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Financial Business Act¹⁾

Consolidated Act no. 286 of 4 April 2006 - EXCLUDING MINOR AMENDMENTS

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This is an Act to consolidate the Financial Business Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 613 of 21 June 2005 with amendments consequential upon section 3 of Act no. 1428 of 21 December 2005 and section 1 of Act no. 116 of 27 February 2006.

I General provisions

Part 1

Scope

General regulations regarding scope

1.-(1) This Act shall apply to financial undertakings, cf. section 5(1), no.1, as well as undertakings covered by subsections (2)-(11).

(2) For financial holding companies section 43(1); part 7; section 64(4); section 117; section 124(1), no. 1; section 125(1), no. 1; part 13; sections 344-348; section 357; section 361(1), no. 8 and (2); section 368(2), (3), (4), no. 1, and (5); section 369; and section 370 shall apply.

(3) This Act shall apply to branches in Denmark of credit institutions, investment firms, management companies, and insurance companies, which have been granted a license in a country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area, with the exceptions made necessary by the circumstances of the branch, or laid down in, or pursuant to, international agreements. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations hereon. The provisions laid down in the Public Companies Act on branches of foreign companies shall apply to the branches specified in the 1st clause.

(4) For branches in Denmark of credit institutions, investment firms, management companies, and insurance companies, which have been granted a license in another country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, sections 30, 32, 34-36, 43, 44, 47, 48, 50-60, 344 and 345, 347(1), (2), (4), and (5); section 348; section 354a(1), (2), nos. 2 and 4-8, and (3)-(5); and sections 373 and 374 shall apply. For branches in Denmark of credit institutions, sections 360, 362(4), and 368-370 shall also apply.

(5) For services in Denmark carried out by credit institutions, investment firms, management companies, and insurance companies, which have been granted a license in another country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into an

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agreement for the financial area sections 31, 36, 43, 44, 46-60, 347(1), and 348(1) shall apply.

(6) For services with securities carried out in Denmark by credit institutions and investment firms, which have been granted a license in a country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area sections 33, 43, 347(1), and 348 shall apply.

(7) For services carried out in Denmark by insurance companies, which have been granted a license in a country outside the European Union, with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area section 37 shall apply.

(8) Cooperative savings banks, which are members of the Danish Amalgamation of Cooperative Banks, may meet the requirements of this Act jointly. The Amalgamation shall be regarded as one single bank in relation to the provisions of this Act.

(9) For affiliated cooperative savings banks sections 5, 6, 7(1)-(6), 12, 15(2) and (4), 16, 17, 24-26, 43, 45-48, 50-52, 64-67, 69, 73, 74, 76-80, 85-88, 92, 151(2), 176 and 177, 178(1), 183-198, 199(2)-(4), (8) and (11), sections 203 and 204; section 231(1); sections 232, 235 and 241-244; sections 344-357, and 372, cf. sections 373 and 374, shall apply.

(10) Part 19 of this Act shall apply to electronic money institutions. Undertakings licensed under section 7(1) shall not be covered by part 19 of this Act except for section 311.

(11) Part 20 of this Act shall apply to savings undertakings.

(12) Provisions regarding the board of directors or its members in section 5(1), no. 7, (b); sections 76, 77(1) and (3) and 78(1); sections 90(2), 98 and 108(2) and (3); sections 115, 144(1) and 199(9) and (10); sections 203, 209, 247 and 296; section 327(3); and section 358(2) shall, in European Companies with a two-string management system, only apply to the supervisory body or its members and with the necessary changes.

(13) Provisions regarding the board of directors or its members and provisions regarding the management in section 14(1), 2nd clause; sections 64, 65, 73-75, 80, 83, 87, 94, 110 and 117; section 179, no. 2; section 180, no. 2; sections 184 and 185; sections 233, 289(1) and 299; section 317(3); section 346(2) and (3); section 349(2), no. 2; section 355(2), no. 9, and (3); and sections 356, 373 and 374 shall, in European Companies with a two-string management system, in addition to the management body and its members, cf. section 8(1) of the Act on the European Company (the SE Act), also apply to the supervisory body or its members and with the necessary changes.

Special regulations regarding scope for investment management companies

1a. Sections 38 and 39 shall not apply to investment management companies which are only licensed to carry out the activities mentioned in annex 6, nos. 2-5.

Special regulations regarding scope for insurance companies

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2. Sections 61, 62, and 170-178 shall not apply to lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) or the mutual insurance companies included within the scope of this Act.

3. The Danish FSA may lay down special regulations or departures from this Act as regards reinsurance business and coinsurance business.

4.-(1) The regulations in this Act on groups of companies shall apply when the parent undertaking is an insurance company.

(2) The Danish FSA may decide that the regulations on groups of companies in this Act or in the Public Companies Act, except for section 49(3) of the Public Companies Act, shall apply wholly or partly to several insurance companies that do not comprise a group in accordance with section 5(1), no. 9 but have such mutual links that application of the regulations mentioned is considered necessary. The relevant companies shall appoint one of the companies domiciled in Denmark and mentioned in section 12, 3rd clause as the parent undertaking. If this is not done, the Danish FSA shall appoint the parent undertaking.

Part 2

Definitions

5.-(1) For the purposes of this Act:

1) "Financial undertakings" shall mean:

- a) Banks
- b) Mortgage-credit institutions
- c) Investment companies
- d) Investment management companies
- e) Insurance companies

2) "Credit institution" shall mean:

An undertaking, the activity of which consists of receiving from the general public deposits or other funds to be repaid, and granting loans at its own expense.

3) "Investment firm" shall mean:

A legal or natural person the activity of whom consists of carrying out investment services.

4) "Investment service" shall mean:

The activities stated in annex 4, schedule A nos. 1-4 in connection with the instruments stated in annex 5 nos. 1-9 (securities).

5) "Management company" shall mean:

A company, the activities of which consist of management of undertakings for collective investment in securities (UCITS).

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6) "Finance institution" shall mean:

An undertaking which is not a credit institution and the main activity of which consists of acquiring equity investments or in carrying out one or more of the activities specified in annex 2, nos. 2-12.

7) "Parent undertaking" shall mean:

An undertaking that

- a) holds the majority of the voting rights of an undertaking,
- b) holds shares or other interests in the own funds of an undertaking (is a shareholder) and is entitled to appoint or remove a majority of the board of directors, board of management or similar management organ of the undertaking,
- c) participates in the undertaking and is entitled to exercise a controlling influence on the undertaking under the articles of association or other agreements with said undertaking,
- d) participates in the undertaking and commands the majority of the voting rights within the undertaking under agreements with other shareholders or owners of shares of the own funds within said undertaking, or
- e) holds equity investments in an undertaking and exercises a controlling influence on said undertaking.

8) "Subsidiary undertaking" shall mean:

An undertaking with which a parent undertaking, directly or indirectly, has one of the links specified in no. 7.

9) "Group" shall mean:

A parent undertaking and its subsidiary undertakings.

10) "Financial holding company" shall mean:

- a) A parent undertaking, which is not a financial undertaking, of a group where no less than one of the subsidiary undertakings of said group is a financial undertaking, and where no less than 40 per cent of the balance sheet total of the group and the parent undertaking's associated undertakings pertains to the financial sector, cf. however subsection (8), or
- b) a parent undertaking whose activity exclusively or mainly consists of ownership of equity investments in subsidiary undertakings which are financial undertakings or finance institutions, and where at least one subsidiary undertaking is a financial undertaking.

11) "Bank holding company" shall mean:

A parent undertaking whose activity exclusively or mainly consists of ownership of equity investments in subsidiary undertakings which are credit institutions or finance institutions, and where the main activity of the group is to carry out bank activities.

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12) "Mortgage-credit holding company" shall mean:

A parent undertaking whose activity exclusively or mainly consists of ownership of equity investments in subsidiary undertakings which are credit institutions or finance institutions, and where the main activity of the group is to carry out mortgage-credit institution activities.

13) "Investment holding company" shall mean:

A parent undertaking whose activity exclusively or mainly consists of ownership of equity investments in subsidiary undertakings which are credit institutions or finance institutions, and where the main activity of the group is to carry out investment activities.

14) "Investment management holding company" shall mean:

A parent undertaking whose activity exclusively or mainly consists of ownership of equity investments in subsidiary undertakings which are credit institutions or finance institutions, and where the main activity of the group is to carry out investment management activities.

15) "Associated undertaking" shall mean:

An undertaking in which a financial undertaking and its subsidiary undertakings hold equity investments and exercise significant influence on its operation and financial management, but which is not a subsidiary undertaking of said financial undertaking. A financial undertaking and its subsidiary undertakings shall be deemed to exercise significant influence where they jointly hold 20 per cent or more of the voting rights.

16) "Exposure" shall mean:

The sum of the amounts owed that involve a credit risk for the undertaking.

17) "Close links" shall mean:

- a) direct or indirect links of the nature described in no. 9,
- b) participating interests such that an undertaking is in direct or indirect ownership of 20 per cent or more of the voting rights or capital of another undertaking, or
- c) the joint links with an undertaking of several undertakings or persons, cf. a).

18) "Zone A countries" shall mean:

EU Member States, other countries with full membership of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and other countries that have entered into special loan agreements with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and are affiliated with the General Agreement on Borrowing (GAB). However, a country that restructures its foreign national debt due to inability to pay shall be excluded from Zone A for a period of five years.

19) "Branch" shall mean:

A department which legally does not comprise an independent part of a credit institution, investment firm, management company, or insurance company, and which carries on the type of activities for which the undertaking has a license.

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(2) "Participating interests" shall mean the direct or indirect ownership by an undertaking of 20 per cent or more of the voting rights or capital of another undertaking.

(3) "Qualifying interest" shall mean direct or indirect ownership of 10 per cent or more of the capital or voting rights or ownership of an interest which provides the opportunity for exercising significant influence on the management of the financial undertaking or the financial holding company.

(4) "Equity investment" shall mean an interest in a limited company (shares), in a limited liability company (shares) and in the own funds in other undertakings.

(5) When specifying and calculating voting rights and entitlements to appoint or remove members of management organs, rights owned by the parent undertaking as well as its subsidiary undertakings shall be included in the calculations.

(6) When specifying and calculating voting rights within a subsidiary undertaking, voting rights associated with equity investments owned by the undertaking itself or its subsidiary undertakings shall be excluded from the calculations.

(7) For the purposes of this Act:

- 1) "Solvency requirements", "minimum capital requirements" and "solvency needs" shall be interpreted in accordance with sections 124-125.
- 2) "Capital requirements" shall be interpreted in accordance with section 127.
- 3) "Capital base" shall be interpreted in accordance with section 128.
- 4) "Core capital" shall be interpreted in accordance with sections 129-131.
- 5) "Additional capital" shall be interpreted in accordance with section 135.
- 6) "Hybrid core capital" shall be interpreted in accordance with section 132.
- 7) "Subordinate loan capital" shall be interpreted in accordance with section 136.
- 8) "Special bonus provisions" shall be interpreted in accordance with sections 134 and 138.
- 9) "Members' accounts" shall be interpreted in accordance with section 133.
- 10) "Risk-weighted items" shall be interpreted in accordance with section 142.

(8) A parent undertaking which has been covered by subsection (1), no. 10, (a) shall continue to be regarded as a financial holding company if no less than 35 per cent of the balance sheet total of the group and the associated companies of the parent undertaking pertains to the financial sector. The 1st clause shall not, however, apply if the balance sheet total mentioned in the 1st clause has been below 40 per cent for three consecutive years.

6. The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down more detailed regulations on the use of digital communication, including electronic signatures, when exchanging information in accordance with this Act between citizens and undertakings on the one hand and the public administration on the other hand, as well as storage of information.

II Licenses, exclusive right, area of activities, and foreign institutions

Part 3

Licenses, exclusive right, etc.

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Licenses for banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies, investment management companies, and insurance companies

7.-(1) Undertakings that carry out activities comprising receiving from the public deposits or other funds to be repaid as well as activities comprising granting loans at their own expense but not on the basis of issuing mortgage-credit bonds, cf. section 8(3), shall be licensed as banks. Banks may only carry out the activities mentioned in annex 1 as well as activities according to sections 24-26.

(2) Banks may be licensed according to section 9(1) to carry out the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, nos. 1 and 3.

(3) Banks, the State, Danmarks Nationalbank (Denmark's central bank), foreign credit institutions which fulfil the conditions in section 1(3) and section 30 or 31 of this Act, issuers of electronic money, and savings undertakings shall have exclusive right to receive from the public deposits or other funds to be repaid. Mortgage-credit institutions, DSF (Danmarks Skibskreditfond), and KommuneKredit may, however, receive other funds to be repaid. Undertakings which do not receive deposits from the public may receive other funds to be repaid provided this activity or lending activities are not a significant part of the normal activities of the undertaking.

(4) Banks, the State, and foreign credit institutions that fulfil the conditions in section 1(3), and section 30 or 31 of this Act shall have exclusive right to approach the public as recipients of deposits.

(5) Banks have exclusive right to use the words "bank", "sparekasse" or "andelskasse" in their name. Other undertakings established by law, except for banks, may not use names or expressions for their activities that create the impression that they are a bank. A bank may not describe its activities in a way that may create the impression that it is Denmark's central bank.

(6) Banks shall use the word "bank", "sparekasse" or "andelskasse" in their name, cf. however subsection 7. Section 153(2)-(6) of the Public Companies Act shall apply correspondingly to savings banks and cooperative savings banks.

(7) A limited company which, pursuant to the regulations in sections 207-213, takes over a cooperative savings bank, an affiliation of cooperative savings banks, or a savings bank shall have the right to describe itself as a cooperative savings bank or a savings bank respectively, and the word "aktieselskab", or an abbreviation derived herefrom, shall be added to the name.

(8) An undertaking which applies for a license under subsection (1) shall have a share capital of at least EUR 8 million.

8.-(1) Undertakings which grant loans against registered mortgages in real property on the basis of issuing mortgage-credit bonds shall be licensed as mortgage-credit institutions. Mortgage-credit institutions may only carry out activities as mentioned in annex 3 and activities under sections 24-26.

(2) Mortgage-credit institutions may be licensed under section 9(1) to carry out the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, no. 1 regarding mortgage-credit bonds and instruments derived herefrom.

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(3) Mortgage-credit institutions and foreign credit institutions which fulfil the conditions for this in the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage-Credit Bonds etc. Act shall have exclusive right to issue mortgage-credit bonds.

(4) Securities other than mortgage-credit bonds must not carry this name or a name that may create the impression that they are mortgage-credit bonds.

(5) Mortgage-credit institutions shall have exclusive right to use words such as "realkreditinstitut", "realkreditaktieselskab", "kreditforening", or "realkreditfond" in their name. KommuneKredit may, however, continue to use the description "Kreditforeningen af Kommuner i Danmark". Other undertakings may not use names or descriptions for their activities that may create the impression that they are mortgage-credit institutions.

(6) Mortgage-credit institutions, which have been converted into limited companies and which have hitherto used words such as "kreditforening", "realkreditfond", or "reallånefond" in their name shall add the word "aktieselskab" or an abbreviation derived herefrom after their name.

