with* the *explicit* consent of the issuer. In such a case however, the issuer shall not be subject to any obligation relating to corporate governance or initial, ongoing or ad hoc disclosure with regard to the latter SME market.

Or. en

Justification

Allowing the shares of companies listed on SME Growth Markets to be traded on other SME Growth Markets without the explicit consent of the issuer will reduce liquidity, impact investor confidence and diminish SME issuers' control over where their stock is traded. It will lead to a fragmentation in the liquidity of SME stocks (which often already suffer from low liquidity), producing price discrepancies across venues and resulting in a loss of investor confidence in price formation. This will be compounded by the strong 'home bias' of investors in SMEs, where the proximity of the investor to the issuer is key. The trading of SME stock on other SME Growth Markets should only occur with the explicit consent of the SME issuer.

Amendment 906
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 37 – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The competent authority of the Member State in which the branch is located shall assume responsibility for ensuring that the services provided by the branch within its territory comply with the obligations laid down in Articles 24, 25, 27, 28, of this Directive and Articles 13 to 23 of Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in measures adopted pursuant thereto.

Amendment

The competent authority of the Member State in which the branch is located shall assume responsibility for ensuring that the services provided by the branch within its territory comply with the obligations laid down in Articles 24, 25, 26a, 27, 28 of this Directive and Articles 13 to 23 of Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in measures adopted pursuant thereto.

Or. en

Justification

To allow new, more detailed requirements on knowledge and qualification to be introduced, as set out in the previous amendment on article 26, responsibilities must be placed on host member states in this regard.

Amendment 907
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 37 – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The competent authority of the Member State in which the branch is located shall have the right to examine branch arrangements and to request such changes as are strictly needed to enable the competent authority to enforce the obligations under Articles 24, 25, 27, 28, of this Directive and Articles 13 to 23 of Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and measures adopted pursuant thereto with respect to the services and/or activities provided by the branch within its territory.

Amendment

The competent authority of the Member State in which the branch is located shall have the right to examine branch arrangements and to request such changes as are strictly needed to enable the competent authority to enforce the obligations under Articles 24, 25, 26a, 27, 28 of this Directive and Articles 13 to 23 of Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and measures adopted pursuant thereto with respect to the services and/or activities provided by the branch within its territory.

Or en

Justification

To allow new, more detailed requirements on knowledge and qualification to be introduced, as set out in the previous amendment, responsibilities must be placed on host member states in this regard.

Amendment 908 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 39 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

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Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall require that access of those investment firms to such facilities be subject to the same non-discriminatory, transparent and objective criteria as apply to local participants. Member States shall not restrict the use of those facilities to the clearing and settlement of transactions in financial instruments undertaken on a regulated market or MTF *or OTF* in their territory.

Amendment

Member States shall require that access of those investment firms to such facilities be subject to the same non-discriminatory, transparent and objective criteria as apply to local participants. Member States shall not restrict the use of those facilities to the clearing and settlement of transactions in financial instruments undertaken on a regulated market or MTF in their territory.

Or. en

Amendment 909 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 39 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

This assessment of the competent authority of the regulated market shall be without prejudice to the competencies of the *national* central banks as overseers of settlement systems or other supervisory authorities on such systems. The competent authority shall take into account the oversight/supervision already exercised by those institutions in order to avoid undue duplication of control.

Amendment

This assessment of the competent authority of the regulated market shall be without prejudice to the competencies of the *relevant* central banks as overseers of settlement systems or other supervisory authorities on such systems. The competent authority shall take into account the oversight/supervision already exercised by those institutions in order to avoid undue duplication of control.

Or. en

Justification

The central banks overseeing the clearing and settlement systems may also be the ECB and not only a national central bank.

Amendment 910 Sławomir Witold Nitras

Proposal for a directive Article 39 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The rights of investment firms under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be without prejudice to the right of operators of central counterparty, clearing or securities settlement systems to refuse on legitimate commercial grounds to make the requested services available, in particular the right to refuse to conclude agreements with entities that do not meet specific interoperability requirements.

Or. pl

Amendment 911
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 40 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. The provision of this Directive regulating the provision of services by third country firms in the Union should not affect the possibility for persons established in the Union to make use of investment services provided by a third country firm at their own initiative. When a third country firm provides services at the own initiative of a person established in the Union, the services should not be deemed as provided in the territory of the Union. In case a third country firm solicits clients or potential clients in the Union or promotes or advertises investment services or activities together with ancillary services in the Union,

otherwise than in the course of an existing relationship requiring a continuing service provided by the firm to its client, it should not be deemed as a service provided at the own initiative of the client.

Or. en

Justification

The proposed Recital 74 of MiFID allows eligible counterparties to receive investment services by a third country firm only at their own initiative. It should be made clear that such passive marketing regime applies to all European clients and allows them to benefit from investment services provided by third country firms. Inclusion of Recital 74 of the proposed MiFID into an Article 40a (new) to make this provision clearly binding.