(7) An undertaking seeking a license under subsection (1) shall have a share capital of no less than EUR 8 million.

9.-(1) Undertakings that carry out for a third party the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A are securities dealers and shall be licensed as securities dealers, cf. however section 7(1) and section 8(1). Securities dealers may in addition carry out one or more of the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule B. License to carry out one or more of the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule B may only be granted in connection with a license for the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A. The license shall state the activities in annex 4 it covers.

(2) Securities dealers without a license under section 7(1), section 8(1), or section 10(1) of this Act are investment companies. Investment companies may only carry out activities as mentioned in annex 4.

(3) Securities dealers, Danmarks Nationalbank (Denmark's central bank), the Danish Agency for Governmental Management, as well as foreign credit institutions and investment firms, which fulfil the conditions in section 1(3) and section 30, 31, or 33, shall have exclusive right to carry out the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A with the instruments (securities) mentioned in annex 5 and with the securities mentioned in section 2, no. 12 of the Securities Trading, etc. Act on a commercial basis for third parties, cf. however section 7(1) and section 8(1). Securities dealers as well as foreign credit institutions and investment firms, which are covered by section 1(3) and which fulfil the conditions in section 30, 31, or 33, shall furthermore have exclusive right to administer and carry out foreign-exchange spot transactions for investment purposes with a view to earning a profit for investors from changes in the exchange rate on a commercial basis for third parties.

(4) The provision in subsection (3) shall not apply when an undertaking carries on trade and procurement of securities that the undertaking itself has issued.

(5) Securities dealers which are not licensed according to section 7(1), section 8(1), or section 10(1) of this Act shall have exclusive right to use the word "fondsmæglerselskab" in their name. Other undertakings may not use names or descriptions for their activities that may create the impression that they are investment companies.

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(6) Investment companies which are members of a stock exchange shall have exclusive right to use the word "børsmæglerselskab" in their name instead of "fondsmæglerselskab". Other undertakings may not use names or expressions for their activities that may create the impression that they are stockbroking companies.

(7) Investment companies shall use the word "fondsmæglerselskab" or "børsmæglerselskab" in their name.

(8) A company, which applies for a license under subsection (1) and which is not licensed under sections 7(1), 8(1), or 10(1) of this Act shall have a share capital of no less than EUR 1 million if the investment company wishes to be a member of a stock exchange, a central securities depository, or a clearing centre, where the company carries on clearing and settlement or wishes to carry out one or more of the services mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, nos. 2, 4 and 5, and schedule B, no. 2. Other companies applying for a license under subsection (1) shall have a share capital of no less than EUR 0.3 million.

(9) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations on which natural or legal persons in addition to those covered by subsections (2) and (3) may provide the services covered by annex 4.

10.-(1) Undertakings, which carry out the activities mentioned in annex 6 are investment management companies and shall be licensed as investment management companies

(2) Investment management companies may be granted a license under section 9(1) to carry out the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, nos. 3 and 5, as well as the activities mentioned in schedule B nos. 5 and 6. The activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, no. 3 and schedule B, no. 5 may be carried on with the instruments mentioned in annex 5 nos. 1-9. The activity dealt with in annex 4, schedule A, no. 5 may only be carried on with the instruments mentioned in annex 5, no. 4. License to carry out the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, no. 5 and schedule B, no. 5 may only be granted in connection with a license for the activity dealt with in annex 4, schedule A, no. 3. The license shall state the activities in annex 4 it covers.

(3) The activities permitted under subsection (2) shall, however, not include permission to carry out said activities using funds belonging to companies, except investment associations, special-purpose associations, approved restricted associations, or hedge associations which are affiliated with the investment management company.

(4) Investment management companies shall have exclusive right to manage investment associations, special-purpose associations as well as restricted associations and hedge associations, which have been approved under the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.

(5) An investment management company shall have a share capital corresponding to no less than EUR 0.3 million. However, an investment management company, which is to be a member of a stock exchange or holds and manages the instruments mentioned in annex 5, no. 4, including being member of a central securities depository, or a clearing centre where the company participates in clearing and settlement, shall have a share capital corresponding to no less than EUR 1 million.

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11.-(1) Undertakings, which carry out insurance activities shall be licensed as insurance companies, cf. however sections 30 and 31. The license shall state the activities in annexes 7 and 8 it covers. Insurance companies may only carry out the activities mentioned in annexes 7 and 8 as well as activities under sections 24-26 and section 29. The same shall apply to foreign insurance companies, which are covered by section 1(3) and fulfil the conditions in section 30 or 31.

(2) The provisions in subsection (1) shall not apply for the following types of undertaking:

- 1) Pension funds with the objective of securing pension schemes on employment in a private undertaking, including an insurance undertaking, or on employment in such an undertaking within the same group.
- 2) Funeral expenses funds and cremation societies.
- 3) Unemployment insurance funds etc. under supervision by the state.
- 4) The War Insurance Institute (Krigsforsikringsinstituttet) under the "lov om krigsforsikring af skibe" (war insurance of ships act).
- 5) The War Insurance Association covered by the "lov om krigsforsikring af fast ejendom og løsøre" (war insurance of real property and chattels act).
- 6) Undertakings with objectives restricted to providing roadside assistance in connection with an accident or damage occurring in Denmark or abroad, provided that the assistance abroad is carried out by a corresponding foreign company pursuant to an agreement on reciprocity.
- 7) Undertakings which only provide assistance within a limited area and whose annual premium income does not exceed an amount laid down by the Danish FSA.
- 8) Falck Danmark A/S.
- 9) Reinsurance pursuant to the Export Credit Fund Act of extraordinary risks in connection with export.
- 10) Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension¹ and Labour Market Occupational Diseases Fund.
- 11) Maternity funds.

(3) Undertakings licensed as insurance companies have exclusive right to use the words "forsikringselskab", "gensidigt selskab" or "pensionskasse" in their name. Other undertakings may not use names or descriptions for their activities that may create the impression that they are insurance companies or pension funds.

(4) Insurance companies have a duty to use a name that clearly indicates the nature of the companies as insurance companies. Mutual insurance companies have a duty to use the words "gensidigt selskab" in their name, or abbreviations derived herefrom, or to indicate their nature as mutual companies in some other clear manner. Lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) have a duty to state clearly in their name that they are a pension fund. Section 153(2)-(6) of the Public Companies Act shall apply correspondingly to mutual insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds).

(5) An undertaking applying for a license under subsection (1) shall have a capital base corresponding to no less than the amount mentioned in section 126.

12. Banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies shall be limited companies. Cooperative savings banks shall be cooperative societies, cf. however section 207. Savings banks shall be independent institutions, cf.

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however section 207. Insurance companies shall be limited companies, mutual companies, or lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds).

13.-(1) Intangible assets may not be used to pay for share capital in financial undertakings.

(2) Banks, investment companies, and investment management companies may not divide their share capital into classes of shares with different voting values.

14.-(1) The Danish FSA shall grant a license when

- 1) the requirements in sections 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 have been fulfilled,
- 2) members of the board of directors and board of management of the applicant fulfil the requirements in section 64 and, with regard to investment management companies, also fulfil the requirements in section 100(1),
- 3) owners of qualifying interests, cf. section 5(3), will not oppose appropriate and reasonable management of the financial undertaking or the financial holding company.
- 4) there are no close links, cf. section 5(1), no. 17 between the applicant and other undertakings or persons that could complicate performance of the tasks of the Authority,
- 5) legislation in another country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area, regarding an undertaking or person with whom the applicant has close links will not complicate performance of the tasks of the Danish FSA,
- 6) the procedures and administrative conditions of the applicant are appropriate,
- 7) the applicant has headquarters and registered office in Denmark, and
- 8) subsection (2) or sections 18-21 and subsection (2), 1st clause are fulfilled.

(2) An application for a license under sections 7-11 shall contain all information necessary for assessment by the Danish FSA of whether the requirements in subsection (1) have been fulfilled, including information on the size of the qualifying interests and the organisation of the undertaking. The application shall also contain information about the nature of the business intended.

(3) In the event that the Danish FSA refuses an application for a license, the applicant shall be notified no later than six months following receipt of the application or, if the application is incomplete, no later than six months after the applicant has submitted the information necessary to make a decision. At all events, a decision shall be made no later than 12 months after receipt of the application. If the Danish FSA has not issued a statement on an application no later than six months after receipt of the application, the company may bring the matter before a court.

(4) In order to comply with the provisions on suspension from the Commission in accordance with the Directives for the financial area, the Danish FSA may suspend processing of an application for a license under sections 7-11 and 16 of this Act from applicants which directly or indirectly are owned by companies domiciled in a country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area.

(5) The Danish FSA may refuse to grant a license under subsection (1), if the objective of locating the headquarters and registered office in Denmark is solely to avoid being subject to legislation in the country, where most of the applicant's customers are domiciled.

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15.-(1) Once the Danish FSA has granted a license under section 14, the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency may carry out the necessary registration.

(2) In notifications for registration, cf. subsection (1), and in notifications of amendments to the articles of association, the financial undertaking shall submit a dated specimen of the articles of association with the entire new wording to the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency, who shall forward a copy to the Danish FSA.

(3) When granting licenses or changes in a license for insurance companies, the Danish FSA shall simultaneously forward a copy to the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency. The Danish Commerce and Companies Agency shall carry out registration of the date of the license.

(4) The provisions of the Public Companies Act on notification and registration etc. shall apply correspondingly to savings banks and co-operative savings banks.

16. The Danish FSA may license banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies, and investment management companies to carry out services with instruments and contracts covered by the decision of the Danish Securities Council in pursuance of section 2(1), no.12 of the Securities Trading, etc. Act.

17. The Danish FSA shall lay down regulations on with which instruments and contracts, in addition to the instruments and contracts mentioned in annex 5, financial undertakings may carry out services with a license under section 7(1) or section 9(1).

Special regulations for insurance companies regarding notification to the Danish FSA

18.-(1) Applications for licenses shall contain an operating plan for the activities the insurance company intends to operate, prepared by the insurance company. The Danish FSA shall lay down regulations on the information to be included in the operating plan, on requirements for the form of reporting and format and on the term of years for which the plan shall be prepared.

(2) An application for a license for insurance class 10 (third-party liability insurance for motor vehicles) shall be accompanied by information on whom the company will appoint as claims representative in each of the other countries in the European Union.

(3) A license shall contain information about the insurance activities the company may carry out. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed provisions on the contents of the license and the application in general.

19.-(1) Life-assurance activities may not be combined with other insurance activities in the same company. Life-assurance companies may, however, carry out activities within insurance classes 1 and 2, cf. annex 7, in addition to life-assurance activities. Furthermore, the same company may carry out reinsurance of life assurance and other insurance.

(2) The Danish FSA shall lay down regulations on the extent to which the risk of life-assurance companies under insurance classes 1 and 2, cf. annex 7, shall be covered by the special regulations for life-assurance activities in this Act.

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20.-(1) The technical basis etc. for life-assurance activities shall be notified to the Danish FSA no later than the same time as, or before, the company starts using the basis etc. The same shall apply to any subsequent change of these matters. The notification shall include a specification of:

- 1) the types of insurance the company intends to use,
- 2) the basis of calculation of insurance premiums, surrender values, and paid-up policies,
- 3) the rules for calculating and distributing the realised results to policyholders and other beneficiaries under insurance contracts,
- 4) the company's principles for reinsurance, including limits to amounts,
- 5) the rules for when proposers and policyholders are to provide health information for an assessment of risks,
- 6) the rules for calculating life-assurance provisions for individual insurance contracts and for the company as a whole, and
- 7) the rules according to which pension schemes with annuity payments, effected or agreed as compulsory schemes with an insurance company or a pension fund, may be transferred to or from a company in connection with transition to another employment or in connection with a transfer of ownership or reorganisation of an undertaking.

(2) Companies which do not arrange direct life assurance shall not notify the technical basis etc. for life-assurance activities.

(3) The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed provisions on the conditions mentioned in subsection (1), including provisions on if and the extent to which notifications shall be available to the public.

21.-(1) The conditions notified under section 20(1), nos. 1-5 shall be adequate and reasonable for the individual policyholder and others eligible under insurance contracts.

(2) The regulations notified for calculation and distribution of realised results, cf. section 20(1), no. 3, shall be accurate and clear and shall lead to a reasonable distribution.

(3) Premiums for newly effected insurance contracts shall be sufficient to enable the insurance company to meet all its exposures so that no systematic and permanent input from other funds will be needed.

(4) The elements of calculations (interest rates, expenses, and statistical elements) that form the basis for calculating insurance premiums, surrender values, and paid-up policies, shall be selected with prudence. The elements of calculations that form the basis for calculating life-assurance provisions shall be set such that they are in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to section 196.

(5) The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed provisions on the requirements mentioned in subsections (1)-(4).

(6) If the requirements in subsections (1)-(4) or the requirements in the regulations issued in pursuance of this Act are not fulfilled, the Danish FSA shall order the life-assurance company to carry out the necessary changes in the conditions notified under section 20 within a time limit laid down by the Danish FSA. The provisions of section 249 shall apply correspondingly.

22.-(1) If, despite the provisions in sections 11-14, insurance contracts are arranged prior to a license being granted and registered, those who have arranged the insurance on behalf of

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the insurance company, or who have joint and several responsibility herefor, shall have joint liability for fulfilling the agreement. If the company accepts the obligations no later than 4 weeks after registration, the relevant persons' liability shall lapse, provided the security of the policyholder is not thus significantly impaired. Agreements of the type mentioned are not binding for the policyholder prior to the company accepting the obligations.

(2) The provisions in sections 11-14 shall not obstruct the enrolment of members in order to establish a mutual insurance company, provided insurance liability does not commence and premiums are not revalued prior to the company being registered. Enrolment of a member in a mutual company in accordance with the 1st clause shall only be binding provided the company notifies the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency no later than 1 year after the enrolment. If registration is refused, the agreement shall lapse.

Special regulations for mutual insurance companies regarding establishment etc.

23.-(1) Sections 3-13 of the Public Companies Act shall, subject to the necessary variations, apply correspondingly to mutual insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds). Furthermore, the provisions of the Public Companies Act on notification and registration etc. shall apply correspondingly.

(2) For mutual insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) the provisions of the Public Companies Act mentioned in subsection (1) regarding shareholder utilisation of guarantors and the provisions on share capital and shares shall apply to guarantee capital and guarantee interests with the necessary modifications.

(3) Decisions in pursuance of section 9(2) of the Public Companies Act shall be endorsed by all parties with voting rights according to the draft formation document or the articles of association. Consent in pursuance of section 10(2), 3rd clause of the Public Companies Act shall be granted by all original subscribers and all parties with voting rights according to the draft formation document or the articles of association.

Part 4

Other licensed activities

General regulations regarding other licensed activities

24.-(1) Banks, mortgage-credit institutions and insurance companies may carry out activities ancillary to the activities licensed. The Danish FSA may decide that the ancillary activities are to be carried on by another company.

(2) Banks, mortgage-credit institutions and insurance companies may, through subsidiary undertakings, carry out other financial activities.

25. Banks, mortgage-credit institutions and insurance companies may, temporarily, carry out other activities to secure or settle exposures already entered into, or with regard to restructuring enterprises. The financial undertaking must inform the Danish FSA regarding this matter.

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26.-(1) Banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and insurance companies may, notwithstanding sections 7-9, 11, 24 and 25, carry out other activities in cooperation with others if

- 1) the financial undertaking does not have direct or indirect controlling influence on the undertaking,
- 2) the financial undertaking does not carry out the activities in cooperation with other financial undertakings which are part of a group with said financial undertaking, or with regard to insurance companies, in management cooperation with said insurance company, and
- 3) the activities are carried on in another company than the financial undertaking.

(2) If a financial undertaking or group begins to carry out other activities contrary to section 7(1), 8(1), 9(1), 11(1) or subsection 26(1) due to an acquisition, a merger, etc., the Danish FSA may determine a time-limit for disposal of the other activities, if an immediate disposal would result in a financial loss.

Special regulations for investment companies regarding subsidiary undertakings

27. Investment companies may not have subsidiary undertakings, unless these are investment companies.

Special regulations for investment management companies regarding subsidiary undertakings

28. Investment management companies may not have subsidiary undertakings, unless these are investment management companies.

Special regulations for insurance companies regarding other licensed activities

29.-(1) In addition to the activities included in sections 24-26, insurance companies may carry out the following activities:

- 1) Agency activities for insurance companies and other companies under the supervision of the Danish FSA.
- 2) Establishment, ownership and operation of real property as a long-term placing of funds.

(2) Life-assurance companies may erect residential housing for purposes of resale when said companies have been granted a pledge for a share of the appropriation framework under section 1c or under regulations laid down in pursuance of section 1(4) of the "lov om fremme af privat udlejningsbyggeri" (act on the promotion of private rental housing) and at least half of the residential flats are rented for year-round residence.

(3) With regard to investments under subsection (2), the value of the share of residential flats erected for purposes of resale may not exceed 1 per cent of the insurance provisions.

(4) Life-assurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) may establish and manage separate SP (Special Pension Savings Scheme) accounts.

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Part 5

Foreign undertakings

General regulations regarding foreign undertakings

30.-(1) A foreign undertaking which has been granted a license to carry out the activities mentioned in sections 7-11 in another country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, may begin carrying out activities in Denmark through a branch two months after the Danish FSA has received notification hereon from the supervisory authorities of the home country, cf. subsections (4)-(8). The branch may carry out the activities mentioned in annexes 2-4, 7 and 8 if these are covered by the company's license in the home country.

(2) Issuance of mortgage-credit bonds, cf. annex 3, may only be carried out by credit institutions which fulfil the relevant conditions under the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage-Credit Bonds etc. Act.

(3) If the undertaking is a management company, cf. section 5(1), no. 5, the branch may

- 1) manage investment undertakings and other collective investment undertakings which have been approved in the home country, and
- 2) carry out the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, nos. 3 and 5 and schedule B, no. 5, if these are covered by the management company's license in the home country.

(4) The Danish FSA shall obtain the following information from the supervisory authorities of the home country:

- 1) a description of the activities of the branch, including information on organisation and planned activities,
- 2) a declaration that the activities planned are covered by the company's license in the home country.
- 3) the address of the branch, and
- 4) the names of the branch management or of the general agent, cf. section 35.

(5) If the undertaking is a credit institution, the Danish FSA shall furthermore obtain information on the undertaking's capital base and solvency ratio, as well as information on any guarantee scheme in the home country covering the depositors or investors in the branch.

(6) Furthermore, if the undertaking is an investment firm or a management company, cf. section 5(1), no. 5, the Danish FSA shall obtain information on any guarantee scheme in the home country covering investors in the branch.

(7) Furthermore, if the undertaking is an insurance company, the Danish FSA shall obtain a solvency certificate.

(8) Provided that the branch is required to hedge risks under insurance class 10, cf. annex 7, no. 10, excluding the carrier's liability, the Danish FSA shall also require a declaration stating that the branch is a member of the Danish Motor Insurers' Bureau from the supervisory authorities of the home country. For the insurance contracts issued by the branches in

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question covering the risks mentioned, sections 105-108 and 110-115 of the Road Traffic Act shall apply.

(9) The undertaking shall inform the Danish FSA of any changes regarding the conditions mentioned in subsection (4), nos. 1-4 and subsections (5)-(8) no later than one month before the change is implemented. If it proves impossible to notify the Danish FSA of the change no later than one month before the change is implemented, notification must take place without delay. However, the undertaking shall not inform the Danish FSA of changes regarding the capital base and solvency ratio of said undertaking.

(10) The provisions laid down in the Public Companies Act on branches of foreign companies shall apply to the branches specified in subsection (1).

31.-(1) A foreign undertaking which has been granted a license to carry out the activities mentioned in sections 7-11 in another country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, may begin providing services in Denmark when the Danish FSA has received notification hereon from the supervisory authorities of the home country. The foreign undertaking may carry out the activities mentioned in annexes 2-4, 7 and 8 when the supervisory authorities in the home country have declared that they are covered by the undertaking's license in the home country. If the foreign undertaking is an insurance company, the Danish FSA shall also have received the information mentioned in subsections (5) and (6) from the supervisory authorities of the home country.

(2) Issuance of mortgage-credit bonds, cf. annex 3, may only be carried out by credit institutions which fulfil the conditions under the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage Credit-Bonds etc. Act.

(3) If the undertaking is a management company, the undertaking may

- 1) manage investment undertakings and other collective investment undertakings which have been approved in the home country, and
- 2) carry out the activities mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, nos. 3 and 5 and schedule B, no. 5, if these are covered by the management company's license in the home country.

(4) The procedure mentioned in subsection (1) shall also apply when a management company delegates the marketing of shares in the host country to a financial undertaking which has been granted a license under section 9(1) or 10(1).

(5) If the foreign undertaking is an insurance company, the Danish FSA shall obtain the following information from the supervisory authorities of the home country:

- 1) a solvency certificate, and
- 2) a list of the classes of insurance, groups of classes of insurance, and any subsidiary risks that the insurance company intends to cover in Denmark.

(6) Provided that the insurance company is required to hedge risks under insurance class 10, cf. annex 7, no. 10, excluding the carrier's liability, the Danish FSA shall also require, from the insurance company, information on the name and address of the representative mentioned in subsection (7), as well as a declaration stating that the insurance company is a member of the Danish Motor Insurers' Bureau. For the insurance contracts in question covering the risks mentioned, sections 105-108 and 110-115 of the Road Traffic Act shall apply.

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(7) Provided that it covers risks under insurance class 10, cf. annex 7, no. 10, excluding the carrier's liability, the insurance company shall also appoint a representative who is domiciled or established in Denmark. The representative shall be authorised to obtain all necessary information regarding claims and to represent the insurance company in relation to injured parties who may make claims, and with regard to the payment of such claims.

(8) In accordance with subsection (7), the representative shall also be authorised to represent the insurance company in relation to the authorities as well as in legal proceedings against the insurance company in connection with the claims mentioned in subsection (7).

(9) In accordance with subsection (7), the representative may not carry out or participate in any form of direct insurance activities, and the appointment of the representative shall not, in itself, be considered an establishment of a place of business, cf. section 34.

(10) The insurance company shall inform the Danish FSA of any changes regarding the conditions mentioned in subsection (5), no. 2 and subsection (1), 2nd clause no later than at the time the change is implemented.

32. A foreign undertaking may use the same name as it uses in its home country. If there is a risk of confusing said name with a name used in Denmark, the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency may require an explanation to be added to the name.

Special regulations regarding foreign credit institutions and investment firms

33.-(1) A foreign credit institution and investment firm, which has been granted a license in a country outside the European Union, with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area, is required to obtain a license from the Danish FSA to carry out services with securities trading in Denmark.

(2) The Danish FSA may refuse to grant a license, if the legislation in the country, where the credit institution and the investment firm have been granted a license and are under supervision, will complicate the work of the Danish FSA.

(3) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations regarding the license procedure, including regulations as to the type of documentation required by the Danish FSA in connection with the application.

Special regulations regarding foreign insurance companies

34.-(1) An insurance company's established place of business shall mean:

- 1) The registered office stated in the articles of association.
- 2) A branch.
- 3) An office managed by the staff of a foreign insurance company.
- 4) An independent person who has a permanent license to act on behalf of a foreign insurance company in the same way as a branch.

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(2) If a foreign insurance company in Denmark is subject to subsection (1), no. 3 or 4, the office or person shall also be regarded as the company's branch in Denmark and shall comply with the conditions laid down in section 30 or the conditions pursuant to section 1(3).

35.-(1) The insurance company shall appoint a general agent to manage the branch and the branch may not be bound to any obligations without the collaboration of said general agent. The general agent shall be authorised to sign for the undertaking in relation to a third party and to represent the insurance company in general, including in relation to the Danish FSA and the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency and during any legal proceedings against the company.

(2) If the general agent does not work as the representative mentioned in section 31(6) for the insurance company's activities under insurance class 10, cf. annex 7, no. 10, excluding carrier's liability, the regulations in section 31(6)-(9) shall apply.

(3) An insurance company may only have one general agent in Denmark.

(4) The general agent may grant power of attorney to one or more sub-agents.

(5) General agents shall be legally competent persons and hold citizenship in a European Union Member State or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area. The Danish FSA may, where conditions support this, grant exemption from the requirement for citizenship. (Repealed)

(6) A limited company, limited liability company or partnership domiciled in Denmark may act as a general agent if the general agent appoints as its representative a person who fulfils the conditions mentioned in subsection (5) for being a general agent.

35a. On the transfer of all or part of an insurance portfolio effected in Denmark by a foreign insurance company in accordance with sections 30 and 31, the Danish FSA shall, in co-operation with the authority in the home country, publish notification of the transfer in the Danish Official Gazette and a national daily newspaper. The transfer may not be invoked as basis for cancelling an insurance contract.

36. Foreign insurance companies subject to the regulations in sections 30(1) and 31(1) which cover the risks mentioned in annex 7 in Denmark may be ordered by the Danish FSA to participate in schemes that guarantee satisfaction of claims for damages from the insured or third-party claimants to the extent that such schemes apply correspondingly to Danish insurance companies.

37. The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed regulations for insurance companies regarding services rendered from countries outside the European Union, with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area.

Activities of Danish financial undertakings abroad

38.-(1) A Danish financial undertaking which wishes to establish a branch in another country shall notify the Danish FSA of this and include the following information about the branch:

- 1) the country in which the branch is to be established,

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- 2) a description of the activities of the branch, including information on organisation and planned activities,
- 3) the address of the branch,
- 4) the names of the branch management, and
- 5) for insurance companies, the name of the branch's general agent.

(2) When establishing a branch in a country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, the Danish FSA shall forward the information mentioned in subsection (1) to the supervisory authorities in the host country. For banks and mortgage-credit institutions, solvency ratios, and for insurance companies, solvency certificates, shall be submitted by the Danish FSA to the supervisory authorities in the host country. Simultaneously, a declaration that the activities planned are covered by the license of the financial undertaking shall be submitted.

(3) If the branch is established in a country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, and if the undertaking is a bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company, the Danish FSA shall furthermore forward information about the investor and depositor scheme, and for banks and mortgage-credit institutions the Authority shall forward information about the undertaking's capital base. For investment management companies and investment companies, the Danish FSA shall notify the supervisory authorities of the host country of any changes in the information about the investor and depositor guarantee scheme.

(4) The information required by subsections (2) and (3) shall be sent no later than three months after receipt of the information. At the same time as the submission, the Danish FSA shall inform the financial undertaking hereof.

(5) The Danish FSA may refrain from submitting information under subsections (2) and (3) if there is reason to doubt that the administrative structure and financial situation are reasonable as a basis for the establishment of a branch planned. The Danish FSA shall notify the undertaking of this no later than two months after receipt of the information mentioned in subsection (1).

(6) The undertaking shall notify the Danish FSA of any changes in the conditions mentioned in subsection (1). The Danish FSA shall receive said notification no later than 1 month before the change is implemented. If it proves impossible to notify the Danish FSA of the change no later than one month before the change is implemented, notification must take place without delay. The undertaking is bound in the same way in relation to the supervisory authorities of the host country, if the host country is another country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area.

(7) A financial undertaking shall have a license by the Danish FSA to establish a branch in a country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area. If there is reason to doubt that the administrative structure and financial situation of the undertaking are reasonable as a basis for the establishment of a branch planned, the Danish FSA may reject an application for a license.

(8) If the Danish FSA has required an insurance company to prepare a plan for restoration, cf. section 248, the Danish FSA shall not forward a solvency certificate.

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39.-(1) A financial undertaking wishing to carry out activities in the form of cross-border services in a country within the European Union, or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, shall notify the Danish FSA hereof, indicating the country in which it wishes to initiate the activities and the type of activities it wishes to commence. Insurance companies shall furthermore submit information about the classes of insurance, groups of classes of insurance and any subsidiary risks they wish to cover.

(2) The Danish FSA shall forward the notification mentioned in subsection (1) and a declaration stating that the activities planned are covered by the company's authority to the supervisory authorities in the host country no later than 1 month after receipt of the notification mentioned in subsection (1). If the undertaking is an insurance company, the Danish FSA shall furthermore submit a solvency certificate to the supervisory authorities of the host country. If the undertaking is an investment management company, the Danish FSA shall furthermore submit information about the investor and depositor guarantee scheme.

(3) If the undertaking is an investment company or an investment management company, said undertaking is required to notify the Danish FSA and the supervisory authorities of the host country of any change in the conditions mentioned in subsection (1) no later than one month before the changes are implemented. If it proves impossible to notify the Danish FSA of the change no later than one month before the change is implemented, notification must take place without delay.

(4) An investment management company delegating to a third party the marketing of interests in another country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area shall follow the procedure mentioned in section 31(1).

(5) Provided that the Danish FSA has required an insurance company to prepare a plan for restoration, cf. section 248, the Danish FSA shall not forward a solvency certificate.

40.-(1) A financial undertaking wishing to establish a subsidiary undertaking (which is a credit institution, an investment firm or an insurance company) in a country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement, is required to obtain a license for this from the Danish FSA. If there is reason to doubt that the administrative structure and financial situation of the undertaking are reasonable as a basis for the establishment of a subsidiary undertaking planned, the Danish FSA shall not grant a license.

(2) A financial undertaking shall notify the Danish FSA when establishing subsidiary undertakings not covered by subsection (1) in a country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement.

Special regulations regarding the activities of Danish insurance companies abroad

41. The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed regulations regarding the activities of Danish insurance companies in countries outside the European Union, with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area.

42. The Danish FSA may lay down regulations regarding transfer of insurance portfolio arranged in accordance with activities under section 38(1) and section 39(1).

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III Good practice etc.