Amendment 912 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Article 40 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to avoid undue duplication of control, the competent authority shall take into account the oversight and supervision of the clearing and settlement system already exercised by the *national* central banks as overseers of clearing and settlement systems or by other supervisory authorities with a competence in such systems.

Amendment

In order to avoid undue duplication of control, the competent authority shall take into account the oversight and supervision of the clearing and settlement system already exercised by the *relevant* central banks as overseers of clearing and settlement systems or by other supervisory authorities with a competence in such systems.

Or. en

Justification

The central banks overseeing the clearing and settlement systems may also be the ECB and not only a national central bank.

Amendment 913 Jean-Paul Gauzès

Proposal for a directive Chapter 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

Chapter deleted

Or. en

Amendment 914 Sylvie Goulard

Proposal for a directive Chapter 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

Chapter deleted

Or. en

Justification

This whole chapter should be in the regulation.

Amendment 915
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Chapter 4 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Provision of services by third country firms

Provision of services *or activities* by third country firms

Or. en

Amendment 916 **Olle Schmidt** on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Chapter 4 – section 1 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Provision of services with establishment of a branch

Amendment

Provision of services or activities by establishment of a branch with a passport

Or. en

Amendment 917 **Olle Schmidt** on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Establishment of a branch

Amendment

Establishment of a branch with a passport

Or. en

Amendment 918 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall *require* that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services in their territory through a branch acquire a prior authorisation by the competent authorities of those Member States in accordance with the following provisions:

Amendment

1. Member States shall *ensure* that a third country firm *may* provide investment services or *perform investment* activities together with any ancillary services in their territory through a branch established in their territory or in another Member State, where the branch has been authorised by the competent authorities in

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the Member State in which the branch is established in accordance with the following provisions:

Or. en

Justification

The text sets the conditions on which a third country firm can establish a branch in one Member State which benefits from a passport to do business in other Member States. This should not preclude Member States from continuing to authorise branches of third country firms that do not benefit from a passport. The arrangements should not mandate a requirement for branch capital.

Amendment 919 Robert Goebbels

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services *or* activities together with any ancillary services in their territory through a branch acquire a prior authorisation by the competent authorities of those Member States in accordance with the following provisions:

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that a third country *investment* firm *or market operator* intending to provide investment services, activities together with any ancillary services *or trading venue services* in their territory through a branch acquire a prior authorisation by the competent authorities of those Member States in accordance with the following provisions:

Or. en

Amendment 920 Wolf Klinz

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Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services in their territory through a branch acquire a prior authorisation by the competent authorities of those Member States in accordance with the following provisions:

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services *to retail clients* in their territory through a branch acquire a prior authorisation by the competent authorities of those Member States in accordance with the following provisions:

Or. en

Amendment 921
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services in their territory through a branch acquire a prior authorisation by *the competent authorities of those Member States* in accordance with the following provisions:

Amendment

1. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services in their territory through a branch *to professional clients* acquire a prior authorisation by *ESMA* in accordance with the following provisions:

Or. en

Amendment 922
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the Commission has adopted a decision

Amendment

(a) the Commission has adopted a decision

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in accordance with paragraph 3;

in accordance with paragraph 3 recognising that the prudential framework of the third country is equivalent;

Or. en

Justification

The text sets the conditions on which a third country firm can establish a branch in one Member State which benefits from a passport to do business in other Member States. This should not preclude Member States from continuing to authorise branches of third country firms that do not benefit from a passport. The arrangements should not mandate a requirement for branch capital.

Amendment 923 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the Commission has adopted a decision *in accordance* with paragraph 3;

Amendment

(a) *this requirement shall apply only if* the Commission has adopted a *negative equivalence* decision *in accordance* with paragraph 3;

Or. en

Amendment 924
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the provision of services for which the third country firm requests authorisation is subject to authorisation and supervision in the third country where the firm is Amendment

(b) the provision of services for which the third country firm requests authorisation is subject to authorisation and supervision in the third country where the *head office of*

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established and the *requesting* firm is properly authorised. The third country where the third country firm is established shall not be listed as Non-Cooperative Country and Territory by the Financial Action Task Force on anti-money laundering and terrorist financing;

the firm is established and the third country firm is properly authorised in that country. The third country where the head office of the third country firm is established shall not be listed as Non-Cooperative Country and Territory by the Financial Action Task Force on anti-money laundering and terrorist financing;

Or en

Justification

The text sets the conditions on which a third country firm can establish a branch in one Member State which benefits from a passport to do business in other Member States. This should not preclude Member States from continuing to authorise branches of third country firms that do not benefit from a passport. The arrangements should not mandate a requirement for branch capital.