Part 6

Good practice, price information and contract conditions

General regulations regarding good practice, price information and contract conditions

43.-(1) Financial undertakings and financial holding companies shall be operated in accordance with honest business principles and good practice within the field of activity.

(2) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down detailed regulations on honest business principles and good practice for financial undertakings.

(3) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down more detailed regulations on price information regarding financial services.

44. In Denmark it is not allowed to participate in direct insurance for commercial purposes for persons resident in Denmark, Danish ships, or other risks pertaining to Denmark arranged by others than

- 1) Danish insurance companies, and
- 2) foreign insurance companies which fulfil the conditions in section 30(1) or section 31(1), as well as foreign insurance companies which have been licensed by the Danish FSA.

Special regulations regarding contract conditions for banks, mortgage-credit institutions, and insurance companies

45. If hybrid core capital, cf. section 132, or subordinate loan capital is issued in the form of mass debt instruments, the financial undertaking shall designate these capital certificates.

46. When a bank, mortgage-credit institution, or insurance company arranges a capital injection covered by section 132 and section 136(1), the undertaking may not simultaneously offer loan financing to purchase the capital injection.

Special regulations regarding banks

47. If, within a commercial relationship, a guarantee is provided for a loan granted by a bank and the borrower neglects to pay the principal, instalments, or interest, a written notification shall be forwarded to each guarantor or to a party authorised by the guarantors to receive notifications on their behalf collectively, no later than six months after the due date of the relevant repayment. Omission to do so shall imply that the bank loses its claim against the guarantors to the extent that the guarantors' recourse claim against the borrower has been impaired by the omission.

48.-(1) If a guarantor outside a commercial relationship has provided a guarantee for a loan granted by a bank and the borrower neglects to pay the principal, instalments, or interest, a written notification shall be forwarded to the guarantor no later than three months after the due date of the relevant repayment. The provision under the 1st clause shall apply

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correspondingly if the bank grants the borrower an extension of time without the specific consent of the guarantor.

(2) In the event that the time limit in subsection (1) is exceeded, the obligations as guarantor shall only apply to the guarantor for the amount of the debt of the borrower after the secured amount that would have been outstanding if all instalments had been paid on time up to a date three months prior to the date notification was issued.

(3) If the time limit in subsection (1) is exceeded, the bank shall lose its claim against the guarantors to the extent that the recourse claim of the guarantors against the borrower has been impaired, even after taking account of the obligations as guarantor under subsection (2).

(4) A guarantor may not be liable for an amount greater than the principal of the loan or the maximum credit on establishment of the guarantee agreement.

(5) Guarantee agreements under subsection (1) shall be in writing to be valid.

(6) Obligations as guarantor under subsection (1) shall lapse after 10 years or after 5 years if the guarantee agreement is established to secure credit of variable amounts or to secure a loan without a fixed repayment date, unless the obligations are previously enforced by the bank.

(7) For guarantee agreements under subsection (1) the bank shall notify the guarantor each year and in writing of the size of the debt secured by the guarantee.

49.-(1) In the event that a savings bank has lost part of its guarantee capital, the savings bank shall notify such circumstance to persons who wish to stand as guarantors.

(2) In the event that a cooperative savings bank has lost part of its cooperative capital, the cooperative savings bank shall notify such circumstance to persons who wish to subscribe to cooperative capital.

(3) The regulations on reductions in share capital that apply to limited companies shall, with the necessary modifications apply to reductions in cooperative capital by cooperative savings banks.

50.-(1) Capital pensions, instalment savings accounts, own pension arrangements, children's savings accounts, and home savings accounts with a bank may be placed in a deposit account either as cash or as pool deposits, and may also be placed in a designated custody account.

(2) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations for savings in pools in banks, including regulations on placing funds, management, accounting, audit, and customer information. The Danish FSA shall also lay down more detailed regulations for placing funds in securities, including registration with a central securities depository, bank statements, valuation, and custody.

51. Capital pensions, regular payment savings accounts, own pension arrangements, children's savings accounts, and home savings accounts placed in a deposit account shall be fully covered by the Guarantee Fund for Depositors and Investors, or by a corresponding scheme in the home country of the bank, or a combination of both schemes, in the event the bank goes into suspension of payments or goes bankrupt.

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52. Banks which have been licensed by the Danish FSA as depositaries for an investment association, special-purpose association or restricted association shall, as the depositary of the association, act independently and exclusively in the interests of the association.

Special regulations regarding mortgage-credit institutions

53.-(1) A mortgage-credit institution shall notify the borrower in the loan agreement that a mortgage-credit loan granted in contravention of the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage-Credit Bonds etc. Act may be reduced under this Act.

(2) If a mortgage-credit loan shall be reduced in accordance with the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage-Credit Bonds etc. Act, the mortgage-credit institution shall grant a loan under corresponding terms so that the position of the borrower is unchanged. All costs in connection with the conversion shall rest upon the mortgage-credit institution.

(3) The borrower shall not have the right to demand a conversion under subsection (2), if the mortgage-credit institution proves that the borrower knew, or should have known, that the mortgage-credit loan was granted in contravention of the provisions of the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage-Credit Bonds etc. Act, or if the contravention of the provisions mentioned is otherwise due to information given by the borrower.

Special regulations regarding investment management companies

54.-(1) When investment management companies carry out portfolio management on behalf of investment associations, special-purpose associations, restricted associations, hedge associations and other collective investment schemes, including management of securities, the associations shall be covered by the same protection as customers under section 72.

(2) Investment management companies with a license to carry out portfolio management based on estimates for customers shall agree with customers in advance whether the investment management company may place all or part of the funds of the customer's portfolio in shares in investment associations, special-purpose associations or restricted associations or other collective investment schemes managed by the investment management company.

Special regulations regarding insurance companies

55.-(1) The following insurance contracts shall not be valid when entered into by or regarding persons domiciled in Denmark:

- 1) Life assurance under which on the death of the insured party the company is committed to paying an amount greater than the premium paid with interest, provided the policyholder is a different person from the insured party and does not have the consent of the insured party.
- 2) Life assurance under which the company is committed to paying an amount greater than the premium paid with interest, which takes effect on the death of the insured party before the insured party reaches 8 years of age.

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(2) The Danish FSA may determine exemptions from the provisions of subsection (1), nos. 1 and 2.

(3) The Danish Financial Supervisory may lay down more detailed provisions on the content of ordinary insurance terms for life-assurance business.

56. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations on the information that shall be submitted in writing by a life-assurance or non-life insurance company to customers before an insurance contract is entered into and during general customer contact and relations.

57.-(1) An insurance company which provides consumer insurance contracts shall allow the relevant insurance contracts to be taken out on terms such that the insurance may be cancelled by the policyholder with 30 days' notice to the end of a calendar month.

(2) A consumer insurance contract under subsection (1) shall mean an insurance contract where the policyholder (consumer) acts primarily outside his business occupation when entering into the agreement.

(3) Subsection (1) shall not apply to life assurance and change-of-ownership insurance taken out pursuant to the "lov om forbrugerbeskyttelse ved erhvervelse af fast ejendom m.v." (act on consumer protection on the acquisition of real property etc.). Furthermore, subsection (1) shall not apply to insurance contracts which cover special risks that only prevail for a limited period, when the insurance contract is entered into for an agreed period of no more than 1 month (short-term insurance), unless the insurance is part of another type of insurance.

57a.(1) An insurance company may only use an enterprise to sell the products of the insurance company if the enterprise is registered in a public register of insurance intermediaries or meets the conditions for registration, cf. section 10(1); section 27(1) and section 36(1) of the Insurance Mediation Act.

(2) An insurance company may also use insurance distributors, covered by section 3(2) of the Insurance Mediation Act.

58.-(1) In the event that a life-assurance policy is lost, at the request of the person who has proved his right to the policy, the relevant insurance company may, with six-months' notice, summon the bearer to come forward. The summons shall be announced in the Danish Official Gazette in the first issue in a quarter, and it shall contain an adequate description of the policy, including the person whose life is insured by the policy.

(2) In the event that no one reports before the time limit expires the policy shall be invalid, and the company shall prepare a new policy for the person who requested the summons. Such person shall pay the costs of the summons.

(3) In the event that someone reports after the announcement and it is not possible to reach an amicable arrangement, a new policy may not be issued before the mutual legitimacy of the claims made has been determined by a judgement.

(4) The provisions in subsections (1)-(3) shall not imply any restriction on access to request that a life-assurance policy be cancelled by a judgement in pursuance of legislation on the cancellation of securities.

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59.-(1) An insurance company that writes fire insurance of buildings, shall, within the limitations of its articles of association or its license, take over insurance for any building.

(2) The company may, however, refuse to insure

- 1) buildings not laid out appropriately against fire hazard, and
- 2) abandoned buildings.

60.-(1) An insurance company may not cancel a fire insurance of buildings policy because the premium has not been paid.

(2) A customer may only cancel the insurance with the consent of the beneficiaries according to all rights and liabilities registered on the property, unless, without prejudicing the legal status of these, the property is insured by another company with a license to operate fire insurance of buildings.

(3) The insurance company shall have a lien on premiums with accumulated interest and other costs. The company shall also have a mortgage on the insured property for one year from the due date of payments subordinated property taxes due to the state and municipality.

(4) The Danish FSA shall lay down minimum terms for fire insurance of buildings written by insurance companies.

IV Ownership and management etc.

Part 7

Ownership

61.-(1) Any natural or legal person planning directly or indirectly to acquire a qualifying interest of 10 per cent or more, cf. section 5(3), in a financial undertaking or a financial holding company shall notify the Danish FSA in advance, and the Danish FSA shall approve the acquisition planned. The same shall apply to an increase in the qualifying interest which, after the acquisition, results in the interest equalling or exceeding a limit of 20 per cent, 33 per cent or 50 per cent respectively of the share capital or voting rights, or results in the financial undertaking or the financial holding company becoming a subsidiary undertaking.

(2) Acquisition or increase of the interest mentioned in subsection (1) shall only be approved when such approval is not contrary to ensuring appropriate operation of the financial undertaking or the financial holding company.

(3) The Danish FSA's approval or refusal shall be available no later than three months after the Danish FSA's receipt of adequate notification of the projected acquisition.

(4) The Danish FSA may, when approving acquisitions or increases pursuant to subsection (1), stipulate a time limit for the completion of such acquisitions or increases.

(5) The Danish FSA may suspend consideration of an application regarding the direct or indirect acquisition by a natural or legal person of the shares in a financial undertaking or a financial holding company specified in subsection (1) where said acquirer is domiciled outside

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the European Union in a country with which the Community has not entered into an agreement.

(6) Owners of capital holding an interest of at least 10 per cent, and who intend to reduce said interest so that it falls below one of the limits stipulated in subsection (1), shall give the Danish FSA notification hereof and state the size of the intended future interest.

(7) Where a financial undertaking or a financial holding company learns of acquisitions or sales as specified in subsections (1) and (6), said undertaking or holding company shall immediately notify the Danish FSA hereof.

(8) Financial undertakings and financial holding companies shall, no later than February each year, submit information to the Danish FSA of the names of the owners of capital who own qualifying interests in the financial undertaking or the financial holding company as well as information on the sizes of said interests.

62.-(1) Where owners of capital holding one of the interests mentioned in section 61(1) in a financial undertaking or a financial holding company act contrary to appropriate operation of said undertaking or holding company, the Danish FSA may order said undertaking or holding company to follow specific guidelines and withdraw the voting rights associated with the equity investments of the relevant owners.

(2) The Danish FSA may withdraw the voting rights associated with equity investments owned by natural or legal persons who do not comply with the duty to submit to the Danish FSA prior notification mentioned in section 61(1). Said equity investments shall have their full voting rights restored if the Danish FSA is able to approve the acquisition.

(3) The Danish FSA shall withdraw the voting rights associated with equity investments owned by natural or legal persons who have acquired equity investments as specified in section 61(1) notwithstanding the fact that the Danish FSA has refused approval of this acquisition of equity investments.

(4) Where the Danish FSA has withdrawn voting rights pursuant to subsections (1)-(3), the relevant equity investment shall not be included in calculations of the voting capital present at general meetings.

63.-(1) The Danish FSA shall be notified prior to any direct or indirect acquisition by a financial undertaking or a financial holding company of a qualifying interest in a foreign financial undertaking as well as of such increases in the qualifying interest which mean that said interest comprises or exceeds a limit of 20 per cent, 33 per cent, or 50 per cent, respectively of the voting rights or share capital of the company, or that the foreign financial undertaking becomes a subsidiary undertaking. Such notification shall include information on the country in which such an undertaking is established.

(2) Financial undertakings and financial holding companies holding an interest of no less than 10 per cent in a foreign financial undertaking, and which intend to reduce said interest so that it falls below one of the limits mentioned in subsection (1) shall give the Danish FSA notification hereof and state the size of the intended future interest.

(3) Where the foreign financial undertaking becomes a subsidiary undertaking, the notification to the Danish FSA shall include the following information on the subsidiary undertaking:

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- 1) the country in which the subsidiary undertaking is to be established,
- 2) a description of the business to be carried on by the subsidiary undertaking, including information on its organisation and planned activities,
- 3) the address of the subsidiary undertaking, and
- 4) the names of the management of the subsidiary undertaking.

(4) The financial undertaking or financial holding company shall submit prior notification to the Danish FSA before making any changes in conditions of which notification has been submitted pursuant to subsection (3), nos. 1-4. In the event that the financial undertaking or the financial holding company has no prior knowledge of such changes, notification shall be submitted to the Danish FSA immediately after said financial undertaking or financial holding company has received notification of such change.

Part 8

Management and organisation of the undertaking

64.-(1) A member of the board of directors and the board of management of a financial undertaking shall have adequate experience in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of such a position.

(2) A member of the board of directors and the board of management may not occupy the position as member of the board of directors or member of the board of management respectively in a financial undertaking, if

- 1) the person in question is held criminally liable for violation of the Criminal Code or financial legislation, and this violation entails a risk that the duties are not carried out adequately,
- 2) the person in question has filed for suspension of payments, is administered in bankruptcy, has filed for debt restructuring, or negotiations have been initiated with regard to compulsory composition for said person,
- 3) the financial situation of the person in question or companies owned by the person in question or companies where the person in question participates in their operation have caused losses or risks of losses for the financial undertaking, or
- 4) the person in question has behaved such that there is reason to assume that said person cannot perform the duties and responsibilities of such position adequately.

(3) Members of the board of directors and the board of management are obliged to notify the Danish FSA of the conditions mentioned in subsection (2).

(4) Subsection (1); subsection (2), nos. 1, 2 and 4; and subsection (3) shall apply correspondingly to members of the board of directors and members of the board of management of a financial holding company.

65. By means of rules of procedure, the board of directors shall make more detailed decisions with regard to the performance of its duties.

66. The authority to sign for the undertaking which is accorded to members of the board of management or the board of directors under section 60(2) of the Public Companies Act may only be exercised by at least two members jointly.

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67.-(1) The notice convening a general meeting in a financial undertaking or shareholder committee meeting in savings banks respectively shall be available to the public and in accordance with the provisions of the articles of association. The press shall have access to general meetings and shareholder committee meetings in savings banks respectively.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to undertakings which are wholly owned by a financial undertaking or financial undertakings in the same group.

68. For financial undertakings, the Danish FSA shall exercise the powers that have been assigned to the Commerce and Companies Agency under section 72(2) of the Public Companies Act.

69. A shareholder committee may be set up to carry out specific tasks mentioned in the articles of association including elections to the board of directors. The members of the shareholder committee shall be subject to the same responsibilities with regard to their duties as the board of directors. This provision shall not apply to savings banks.

70. The board of directors of a financial undertaking shall prepare written guidelines on the most significant areas of activity of said financial undertaking, specifying the distribution of responsibilities between the board of directors and the board of management.

71.-(1) A financial undertaking shall have

- 1) good administrative and accounting practises,
- 2) written procedures for all significant areas of activity,
- 3) full internal control procedures,
- 4) adequate IT control and security measures, and
- 5) the resources necessary for proper carrying out of its activities, and use these appropriately.

(2) The Danish FSA shall stipulate guidelines for the areas mentioned in subsection (1).

72.-(1) Where a financial undertaking is licensed to operate as a securities dealer, the undertaking shall

- 1) take adequate steps to ensure its customers' right of ownership of their securities and contracts on currency spot transactions for investment purposes with a view to achieving a profit on changes in the rate of exchange, and
- 2) organise and build its activities in such a way that the risk of conflicts of interest mutually between the customers of the securities dealer, and between the customers and the securities dealer is limited as much as possible.

(2) A financial undertaking licensed to operate as a securities dealer may not have the disposal of its customers' securities without the explicit consent of said customer.

(3) A financial undertaking licensed to operate as a securities dealer may keep customers' securities in an omnibus account or safekeep if the financial undertaking has informed the individual customer about the legal consequences hereof and said customer has consented to this. The Danish FSA may, in exceptional cases, authorise that securities owned by a financial undertaking and its customers are kept in the same safekeep account. A financial undertaking shall keep a register designating clearly the individual ownership of the registered securities.

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(4) The Danish FSA may deprive a financial undertaking licensed to operate as a securities dealer of the right to keep an omnibus account or safekeep under subsection (3).

(5) The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) shall apply correspondingly to Danmarks Nationalbank (Denmark's central bank) and the Danish Agency for Governmental Management with the derogations naturally following the nature of the matter.

(6) The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed provisions on the conditions mentioned in subsections (1)-(3).

(7) In the event of the bankruptcy, cf. section 242, suspension of payments and similar of a financial undertaking, the individual customer may, on the basis of the register, cf. subsection (3), 3rd clause, withdraw its securities from an omnibus account or safekeep, if there is no dispute about the right of ownership of said customer beforehand.

73.-(1) A member of the board of directors of a financial undertaking or a member of the shareholder committee of financial undertakings other than savings banks shall not be a member of the board of management of such an undertaking. In the absence of a member of the board of management, however, the board of directors may temporarily appoint a member of said board of directors or a member of the shareholder committee as a member of the board of management. In this event, the person in question shall not exercise their voting right in the organs specified.

(2) The chief internal auditor and deputy chief internal auditor(s) shall not be members of the board of directors.

74.-(1) The chairperson of the board of directors shall ensure that the board of directors convenes when necessary, and shall ensure that all members are summoned. Any member of the board of directors, a member of the board of management, an external auditor, the chief internal auditor, and the responsible actuary of a financial undertaking may demand that the board of directors convene. A member of the board of management, an external auditor, the chief internal auditor and the responsible actuary shall be entitled to attend and speak at the meetings of the board of directors unless otherwise stipulated by the board of directors in the individual case. External auditors and the chief internal auditor shall always be entitled to attend meetings of the board of directors when matters relevant to auditing or the presentation of the annual report are addressed.

(2) External auditors, the chief internal auditor and the responsible actuary shall participate in the board of directors' treatment of matters where such participation is requested by one or more members of the board of directors.

(3) Negotiations within the board of directors shall be minuted, and the minute book shall be signed by all members present. Members of the board of directors, members of the board of management, external auditors, chief internal auditors or responsible actuaries who do not agree with decisions made by the board of directors shall be entitled to have their views included in the minutes.

75.-(1) The financial undertaking shall immediately inform the Danish FSA of matters which are of material significance to the continued operation of said financial undertaking.

(2) This shall apply correspondingly to individual members of the board of directors, members of the board of management and responsible actuaries of a financial undertaking.

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(3) Where a member of the board of directors, board of management, external auditors, or responsible actuary of a financial undertaking have cause to believe that the undertaking does not comply with the capital requirement of sections 124-126 or the solvency need under section 124(3) and section 125(5) such person shall immediately notify the Danish FSA of this fact.

76. A member of the board of management may not, without the consent of the board of directors, enter into an agreement between the financial undertaking and himself or an agreement between the financial undertaking and a third party in which said member of the board of management has a significant interest that may be incompatible with those of the financial undertaking.

77.-(1) Persons employed by the board of directors of a financial undertaking in accordance with legislation or the articles of association and employees for whom there is a significant risk of conflicts between own interests and the interests of the undertaking may not, at their own expense, or through companies they control:

- 1) take up loans or draw on previously established credits to be used to purchase securities if the securities purchased are used as collateral for the loan or the credit,
- 2) acquire, issue, or trade in derivative financial instruments, except to hedge risk,
- 3) acquire equity investments, except for units in investment associations, special-purpose associations, hedge associations and foreign investment undertakings covered by the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act with a view to selling such units less than six months from the date of acquisition, or
- 4) acquire positions in foreign currency, except for euro (EUR), if taking the position takes place with a view to anything other than payment for the purchase of securities, goods or services, purchase or management of real property, or for use when travelling.

(2) The group of persons mentioned in subsection (1) may not acquire equity investments in companies that carry out business mentioned in subsection (1) nos. 1-4. This shall not apply, however, for purchases of shares in banks, insurance companies, mortgage-credit institutions, or investment companies, as well as shares in investment associations, special-purpose associations, hedge associations and foreign investment undertakings covered by the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.

(3) The board of directors shall decide which employees have a significant risk of conflicts between their own interests and the interests of the financial undertaking, and who shall therefore be covered by the prohibition. The board of directors shall ensure that the relevant employee knows of this decision. The penalty provision in section 373(2) shall apply from the time the relevant employee has received information regarding the decision.

(4) The board of directors shall, for the persons covered by subsection (1), draw up guidelines regarding compliance with the bans in subsections (1) and (2), 1st clause, including guidelines on reporting of investments.

(5) The external auditors shall once a year review the financial undertaking's guidelines under subsection (4) and in the audit book comments relating to the annual report state whether the guidelines are adequate and have functioned appropriately, as well as whether the undertaking's control procedures have given rise to observations.

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(6) An account-holding institution shall, upon request from the board of directors of the financial undertaking, provide the external auditors of said financial undertaking with access to information on accounts and deposits and provide printed statements herefrom with regard to persons covered by subsection (1).

(7) The prohibition in subsection (1), no. 2 shall not cover financial instruments derived from shares in the financial undertaking, or an undertaking in the same group as the financial undertaking, received as part of the relevant person's salary.

(8) The prohibition in subsection (1), no. 1 shall not cover loans to buy employee shares or the instruments mentioned in subsection (7).

(9) The prohibition in subsection (1), no. 3 shall not cover shares acquired through utilising the instruments mentioned in subsection (7).

(10) Chief internal auditors and deputy chief internal auditors may, irrespective of subsections (1)-(9), not have financial interests in the undertaking or group in which they are employed.

78.-(1) Without the approval of the board of directors, which shall be entered in the minute book of the board of directors, financial undertakings may not establish a business exposure with or accept collateralisation from

- 1) members of the board of directors and members of the board of management of the financial undertaking, or
- 2) undertakings where the persons specified in no. 1 are members of the board of management or members of the board of directors.

(2) The exposures specified in subsection (1) shall be granted in accordance with the usual business terms of the financial undertaking and on terms based on market conditions. The external auditor of the financial undertaking shall make a statement in the audit book comments on whether the requirements set out in the 1st clause have been met.

(3) The board of management and the board of directors shall in particular monitor the appropriateness and progress of the business exposures mentioned in subsection (1).

(4) The provisions of subsections (1)-(3) shall also apply to business exposures with persons related to members of the board of management by marriage, cohabitation for no less than two years or kinship in the direct line of ascent or descent or as siblings, and to business exposures with undertakings in which such persons are members of the board of management.

(5) A financial undertaking or undertakings within the same group shall not grant exposures to or receive collateralisation from an external auditor or the chief internal auditor or deputy chief internal auditor. This shall not apply to loans granted by a life-insurance company within the repurchase value of an insurance policy issued by said life-insurance company.

79. The regulations on group representation specified in the Public Companies Act shall not apply to employees in undertakings through which a financial undertaking carries on other activities on a temporary basis.

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General regulations regarding other duties and positions held by the management

80.-(1) Persons employed by the board of directors of a financial undertaking in accordance with legislation or the articles of association may not, without the consent of the board of directors, own or operate an independent enterprise, or in the capacity as a member of the board of directors, an employee, or in any other way, participate in the management or operation of another enterprise than said financial undertaking, cf. however section 199(9) and (10).

(2) Other employees in a financial undertaking for whom there is a significant risk of conflicts between the interests of the employee and those of the financial undertaking may not, without the consent of the board of management, own or operate an independent enterprise, or in the capacity as a member of the board of directors, employee, or in any other way, participate in the management or operation of another enterprise than said financial undertaking. The board of directors shall be informed of any authorisation granted by the board of management.

(3) The board of directors shall decide which employees have a significant risk of conflicts between the interests of the employee and those of the financial undertaking, and who shall consequently obtain the authorisation of the board of management, cf. subsection (2). The board of directors shall ensure that the relevant employee knows of this decision. The penalty provision in section 373(2) shall apply from the time when the employee in question has received information hereof.

(4) The activities mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) shall only be carried on where the financial undertaking or undertakings which form part of a group or a joint organisation of administration with said financial undertaking do not have and do not enter into exposures with the enterprises specified in subsections (1) and (2) or undertakings which form part of a group with said undertakings. This shall not apply to exposures in the form of equity investments, exposures in the undertakings mentioned in subsections (5) and (6) and exposures in enterprises that form part of a group with the financial undertaking or enterprises where financial undertakings jointly or financial undertakings in association with funds and associations established under sections 207, 214 and 215 own more than 4/5 of the equity investments.

(5) The ban on exposures stipulated in subsection (4) shall not apply in connection with participation in the boards of directors of Danmarks Skibskredit A/S, Dansk Udviklingsfinansiering A/S, BSU-fonden, LR Realkredit A/S, Bornholms Erhvervsfond, Grønlandsbanken A/S, Kongeriget Danmarks Fiskeribank, stock exchanges, authorised market places, clearing centres, central securities depositories, OMX AB, OMX Exchanges Oy, Industrialiseringsfonden for udviklingslandene (IFU) and Industrialiseringsfonden for Østlandene (IFØ).

(6) The ban on exposures stipulated in subsection (4) shall not apply in connection with participation in the board of directors of an undertaking which is temporarily operated by a bank, mortgage-credit institution or insurance company pursuant to section 25 to secure or settle exposures already entered into.

(7) All authorisations granted by the board of directors in pursuance of subsection (1) shall appear in the minute book of the board of directors.

(8) The financial undertaking shall at least annually publish information on the duties and positions approved by the board of directors under subsection (1). Furthermore, the external

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auditors shall make a declaration in the audit book comments stating whether the financial undertaking has exposures with enterprises covered by subsections (1) and (2).

(9) In special cases, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from subsection (4).

Special regulations regarding savings banks

81.-(1) The shareholder committee is the ultimate authority of the savings bank.

(2) The shareholder committee shall have at least 21 members. The members of the shareholder committee shall be elected for a period of 4 years. If the shareholder committee has less than 21 members due to a member leaving the savings bank, a supplementary election shall take place.

(3) Depositors and guarantors of the savings bank shall be entitled to vote when electing shareholder committee members. Each depositor shall only have 1 vote. A guarantor shall have 1 vote for every DKK 1,000 paid of the savings banks' guarantee capital up to a maximum of 20 votes. Regulations regarding the electoral system, voting rights and execution of elections shall appear in the articles of association.

(4) The depositors and guarantors voting at an election for the shareholder committee shall elect a part of said committee that corresponds to the ratio between the number of votes cast and the total number of votes assigned to the depositors and guarantors of the savings bank, to a minimum of 1/3 of the members of the shareholder committee. The remaining members of the shareholder committee shall be elected solely by the voting guarantors and by the outgoing shareholder committee in savings banks with no voting guarantors. Efforts should be made so that the shareholder committee is varied both geographically and professionally.

(5) If every depositor in the savings bank is entitled to act as a guarantor and the number of votes that may be cast by guarantors is no less than 1,000, the articles of association of the savings bank may prescribe that, notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4), the shareholder committee shall be elected by the guarantors alone. A guarantor shall have 1 vote for every DKK 1,000 paid of the savings banks' guarantee capital up to a maximum of 20 votes.

82. Members of the board of directors shall be elected by the shareholder committee for a maximum of 4 years at a time.

83. The articles of association of a savings bank shall contain provisions regarding

- 1) the name and any secondary names of the savings bank,
- 2) the name of the local authority in Denmark where the savings bank has its registered office (headquarters),
- 3) the size and rate of return of the guarantee capital,
- 4) the guarantors and their obligations,
- 5) shareholder committee, board of directors, board of management and auditors,
- 6) convening of meetings of the shareholder committee and elections to said committee, cf. section 81(3),
- 7) time and place for the ordinary meeting of the shareholder committee,
- 8) which issues are to be dealt with at ordinary meetings of the shareholder committee,
- 9) financial reporting and use of profits,
- 10) changes in the articles of association, and

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11) voluntary cessation of the undertaking.

84.-(1) Section 49(1) and (2), 3rd and 4th clause and (3)-(5) and (7), 1st clause and (8); sections 50-53; section 54(1), 1st-3rd clause and (2)-(4); sections 55, 55 a, 57 and 58; section 60(1) and (2); sections 61-64, 68-69 a and 70-72; section 73(1) and (2), 4th and 5th clause and (4) and (6); sections 74-77, 80 and 81; section 177; and section 178(1) of the Public Companies Act shall apply to savings banks with the changes necessary and with the derogations appearing from the provisions of this Act.

(2) Cancellation of guarantor certificates out of court may take place in accordance with the regulations of section 24(3) of the Public Companies Act, applying the same notice as cancellation of non-negotiable share certificates.

Special regulations regarding cooperative savings banks

85.-(1) The general meeting has the ultimate authority of the cooperative savings bank and shall consist of the members of the cooperative savings bank.

(2) Any member of a cooperative savings bank shall be entitled to attend the general meeting and to take the floor at the general meeting. Each member of a cooperative savings bank shall have 1 vote.