Amendment 925
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) cooperation arrangements, that include provisions regulating the exchange of information for the purpose of preserving the integrity of the market and protecting investors, are in place between the competent authorities in the Member State *concerned* and competent supervisory authorities of the third country where the firm is established;

Amendment

(c) cooperation arrangements, that include provisions regulating the exchange of information for the purpose of preserving the integrity of the market and protecting investors, are in place between the competent authorities in the Member State where the branch is established and the competent supervisory authorities of the third country where the head office of the third country firm is established;

Or. en

Justification

The text sets the conditions on which a third country firm can establish a branch in one

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Member State which benefits from a passport to do business in other Member States. This should not preclude Member States from continuing to authorise branches of third country firms that do not benefit from a passport. The arrangements should not mandate a requirement for branch capital.

Amendment 926
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) sufficient initial capital is at free disposal of the branch;

deleted

Or. en

Justification

The text sets the conditions on which a third country firm can establish a branch in one Member State which benefits from a passport to do business in other Member States. This should not preclude Member States from continuing to authorise branches of third country firms that do not benefit from a passport. The arrangements should not mandate a requirement for branch capital.

Amendment 927
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) the third country where the third country firm is established has signed an agreement with the Member State where the branch *should be* established, which fully *comply* with the standards laid down in Article 26 of the OECD Model Tax Convention on Income and on Capital and ensures an effective exchange of

Amendment

(f) the third country where the *head office of the* third country firm is established has signed an agreement with the Member State where the branch *is* established, which fully *complies* with the standards laid down in Article 26 of the OECD Model Tax Convention on Income and on Capital and ensures an effective exchange

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information in tax matters, including, if any, multilateral tax agreements;

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Or. en

Justification

The text sets the conditions on which a third country firm can establish a branch in one Member State which benefits from a passport to do business in other Member States. This should not preclude Member States from continuing to authorise branches of third country firms that do not benefit from a passport. The arrangements should not mandate a requirement for branch capital.

Amendment 928 Robert Goebbels, Markus Ferber

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) the firm *has requested membership of* an investor-compensation scheme authorised or recognised in accordance with Directive 97/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 March 1997 on Investor-Compensation Schemes.

Amendment

(g) the firm *belongs to* an investor-compensation scheme authorised or recognised in accordance with Directive 97/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 March 1997 on Investor-Compensation Schemes, *at the time of authorisation*.

Or. en

Justification

To provide effective protection of retail clients, membership and not a mere request should be the precondition to authorisation, according to the provision concerning investment firms established in the Union (see Article 14 of the proposed MiFID and Article 2(1) of Directive 97/9/EC referred to therein). Moreover, the ECB underlines the need to ensure the consistency of this regime under the proposed MiFID with Article 11 of Directive 97/9/EC which provides Member States with the discretion to evaluate the equivalence between Union cover and the cover provided in the third country where the branch has its head office. (ECB suggestion)

Amendment 929 Olle Schmidt on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) the firm has requested membership of an investor-compensation scheme authorised or recognised in accordance with Directive 97/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 March 1997 on Investor-Compensation Schemes.

Amendment

(g) the firm has requested membership of an investor-compensation scheme authorised or recognised in *the Member State in which the branch is established in* accordance with Directive 97/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 March 1997 on Investor-Compensation Schemes *unless the firm is not conducting investment business with investors covered by any such scheme*.

Or. en

Justification

The text sets the conditions on which a third country firm can establish a branch in one Member State which benefits from a passport to do business in other Member States. This should not preclude Member States from continuing to authorise branches of third country firms that do not benefit from a passport. The arrangements should not mandate a requirement for branch capital.

Amendment 930
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services to retail clients in those Member States' territory shall establish a branch in the Union.

Amendment

2. Without prejudice to Articles 46a and 46b, Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services to retail clients in those Member States' territory shall

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establish a branch in the Union except where those services are provided at the exclusive initiative of the person to whom the service is provided or are otherwise provided outside the Union.

Or. en

Justification

The restriction on third country firms providing services to retail clients is inconsistent with the freedom of Member States to continue their current arrangements for the authorisation of third country firms that do not wish to have access to a passport. It is also inconsistent with Recital 74 as it would appear to preclude retail investors accessing third country firms on their own exclusive initiative (or e.g. if they receive investment services while travelling outside the EU).

Amendment 931 Robert Goebbels

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services to retail clients in those Member States' territory shall establish a branch in the Union.

Amendment

2. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services to retail *and/or professional* clients in those Member States' territory shall establish a branch in the Union.

Or. en

Justification

The implicit intention of the Commission is to apply the same branch and authorisation provisions to both retail and professional clients. However, in order to avoid legal loopholes, this intention needs to be made explicit in the text.