86. Members of the board of directors shall be elected by the general meeting.

87.-(1) The articles of association of a cooperative savings bank shall contain provisions regarding

- 1) the name and any secondary names of the cooperative savings bank,
- 2) the name of the local authority in Denmark where the cooperative savings bank has its registered office (headquarters),
- 3) the size of the capital of the cooperative savings bank and the shares of the individual members in the share capital of the cooperative savings bank,
- 4) conditions for membership, including the right to membership and the right to withdraw,
- 5) the obligations of the members of the cooperative savings bank,
- 6) general meeting, board of directors, board of management and auditors,
- 7) convening a general meeting,
- 8) time and place for the annual general meeting,
- 9) which issues are to be dealt with at annual general meetings,
- 10) financial reporting and use of profits,
- 11) adoption of proposals at the general meeting, including changes to the articles of association,
- 12) voluntary cessation of the undertaking, and
- 13) provisions regarding redemption of the capital of the cooperative savings bank.

(2) If a cooperative savings bank is a member of an affiliation mentioned in sections 89-96, this shall appear from the articles of association.

88.-(1) Section 49(1) and (2), 3rd and 4th clause and (3)-(5) and (7), 1st clause and (8); sections 50-53; section 54(1), 1st-3rd clause and (2)-(4); sections 55, 55 a, 57 and 58; section 60(1) and (2); sections 61-64, 68-69 a and 70-72; section 73(1) and (2), 4th and 5th

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clause and (4) and (6), sections 74-77, 80 and 81; section 177; and section 178(1) of the Public Companies Act shall apply to cooperative savings banks with the changes necessary and with the derogations appearing from the provisions of this Act.

(2) Cancellation of guarantor certificates out of court may take place in accordance with the regulations of section 24(3) of the Public Companies Act, applying the same notice as cancellation of non-negotiable share certificates.

Special regulations regarding affiliations of cooperative savings banks

89.-(1) The general meeting is the ultimate authority of the affiliation of cooperative savings bank. The voting rights of the individual cooperative savings banks shall be exercised at the general meeting through representatives appointed by the general meetings of the individual cooperative savings banks.

(2) Any member of a cooperative savings bank in the affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall be entitled to attend the general meeting and to take the floor at the general meeting.

90.-(1) Members of the board of directors shall be elected by the general meeting or, if the articles of association of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks so provide, by the shareholder committee.

(2) The board of directors of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall approve the articles of association of the individual cooperative savings banks and ensure that these are not contrary to this Act or to the articles of association of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks. The board of directors may, if required by the Danish FSA, change the articles of association of the members of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks.

91. The articles of association of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall contain provisions regarding the conditions mentioned in section 87(1), nos. 1, 2 and 6-13 as well as provisions stipulating

- 1) that the affiliation of cooperative savings banks and its members shall constitute one unit,
- 2) that the affiliation of cooperative savings banks and its members shall be jointly and severally liable to the obligations of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks and its members,
- 3) how any loss of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall be appropriated between the individual cooperative savings banks,
- 4) the share of the individual cooperative savings banks in the share capital and in any profit of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks, and
- 5) regulations regarding membership, withdrawal and disqualification from the affiliation of cooperative savings banks.

92. Cooperative savings banks that are members of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall indicate such membership in their name.

93. The management of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall be entitled to issue instructions to the members in order to ensure that the affiliation of cooperative savings banks and its members may comply with the requirements of legislation and of the articles of association.

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94. The board of directors and board of management of a cooperative savings bank in the affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall provide access for both internal and external auditors of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks to carry out the investigations deemed necessary by said auditors and to ensure that said auditors are provided with the information and assistance they deem necessary for the performance of their tasks.

95. Withdrawal or disqualification from an affiliation of cooperative savings banks shall require a license from the Danish FSA and may only take place with no less than six months' notice to the end of an accounting year. Said license may only be granted when the financial statements for the relevant accounting year have been approved, but it shall be effective from the end of said accounting year.

96. Section 49(1) and (2), 3rd and 4th clause and (3)-(6) and (7), 1st clause and (8); sections 50-53; section 54(1), 1st-3rd clause and (2)-(4); sections 55, 55 a, 57 and 58; section 60(1) and (2); sections 61-64, 66, 68-69 a and 70-72; section 73(1) and (2), 4th and 5th clause and (4) and (6), sections 74-77, 80 and 81; section 177; and section 178(1) of the Public Companies Act shall apply to affiliations of cooperative savings banks with the changes necessary and with the derogations appearing from the provisions of this Act.

Special regulations regarding investment companies and investment management companies

97.-(1) An investment company and an investment management company shall, without delay, pay advances and deposits received from customers into a designated customer account in a credit institution. Said customer account shall be separate from the funds of the investment company or investment management company.

(2) The investment company and the investment management company shall record the payments from the customers on designated customer accounts from which the balance of the individual customer in the investment company or investment management company shall appear.

(3) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations for recording customers' payments in investment companies and investment management companies.

Special regulations regarding investment management companies

98. The majority of the members of the board of directors in an investment management company may neither be members of the board of directors in a depository or another company with which an association or other investment schemes managed by the relevant investment management company has entered into significant agreements, nor may they be employees in the depository or in another company with which an association or other investment schemes managed by the relevant investment management company has entered into significant agreements, nor may they be members of the board of directors or employees in other companies within the same group as said companies.

99.-(1) The board of directors or board of management of an investment management company may only authorise under section 80(1) and (2) that a person be a member of the board of directors, or participate in the management or operation of, an investment association, a special-purpose association or a restricted association if the relevant association

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is not managed by the investment management company, and if the majority of the members of the board of directors for the relevant association are not also members of the board of directors of the investment management company. The person concerned may not hold the position as chairperson of the board of directors.

(2) The board of directors or board of management of an investment management company may not authorise, under section 80(1) and (2), that members of the board of management and other senior employees may be members of the board of directors in, or participate in the management or operation of, the depositary or another company with which one of the associations or investment schemes that the investment management company manages, has entered into significant agreements, or in a company within the same group as said companies.

100.-(1) The management of an investment management company shall have proper experience in connection with the type of associations managed by the investment management company.

(2) An investment management company shall have an adequately qualified staff and the technical expertise required to carry out the management of the type of association managed by the investment management company, and to make investment decisions regarding the funds of said associations.

101.-(1) Investment management companies shall act independently and solely in the interest of the association when managing investment associations, special-purpose associations, approved restricted associations and hedge associations.

(2) In their day-to-day management, investment management companies shall safeguard the interests of the associations they manage to the best of their abilities.

(3) Investment management companies shall avoid conflicts of interest between themselves and the associations, between companies that they are in a group with and the associations, and between the associations. When such conflicts of interest cannot be avoided, the investment management company shall notify the board of directors of the relevant individual association.

(4) When an investment management company is also licensed to carry out portfolio management based on estimates, the company shall maintain a clear distinction between this portfolio management and the management of associations. The investment management company shall be governed by the board of directors of the individual association in matters concerning the management of said association.

(5) The Danish FSA may lay down regulations on how investment management companies shall avoid conflicts of interest.

The access of investment management companies to delegating tasks

102.-(1) If an investment management company delegates certain tasks, which the investment management company is required to carry out as part of the management of the association, to a third party, this shall be based upon a decision made by the board of directors of the association.

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(2) Decisions may not be made stipulating that the investment management company may delegate decisions on investment of the funds of associations or on other core tasks. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations as to which tasks are core tasks.

(3) The obligations of the investment management company and the depositary shall not be affected by any delegation of tasks to a third party by the investment management company.

103.-(1) An investment management company shall ensure that the undertakings to which said investment management company delegates tasks are qualified and capable of carrying out the relevant tasks. In cases where the delegation of tasks relates to investment management, said tasks may only be delegated to undertakings that are licensed for, or registered with a view to, portfolio management, and that are subject to supervision.

(2) The delegation of tasks may not obstruct effective supervision of the investment management company and, in particular, it may not hinder the investment management company from operating or the association from being managed in the interests of its members.

104.-(1) When delegating tasks, an investment management company shall ensure that arrangements are in place allowing the persons managing the activities of said investment management company to monitor at any time the activities of the undertaking to which the tasks have been delegated.

(2) The agreement regarding delegation may not hinder the investment management company from giving further instructions at any time to the undertaking to which the task has been delegated, nor from terminating the agreement with immediate effect, if this is in the interest of the association being managed.

105. The investment management company shall notify the Danish FSA no later than at the time when the agreement regarding delegation is made about the content and conditions of said agreement.

Special regulations regarding depositaries for investment associations, special-purpose associations, restricted associations and hedge associations

106.-(1) A depositary shall manage and keep separate the securities, cash funds and other assets of an association.

(2) The depositary shall ensure that

- 1) the issue and redemption by an association of its members' interests is carried out in compliance with the regulations in the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act and with the articles of association,
- 2) securities and derivative financial instruments sold for the association's account are only surrendered when the sales amount (the consideration) is paid to the depositary,
- 3) payment for securities and derivative financial instruments bought for the association's account only takes place when said securities and derivative financial instruments are surrendered to the depositary,

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- 4) assets belonging to the association which have been provided as collateral for the liabilities of the association shall be returned to the depositary when the collateralised claim has been redeemed,
- 5) dividend payments or retaining earnings to increase the assets only takes place in accordance with the regulations hereon stipulated in the articles of association of said association,
- 6) measurement of an association's mortgage portfolio takes place in accordance with the regulations hereon,
- 7) buying and selling securities and derivative financial instruments by an association takes place in accordance with section 46 of the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act, and
- 8) buying and selling of other assets, including mortgages, takes place at prices that are not less advantageous than the fair value.

107. The depositary shall be liable to the association for any damage said association may suffer as a result of faulty performance or non-performance of the obligations of said depositary. The depositary shall be liable notwithstanding that said depositary delegates the safe-keeping of the association's assets or parts hereof to another depositary. The depositary may not disclaim this liability by agreement.

Special regulations regarding insurance companies

108.-(1) The board of management shall ensure that an insurance company has sufficient expertise to calculate insurance provisions.

(2) If the insurance company is licensed to carry out life-assurance activities, the board of directors shall employ a responsible actuary to carry out the actuarial functions necessary, including calculations and investigations. The position as actuary shall not be compatible with the position as a member of the board of management or the board of directors of the insurance company.

(3) If the responsible actuary resigns or is dismissed, the board of directors and the responsible actuary shall submit separate accounts of the reason for such termination of work to the Danish FSA no later than 1 month after the date of termination.

(4) The responsible actuary shall ensure that the company complies with its technical basis, etc. The actuary shall, in this connection, review the actuarial contents of the company's activities and material in general, including marketing material and bonus projections, and ensure that the technical basis etc., cf. section 20, complies with the conditions mentioned in section 21(1)-(5) at any time.

(5) The responsible actuary shall immediately notify the Danish FSA of any disregard of the conditions mentioned in subsection (4). The actuary shall be entitled to request from the board of management any information necessary for the execution of his duties. The Danish FSA may request from the actuary the information necessary to assess the financial position of the company.

(6) The responsible actuary shall submit a report to the Danish FSA annually.

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(7) The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed provisions on the conditions mentioned in subsections (2)-(6), including the requirements that a person is required to fulfil in order to be employed as the responsible actuary.

109. Sections 73 and 74 shall apply correspondingly to the shareholder committee of the insurance company.

110.-(1) Raising of loans by life-assurance companies under section 43 of the Public Companies Act shall be approved by the Danish FSA.

(2) Section 48a of the Public Companies Act shall not apply to the acquisition of own shares by an insurance company.

(3) If a member of the board of directors, member of the shareholder committee, or member of the board of management, through participation in agency or brokering activities, or because of financial interests in such activities, receives commission or other income from insurance contracts that the company takes over or surrenders, the Danish FSA shall be notified hereof.

Special regulations regarding mutual insurance companies

111.-(1) The right of members and guarantors to make decisions in a mutual insurance company shall be exercised at the general meeting. Each member shall have at least 1 vote.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the articles of association may stipulate that the general meeting shall consist of representatives elected by the members and guarantors, or their proxies.

112. The articles of association of mutual insurance companies shall, apart from the conditions mentioned in section 4 of the Public Companies Act, contain provisions regarding

- 1) the liability of members and guarantors to the obligations of the company, and regarding the mutual liability of members and guarantors, cf. section 284(2),
- 2) whether the company shall be permitted to accept reinsurance without mutual liability, and
- 3) whether the guarantee capital shall be subject to interest, and if so, under which regulations.

113.-(1) Resolutions to change the articles of association shall be made at the general meeting, cf. however sections 23 and 114 of this Act, cf. section 38 of the Public Companies Act. The resolution shall only be valid if it is endorsed by no less than two thirds of the votes cast. The resolution shall comply with any extra provisions stipulated in the articles of association.

(2) Significant changes in the objects of a company may, unless the articles of association stipulate otherwise, only be adopted if three quarters of the guarantors and three quarters of the members endorse it, or if the general meeting consists of representatives by three quarters of said representatives. Notification to the guarantors about such changes shall be given no more than 8 days after the resolution was made at the general meeting. Guarantors who oppose such changes may require the other guarantors to take over their guarantee interests if they make such a request no more than 1 month after the general meeting.

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114.-(1) Sections 49-55 a; section 56(1), 1st and 2nd clauses and (5); sections 57 and 58; section 60(1)-(3); sections 61-64, 68-70 and 72; section 73(1) and (2), 4th and 5th clause and (4); and section 75-77 of the Public Companies Act shall apply correspondingly to mutual insurance companies with the changes necessary and with the derogations appearing from the provisions of this Act.

(2) Of the provisions mentioned in subsection (1), the provisions regarding shareholders shall apply correspondingly for guarantors, and provisions regarding share capital and shares shall apply correspondingly with the necessary relaxations for guarantee capital and guarantee interests.

(3) Sections 65(2), 66, 71, 73(6), 74, 75(1) and (3), 76(2), 80 and 81 of the Public Companies Act shall also apply correspondingly to mutual insurance companies with the changes necessary and with the derogations appearing from the provisions of this Act.

(4) Of the provisions mentioned in subsection (3), the provisions regarding shareholders shall apply correspondingly to all those entitled to vote at the general meeting of the mutual insurance company.

(5) Sections 112 and 113 of the Public Companies Act regarding payments to shareholders shall apply correspondingly to the payment of interest to guarantors and payments to members of mutual insurance companies.

Special regulations regarding lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds)

115.-(1) Unless the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs, with regard to the conditions of the pension fund, authorises another composition of the board of directors, said board of directors shall consist of a chairperson and an equal number of members of the board of directors, of which no less than half shall be elected by and amongst the members of said pension fund.

(2) The articles of association may stipulate that the election of the board of directors and changes to the articles of association shall be carried out by the members of the pension fund by ballot.

116.-(1) The provisions for mutual companies in sections 23 and 114 shall apply correspondingly to lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds), cf. however subsection (2) and section 284(2) and (3).

(2) Section 49(6) of the Public Companies Act shall not apply to lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds).

Part 9

Disclosure of confidential information

117.-(1) Members of the board of directors, members of local boards of directors or similar organs, members of the shareholder committee in a financial undertaking other than a savings bank, auditors and inspectors and their deputies, founders, valuation officers, liquidators,

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members of the board of management, responsible actuaries, general agents and administrators in an insurance company and other employees may not without due cause disclose or use confidential information obtained during the performance of their duties. This provision shall apply correspondingly to financial holding companies.

(2) Any person receiving information pursuant to subsection (1) shall fall within the scope of the duty of confidentiality specified therein.

118.-(1) Usual information on customer matters may be disclosed for the performance of administrative tasks.

(2) For the performance of administrative tasks, information may be disclosed to a limited company wholly owned by Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension and to Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension, cf. sections 26b(3) and 23(4) of the Act on Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension, and to the administrative company of a joint administrative cooperation with regard to insurance.

(3) Any person receiving information pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) shall fall within the scope of the duty of confidentiality specified in section 117(1).

(4) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations on what information constitutes usual customer information under subsection (1).

119. Information on purely private matters shall not be disclosed without the customer's consent, unless such an action is lawful under section 117(1) or section 118(2).

120.-(1) Information may be disclosed to the parent undertaking of the financial undertaking for the purposes of risk management of undertakings within the group where such a parent undertaking is a financial undertaking or a financial holding company. This shall not, however, apply to information on purely private matters.

(2) Information on private customers shall not be disclosed for the purpose of risk management, cf. subsection (1), except from in those special cases where information on a private customer concerns exposures which are or may become significant in size.

120a.-(1) Information on commercial customers may be exchanged between banks and mortgage-credit institutions, within the same group, for the purposes of risk management, including credit rating and credit administration. The same shall apply to exchanges of information with the financial holding companies and subsidiary companies of the undertakings. Information may only be exchanged with subsidiary companies that grant loans or carry out leasing activities.

(2) The provision in subsection (1) shall also apply to exchanges of information between jointly owned banks and mortgage-credit institutions and owners of equity investments in the relevant bank or mortgage-credit institution when the owners mentioned are banks or mortgage-credit institutions and they jointly own more than 4/5 of the equity investments. The same shall apply to exchanges of information with those subsidiary companies of the jointly owned undertakings that grant loans or carry out leasing activities.

(3) Disclosure under subsections (1) and (2) shall not cover information as mentioned in section 119.

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(4) Any person receiving information pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) shall fall within the scope of the duty of confidentiality specified in section 117(1).

121.-(1) Information on a private customer shall not be disclosed for the purpose of marketing or consultancy unless prior consent has been obtained from the customer.

(2) Information may be disclosed under subsection (1) without consent to group undertakings which are under a duty of confidentiality as mentioned in section 117(1), and to undertakings where several financial undertakings, investment associations, special-purpose associations, approved restricted associations or hedge associations jointly own an undertaking carrying out activities that the financial undertaking is licensed to carry out through a subsidiary undertaking, or an undertaking which is ancillary to the financial undertaking under a duty of confidentiality as specified in section 117(1), where such information is general customer information forming the basis for separation of customer categories and where such disclosure is necessary to enable the undertaking receiving such information to pursue justifiable interests and regard for the private customer does not override such interests.

(3) Usual information on commercial customers may be disclosed for the purposes of marketing and consultancy to a financial undertaking under a duty of confidentiality as specified in section 117(1).

122. The financial undertaking shall prepare guidelines on the extent to which information may be disclosed from the undertaking. These guidelines shall be available to the general public.

123.-(1) Consent to disclose information shall be given in writing.

(2) Where an insurance contract is entered into on the basis of communication over the telephone, however, consent for disclosure of information to be used in connection with such an agreement may be given verbally. In such an event, the insurance company shall, no later than 14 days after such an insurance contract has been entered into, inform the customer in writing of the type of information disclosed with the verbal consent of said customer, for what purpose such information is disclosed, and who receives information on the basis of the verbal consent given by said customer.

(3) At the request of the customer, the financial undertaking shall inform the customer of the type of information which may be disclosed with said customer's consent, for what purpose(s) such disclosure may occur, and of who may receive information on the basis of the customer's consent.

(4) When obtaining written consent, the financial undertaking shall inform customers of the possibility of receiving information on the scope of the consent pursuant to subsection (3).

V Capital position of financial undertakings

Part 10

Solvency

General regulations regarding solvency

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124.-(1) The capital base of banks and mortgage-credit institutions shall constitute no less than

- 1) 8 per cent of the risk-weighted items (the solvency requirement), and
- 2) EUR 5 million (minimum capital requirement), cf. however subsection (2).

(2) For banks whose capital base was less than EUR 5 million on 18 December 1989, the minimum capital requirement constitutes the capital base on 18 December 1989. The total capital base of a bank arising in connection with a merger of two or more banks covered by the 1st clause shall be no less than the total capital base of the merged banks at the time of the merger, if the merged bank does not fulfil the minimum capital requirement under subsection (1), no. 2.

(3) The board of directors and board of management of banks and mortgage-credit institutions shall, on the basis of the risk profile of said bank or mortgage-credit institution, calculate the individual solvency need of the bank or mortgage-credit institution. The solvency need shall be expressed as the capital base as a percentage of the risk-weighted items. The solvency need may not be less than the solvency requirement of subsection (1), no. 1 and the minimum capital requirement of subsection (1), no. 2.

(4) The Danish FSA may lay down a higher solvency requirement than the one stipulated in subsection (1), no. 1.

(5) If the control over a bank covered by subsection (2), 1st clause is taken over by another natural or legal person, the capital base of the bank shall, no later than three months after the takeover, fulfil the minimum capital requirement under subsection (1), cf. however subsection (2), 2nd clause.

(6) For mortgage-credit institutions, the solvency requirement shall be met for both the individual series with serial reserve funds and for the institution in general.

125.-(1) The capital base of investment companies and investment management companies shall constitute no less than

- 1) 8 per cent of the risk-weighted items (the solvency requirement, cf. however subsection (4)),
- 2) EUR 1 million (the minimum capital requirement) for investment companies wishing to become a member of a stock exchange, a central securities depository, or a clearing centre, where the company carries on clearing and settlement or wishes to carry out one or more of the services mentioned in annex 4, schedule A, nos. 2, 4 and 5, and schedule B, no. 2,
- 3) EUR 1 million (the minimum capital requirement) for investment management companies wishing to become a member of a stock exchange, or wishing to keep and manage the instruments mentioned in annex 5, no. 4, including becoming a member of a central securities depository, or a clearing centre, where the company carries on clearing and settlement, cf. however subsection (2), and
- 4) EUR 0.3 million (the minimum capital requirement) for other investment companies and investment management companies, cf. however subsection (2).

(2) Investment management companies shall, apart from the requirement mentioned in subsection (1), nos. 3 and 4, include an addition to the minimum capital requirement of 0.02 per cent of the part of said company's portfolio which is over EUR 250 million, cf. section 141.

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The companies mentioned in subsection (1), no. 3 may, when determining the addition, make a deduction corresponding to EUR 875,000, and the companies mentioned in subsection (1), no. 4 may make a deduction corresponding to EUR 175,000. The addition may be no more than EUR 10 million. Investment management companies shall adjust the additional capital annually on the basis of their audited annual financial statements. Said adjustment shall be made no later than 1 June of the following year.

(3) The Danish FSA may authorise that up to 50 per cent of the addition under subsection (2) is provided by means of a guarantee from a credit institution or an insurance company. The credit institution or insurance company shall have its registered office within the European Union, or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, or in a country with which the Community has not entered into an agreement, but which has supervisory regulations that correspond to the regulations in the European Union.

(4) An investment company and an investment management company shall, irrespective of the requirements in subsections (1) and (2), have a capital base corresponding to no less than one quarter of the fixed costs of the previous year. The Danish FSA may adapt this requirement in cases of a significant change in the company's activities within the previous year. If a company has not been operating for one year, it shall have a capital base corresponding to no less than a quarter of the fixed costs appearing from its operating plan for the first year of operation unless the Danish FSA requires this plan to be amended.

(5) The board of directors and the board of management of investment companies and investment management companies shall, on the basis of the company's risk profile, calculate the individual solvency need of the company. The solvency need shall be expressed as the capital base as a percentage of the risk-weighted items. The solvency need may not be less than the solvency requirement of subsection (1), no. 1, the minimum capital requirement of subsection (1), nos. 2-4 and subsection (2), or the capital base requirement of subsection (4).

(6) The Danish FSA may lay down a higher solvency requirement than the one stipulated in subsection (1), no. 1.

126.-(1) The capital base of insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) shall constitute no less than

- 1) 4 per cent of the risk-weighted items for life-assurance provisions plus 0.3 per cent of the risk-weighted items for the risk sum for life-assurance business in insurance classes I-IV and VI where the company has an investment risk,
- 2) 1 per cent of the risk-weighted items for life-assurance provisions plus 0.3 per cent of the risk-weighted items for the risk sum for life-assurance business in insurance class V, and in insurance class III where the company does not have an investment risk, and where the amount intended to cover the operating costs set in the insurance contract shall be determined for a period of more than 5 years,
- 3) 25 per cent of the previous year's insurance-related administration costs plus 0.3 per cent of the risk-weighted items for the risk premium for life-assurance business in insurance class III, where the company does not have an investment risk, and where the amount intended to cover the operating costs set in the insurance contract shall not be determined for a period of more than 5 years,
- 4) 25 per cent of the previous accounting year's insurance-related administration costs for separate SP (Special Pension Savings Scheme) accounts,
- 5) the largest amount in a non-life assurance company of

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- a) 18 per cent of the risk-weighted items for the maximum of gross premiums and gross premium income up to EUR 50 million plus 16 per cent of amounts exceeding this figure, and
- b) the annual average of 26 per cent of the risk-weighted items for the gross costs of claims for amounts up to EUR 35 million and 23 per cent of amounts exceeding this figure in the last 3 accounting years,
- 6) EUR 3 million for insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) carrying out life-assurance business,
- 7) EUR 2 million for insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) carrying out activities within insurance classes 1-9 and 16-18, and
- 8) EUR 3 million for insurance companies carrying out activities within insurance classes 10-15.

(2) The solvency requirement shall constitute the sum of the amounts mentioned in subsection (1), nos. 1-5.

(3) The minimum capital requirement shall constitute the highest of the amounts in subsection (1), nos. 6-8.

(4) The minimum capital requirement may be reduced for mutual insurance companies covered by subsection (1), no. 7 or 8 on more detailed conditions.

(5) For mutual insurance companies covered by subsection (1), no. 7 or 8, which fulfil the conditions in subsections (4) and (6), the minimum capital requirement shall be reduced to the largest amount of

- 1) EUR 0.225 million for a license within insurance classes 1-8, 16 and 18, and
- 2) EUR 0.15 million for a license within insurance classes 9 and 17.

(6) In order to be covered by the reduced capital requirement mentioned in subsection (5), a mutual insurance company shall, apart from the conditions mentioned in subsection (4), fulfil the following conditions:

- 1) The articles of association shall provide the possibility for charging extra or reducing the payments,
- 2) the previous accounting year's gross premium income may not exceed EUR 5 million,
- 3) the company may not hold a license within insurance classes 10-15, and
- 4) no less than half of the previous accounting year's gross premium income shall originate from insurance contracts where the policyholders are natural persons who are members of the company.

127. The capital requirement shall be the largest of the solvency requirement and the minimum capital requirement in sections 124-126 for the financial undertaking, and for investment companies and investment management companies, also the capital base requirement of section 125(4).

128.-(1) The capital base shall be the reduced core capital, cf. section 129-131, plus the reduced additional capital, cf. section 135, and less amounts under section 139.

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(2) Core capital and revaluation reserves shall exclude any form of tax that can be foreseen at the time when the amount is calculated, or it shall be adequately adjusted to the extent that taxes reduce the amount with which said capital may be used to hedge risks or losses.

129.-(1) The core capital in banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies, and investment management companies shall consist of

- 1) paid-up share capital, guarantee capital, or cooperative capital,
- 2) share premium,
- 3) reserves,
- 4) retained earnings or losses,
- 5) the current profit for the year, net of any tax, expected dividends and other predictable expenses, provided the amount has been confirmed by the undertaking's external auditors, cf. subsection (3),
- 6) undistributable savings bank reserve, cf. section 211,
- 7) paid-up guarantee capital, cf. section 208(2),
- 8) hybrid core capital, cf. section 132, if the core capital, cf. nos. 1-7, 9 and 10, after the deductions mentioned in section 131 constitutes no less than 5 per cent of the risk-weighted items etc. of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company.
- 9) serial reserve funds in mortgage-credit institutions in series where there is no repayment obligation to the borrowers, and the part of the serial reserve funds in series with a repayment obligation, cf. section 25 of the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage-Credit Bonds etc. Act, which cannot become payable, and
- 10) undistributable fund reserve in mortgage-credit institutions.

(2) Hybrid core capital under subsection (1), no. 8 shall be no more than 15 per cent of the core capital after the deductions mentioned in section 131.

(3) If the possibility of recognising the current profit for the year in the core capital is used, cf. subsection (1), no. 5, the size of the amount shall be subject to confirmation by the external auditors. The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed regulations on the external auditors' actions in connection with such confirmation.

(4) The external auditors shall disclose information in the audit book on the work carried out pursuant to subsection (3). In connection with this, information shall also be disclosed on the solvency ratio of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company before and after recognition of the current profit for the year.

130.-(1) The core capital of insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) shall consist of

- 1) own funds,
- 2) member accounts in mutual companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds), cf. section 133,
- 3) special bonus provisions (type B) in life-assurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) fulfilling the conditions in section 134,
- 4) the value of tax assets as it would be in a management situation, cf. sections 253-258, and
- 5) a positive or negative difference between

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- a) an amount corresponding to the interest in the capital base of a subsidiary undertaking or an associated undertaking that is a financial undertaking, which corresponds to the proportion of the share capital owned, and
- b) the value in the balance sheet of the ownership interest in question with an addition of the value of the subordinate loan capital, including subordinate loan capital from other group undertakings, to the subsidiary undertaking or the associated undertaking, when subordinate loan capital is included in the capital base of the subsidiary undertaking or the associated undertaking under section 135(1), no. 1.

(2) The capital base in subsection (1), no. 5, a) shall be calculated before deductions for directly and indirectly owned assets under section 131(2), no. 3 to the extent that these assets are already included in this provision when calculating the core capital of the owner undertaking. If the relevant subsidiary insurance company or associated insurance company own subsidiary insurance companies or associated insurance companies at the time of the calculation of subsection (1), no. 5, the capital base of subsection (1), no. 5, a) shall be calculated before deductions for said companies' capital requirements when the capital requirements of said companies are already deducted under section 131(2), no. 1.

(3) The addition under subsection (1), no. 5 for each subsidiary undertaking or each associated undertaking that is a financial undertaking may be no more than the amount deducted under section 131(2), no. 1 or 2 for the relevant subsidiary undertaking or associated undertaking.