Amendment 932 Pascal Canfin

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services to retail clients in those Member States' territory shall establish a *branch* in the Union.

Amendment

2. Member States shall require that a third country firm intending to provide investment services or activities together with any ancillary services to retail clients in those Member States' territory shall establish a *subsidiary company* in the Union

Or. en

Amendment 933
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission may adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for equivalent reciprocal recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive.

Amendment

The Commission may adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third *country* comply with legally binding requirements with respect to prudential matters which have equivalent effect to the requirements with respect to the prudential matters set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for effective equivalent recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive.

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Justification

A requirement for "equivalent reciprocal recognition" of the prudential framework could potentially be used against EU firms. The wording should be aligned with EMIR. In the corresponding provisions in EMIR, there are no explicit references to "reciprocity", see Article 23(3) ("effective ... equivalent recognition") and Articles 3(2) and 23(2).

Amendment 934 Robert Goebbels

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission *may* adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for equivalent reciprocal recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive.

Amendment

The Commission *shall* adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third *country* comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for equivalent reciprocal recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive.

Or. en

Amendment 935 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission may adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for equivalent reciprocal recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive.

Amendment

The Commission may adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures.

Or. en

Justification

Reciprocity is not warranted and is against WTO provisions. At a time when we need outside investment into the EU it is illogical to put up trade barriers.

Amendment 936 Wolf Klinz

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission *may* adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU)

Amendment

The Commission *shall by 31 December* 2014 adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this

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No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for equivalent reciprocal recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive

Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for equivalent reciprocal recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive.

Or en

Amendment 937 Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission may adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements which have equivalent effect to the requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No .../... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures and that third country provides for equivalent reciprocal recognition of the prudential framework applicable to investment firms authorised in accordance with this directive

Amendment

The Commission may adopt a decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 95 in relation to a third country if the legal and supervisory arrangements of that third country ensure that firms authorised in that third comply with legally binding requirements set out in this Directive, in Regulation (EU) No..../.... [MiFIR] and in Directive 2006/49/EC [Capital Adequacy Directive] and their implementing measures.

Or. en

Amendment 938
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

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Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The prudential framework of a third country *may* be considered equivalent where that framework fulfils all the following conditions:

The prudential framework of a third country *shall* be considered equivalent where that framework fulfils all the following conditions:

Or. en

Amendment 939 Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The prudential framework of a third country may be considered equivalent where that framework fulfils all the following conditions:

The prudential framework of a third country may be considered *to have* equivalent *effect* where that framework fulfils all the following conditions:

Or. en

Justification

Aligns with wording in EMIR

Amendment 940 Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The prudential framework of a third country may be considered equivalent where that framework fulfils all the following conditions:

The prudential framework of a third country may be considered *to have* equivalent *effect* where that framework fulfils all the following conditions:

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Amendment 941
Pascal Canfin
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d a) the third country applies reciprocal access conditions for EU-based investment firms and a mutual recognition regime has been implemented in that third country.

Or. en

Amendment 942
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

A decision of the Commission under this paragraph may be limited to a category or categories of firms. In that case, a third country firm may be authorised for the purposes of paragraph 1 if it falls within a category covered by the Commission's decision.

Or. en

Justification

A requirement for reciprocity will undermine the effectiveness of the proposed regime. It may be the case that the prudential framework is only equivalent with respect to some but not all firms (e.g. because some investment services are not licensable in the third country).

Amendment 943 Robert Goebbels, Antolín Sánchez Presedo

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 3 a. The third country can be considered to give equivalent and reciprocal recognition if all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) the recognition refers to the whole EU framework and access is provided on an equal basis to all EU countries;
- (b) the rights and duties imposed on the firms are similar in the EU and in the third country.

Or. en

Justification

An equivalent and reciprocal recognition implies that all EU investment firms and market operators will be subject to the same conditions of access to the 3rd country's market as applies to 3rd country firms accessing the EU.

Amendment 944
Olle Schmidt
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Proposal for a directive Article 41 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The third country firm referred to in paragraph 1 shall submit its application to the competent authority of the Member State *where it intends to establish a* branch after the adoption by the Commission of the decision determining that the legal and supervisory framework of the third country

Amendment

4. The third country firm referred to in paragraph 1 shall submit its application to the competent authority of the Member State *in which the* branch *is or will be established* after the adoption by the Commission of the decision determining that the legal and supervisory framework

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in which the third country firm is authorised is equivalent to the requirements described in paragraph 3. of the third country in which the third country firm is authorised *with respect to prudential matters* is equivalent to the requirements described in paragraph 3

Or. en

Justification

Third country firms that already have established a branch in a Member State should be able to apply for authorisation under paragraph 1 in order to obtain access to the passport if they can satisfy the conditions for the passport.