(4) The guarantee capital of insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) shall not be reduced without the consent of the Danish FSA. The guarantee capital may be repaid in accordance with regulations stipulated in the articles of association. The Danish FSA may decide to require corresponding provisions to a general capital fund or another fund, which cannot be reduced without the authorisation of the Danish FSA.

131.-(1) The core capital shall be reduced by

- 1) proposed dividends,
- 2) intangible assets,
- 3) tax assets, cf. however section 130(1), no. 4, and
- 4) the current loss for the year in banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies.

(2) In addition to the deductions mentioned in subsection (1), the following deductions shall be made for insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds):

- 1) the proportion of the capital requirement of a subsidiary insurance company or an associated insurance company, which corresponds to the directly or indirectly owned proportion of the share capital and guarantee capital of said insurance company,
- 2) the proportion of the capital requirement of a bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company, which is a subsidiary company or an associated company, which corresponds to the directly or indirectly owned proportion of the share capital,
- 3) for directly and indirectly owned assets representing a risk in an individual undertaking, or a group of undertakings representing a joint risk: the amount by which the carrying

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amount of the relevant assets exceeds a weighted sum of the capital requirements of the company, the capital requirements of its subsidiary insurance companies, and the capital requirement of other subsidiary undertakings under the supervision of the Danish FSA. The deduction shall not, however, be made for investments in subsidiary undertakings and for assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 1-8. The weighted sum shall be calculated thus:

- a. If the insurance company carries on direct life-assurance business, it is weighted by 75 per cent. Other insurance companies are weighted by 100 per cent.
 - b. Subsidiary undertakings carrying out direct life-assurance business are weighted by 75 per cent of the ownership interest. Other subsidiary undertakings are weighted by the ownership interest, and
- 4) an amount corresponding to the difference between provisions for claims net of reinsurance parts of claims provisions for insurance classes 3-18 before discounting, and after discounting if the provisions for claims are discounted in order to take into account future investment returns.

(3) For a financial undertaking, which is a subsidiary undertaking or an associated undertaking with its registered office outside Denmark, the capital requirement under the regulations of the home country shall be used with regard to subsection (1), nos. 1 and 2. However, the capital requirement shall be no less than it would have been if the registered office of the company or undertaking had been in Denmark.

(4) In special cases and for a limited time-period, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from the deduction in the core capital under subsection (2), no. 3.

(5) Insurance companies shall deduct from the core capital directly and indirectly owned equity investments in subsidiary finance institutions and associated finance institutions, cf. however the 2nd and 3rd clauses. Equity investments in finance institutions, which are financial undertakings, and finance institutions whose principal activity is to acquire equity investments or negotiable mortgage deeds or carry out activities at their own expense with one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5 shall not be deducted. Indirectly owned equity investments which have been deducted by a subsidiary insurance company or an associated insurance company under the 1st clause, or which have been deducted by a subsidiary undertaking which is a credit institution, investment company or investment management company or an associated credit institution, investment company or investment management company under section 139(1), no. 2 or 3 shall not be deducted. The Danish FSA may in special cases grant exemptions from the deduction mentioned in the 1st clause.

(6) The share of the capital requirement or the equity investments in subsidiary undertakings and associated undertakings shall not be deducted, cf. subsections (2) and (5) when the equity investments are acquired temporarily, and the acquisition takes place as part of a reconstruction.

132.-(1) Hybrid core capital is included in the capital base for banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies, if the following conditions are met:

- 1) The amount shall be paid to the bank, mortgage-credit institution, the investment company or investment management company.
- 2) The debt may not fall due at a predetermined time.

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- 3) The debt may only fall due if the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company enters into liquidation or is declared bankrupt.
- 4) The debt may only be repaid on the initiative of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company, and with the authorisation of the Danish FSA not earlier than 10 years after the payment, but the Danish FSA may, under special circumstances, authorise repayment not earlier than 5 years after the payment.
- 5) The lender's claim on the bank, mortgage-credit institution, the investment company or investment management company shall be subordinated all other non-subordinated debt and the capital mentioned in section 136.
- 6) The lender's claim on the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company may not be covered by collateral provided by the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company or the undertakings mentioned in section 181(1), or in any other way be secured priority over the remaining creditors of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company.
- 7) Payment of interest on the debt shall lapse if the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company does not have distributable reserves in relation to the most recent annual report.
- 8) The interest rate may not be changed on the basis of a creditor's assessment of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company.
- 9) Payment of interest may be postponed if the capital base does not exceed the capital requirement at maturity.
- 10) Non-paid interest that has been postponed under no. 9 may only fall due if the capital requirement is met again.
- 11) The ultimate authority of the undertaking shall be permitted to reduce the hybrid core capital and non-paid interests if the own funds is lost and the share capital, guarantee capital or cooperative capital has been written off, or if the own funds in serial reserve funds in the mortgage-credit institution has been lost.
- 12) Agreements in connection with contracting of debt may not include a provision stipulating an increase in the interest rate of more than the highest of the following:
 - a) 100 basis points less the swap spread, cf. subsection (2), and
 - b) 50 per cent of the credit spread, cf. subsection (3), less the swap spread.
- 13) Agreements in connection with contracting of debt may only include one provision stipulating an increase in the interest rate. Said interest rate increase may not enter into force before 10 years after the issue of the debt.

(2) The swap spread mentioned in subsection (1), no. 12, a) shall be fixed on the day of issue of the debt as the difference between the interest basis for the interest rate increase and the original interest basis of the issue of the debt.

(3) The credit spread mentioned in subsection (1), no. 12, b) shall be fixed on the day of issue as the difference between the original interest rate of the issue and the original interest basis.

(4) Acquisition of own hybrid core capital for ownership of more than 2 per cent of the capital issued shall be approved by the Danish FSA under subsection (1), no. 4. The holding of own hybrid core capital and own hybrid core capital that serves as collateral for loans or guarantees provided by the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company shall not be included in the calculation of the capital base.

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(5) Write-down under subsection (1), no. 11 may only take place if new capital is subsequently injected into the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company so that the capital requirement is met, or if the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company closes down without losses for the non-subordinated creditors. The hybrid core capital and non-paid interest may only be written down by an amount that has been approved by the external auditors and the Danish FSA in advance.

(6) In special cases, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from the limit in subsection (1), no. 12, a).

133. Member accounts may be included under section 130(1), no. 2 if the following conditions are met in the articles of association:

- 1) In case of liquidation or bankruptcy, amounts shall not be repaid before the entire remaining debt has been repaid.
- 2) In other cases, amounts shall only be repayable if the capital base is not thereby reduced to an amount less than the capital requirement.
- 3) Repayment caused by other factors than cessation of membership may only be made when the Danish FSA is notified hereof no less than one month in advance. Said repayment may be denied by the Danish FSA.
- 4) Changes in the provisions of the articles of association regarding member accounts shall be approved by the Danish FSA.

134. For special bonus provisions (type B) under section 130(1), no. 3 that form part of the insurance provisions, the following shall apply:

- 1) They are, for all or part of the company's insurance contracts, built up of funds from the insurance contracts' share of the realised results, cf. section 20(1), no. 3.
- 2) They are attached to the insurance contracts, individually or collectively, in such a way that the individual insurance's share with related profit, cf. no. 5, may be calculated at any time.
- 3) They are not, as an amount, part of the portfolio of insurance contracts when calculating the proportion of the realised results, cf. section 20(1), no. 3, to be added to said portfolio.
- 4) Transfer to the individual insurance contracts of the share attached to the insurance shall take place no later than at the time of payment of benefits under the insurance.
- 5) They shall be granted the same proportional return as the return on equity before taxation irrespective of said return being negative or positive.
- 6) The individual share and the relative collective share, cf. no. 2, may be included at the time of cancellation of the insurance, and they shall be fully included on calculation of surrender values as well as on transfers from one company to another in connection with transition to another employment, cf. section 20(1), no. 7. Said share shall be relative to the share which the insured party has contributed to accumulating. Special bonus provisions, however, may only be included if the company meets the solvency requirement in section 248(3), no.3.
- 7) The company shall comply with the disclosure requirement resting upon companies listed on the stock exchange under section 27(1) of the Securities Trading, etc. Act.

135.-(1) The additional capital shall consist of

- 1) subordinate loan capital, cf. section 136,

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- 2) revaluation reserves for banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies,
- 3) hybrid core capital, cf. section 132, that is not included in the core capital,
- 4) the part of the serial reserve funds in mortgage-credit institutions in series with a repayment obligation that corresponds to the requirement in section 124(6),
- 5) unpaid guarantee capital for the Danish Agricultural Mortgage Bank (DLR).
- 6) addition for possible adjustment premium in mutual non-life assurance companies, cf. section 137, and
- 7) special bonus provisions (type A) in life-assurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) fulfilling the conditions in section 138.

(2) The additional capital shall not be included for banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies at more than 100 per cent of the core capital after deductions.

(3) For insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds), the additional capital may be included at an amount corresponding to the lower of

- 1) 100 per cent of the core capital after deductions
- 2) half of the capital requirement.

(4) The subordinate loan capital with a fixed term in insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) shall not exceed an amount corresponding to the lower of

- 1) one third of the core capital after deductions,
- 2) one quarter of the capital requirement.

136.-(1) Subordinate loan capital shall be included in the capital base if the following conditions are met:

- 1) The lender's claim is subordinated all other non-subordinated debt.
- 2) The amount is paid.
- 3) Repayment before maturity may not take place on the initiative of the lender or without the authorisation of the Danish FSA.
- 4) The amount may only fall due before the maturity date agreed if the financial undertaking enters into liquidation or is declared bankrupt.
- 5) The ultimate authority of the undertaking is permitted to reduce the subordinate loan capital and non-paid interests if the own funds is lost and the share capital, guarantee capital or cooperative capital has been written off, or if the own funds in serial reserve funds in mortgage-credit institutions has been lost.
- 6) Payment of interest may be postponed if the capital base does not exceed the capital requirement at maturity.
- 7) Non-paid interests that have been postponed under no. 6 may only fall due if the capital requirement is met again or if the loan matures.
- 8) The following applies to insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds):
 - a) the original term is no less than 5 years and
 - b) changes in the loan agreement are approved by the Danish FSA.

(2) Authorisation under subsection (1), no. 3 shall be subject to the capital base after repayment not being smaller than the capital requirement.

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(3) Write-down under subsection (1), no. 5 may only take place if new capital is subsequently injected into the financial undertaking so that the capital requirement is met, or if the financial undertaking closes down without losses for non-subordinated creditors. The subordinate loan capital and non-paid interest may only be written down by an amount that has been approved by the external auditors and the Danish FSA in advance.

(4) The subordinate loan capital shall be reduced by

- 1) 25 per cent of the capital issued when less than 3 years and more than or exactly 2 years remain before maturity,
- 2) 50 per cent of the capital issued when less than 2 years and more than or exactly 1 year remains before maturity,
- 3) 75 per cent of the capital issued when less than 1 year remains before maturity,
- 4) the holding of own subordinate loan capital and own subordinate loan capital that serves as collateral for loans or guarantees reduced according to nos. 1-3.

(5) Interest rate increases on subordinate loan capital may not enter into force before 3 years after the issuance. If one or more interest rate increases have been agreed upon, the subordinate loan capital shall mature at the time of the interest rate increase if the sum of interest rate increases exceeds 150 basis points less the swap spread, cf. section 132(2).

(6) The Danish FSA shall approve any acquisition of own subordinate loan capital of more than 2 per cent of the capital issued.

(7) In special cases, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from the limitation in subsection (5), 2nd clause.

137.-(1) The Danish FSA may, after receiving an application, authorise that additions for possible extra premiums in mutual non-life assurance companies may be included under section 135(1), no. 6 if the premium is variable under the insurance contract so that the premium can be increased considering the risk development of the insurance portfolio, and if the policyholder may be charged for the extra premium during the year.

(2) Amounts under subsection (1) may not be included before the end of the year in which the extra premium is chargeable.

(3) Amounts under subsection (1) for which the policyholder has been charged cannot be included under section 135(1), no. 6.

138. For special bonus provisions (type A) under section 135(1), no. 7 that form part of the insurance provisions, the following shall apply:

- 1) They are, for all or part of the company's insurance contracts, built up of funds from the insurance contracts' share of the realised results, cf. section 20(1), no. 3.
- 2) They are attached to the insurance contracts, individually or collectively, in such a way that the individual insurance's share with related profit, cf. no. 5, may be calculated at any time.
- 3) They are not, as an amount, part of the portfolio of insurance contracts when calculating the proportion of the realised results, cf. section 20(1), no. 3, to be added to said portfolio.

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- 4) Transfer to the individual insurance contracts of the share attached to the insurance shall take place no later than at the time of payment of benefits under the insurance.
- 5) On a continuous basis, they are awarded a return on the basis of the interest rate set by the company with a view to making the return correspond to the possible market return on subordinate loan capital.
- 6) They may be used to cover all the company's losses and any non-subordinated claim against the company, when the own funds has been lost.
- 7) The individual share and the relative collective share, cf. no. 2, may be included at the time of cancellation of the insurance, and they shall be fully included on calculation of surrender values as well as on transfers from one company to another in connection with transition to another employment, cf. section 20(1), no. 7. Said share shall be relative to the share which the insured party has contributed to accumulating. Special bonus provisions, however, may only be included if the company meets the solvency requirement in section 248(3), no.3.
- 8) The company shall comply with the disclosure requirement resting upon companies listed on the stock exchange under section 27(1) of the Securities Trading, etc. Act.

139.-(1) When calculating the capital base in banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies the following shall be deducted:

- 1) the proportion of the capital requirement of a subsidiary insurance company or an associated insurance company, which corresponds to the directly or indirectly owned proportion of the share capital and guarantee capital of said insurance company. If the insurance company does not have its registered office in Denmark, the capital requirement under the regulations of the home country shall be used. However, the capital requirement shall be no less than it would have been if the insurance company had had its registered office in Denmark. The deduction under the 1st clause shall be reduced by an amount corresponding to the difference between
 - a) an amount corresponding to the proportion of the capital base of a subsidiary insurance company or an associated insurance company, which corresponds to the proportion of the share capital owned, and
 - b) the value in the balance sheet of the ownership interest in question with an addition of the value of the subordinate loan capital, including subordinate loan capital from other group undertakings, to the subsidiary insurance company or the associated insurance company, when subordinate loan capital is included in the capital base of the subsidiary insurance company or the associated insurance company under section 135(1), no. 1.
- 2) Directly and indirectly owned equity investments in subsidiary undertakings and associated undertakings which are credit institutions, investment companies, investment management companies and finance institutions, cf. however the 2nd clause and subsections (4) and (5). Equity investments in finance institutions whose main activity is to acquire equity investments or negotiable mortgage deeds or to carry out activities at their own expense with one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5 shall not be deducted. Indirectly owned equity investments which have been deducted by a subsidiary insurance company, credit institution, investment company or investment management company or an associated insurance company, credit institution, investment company or investment management company under no. 3 or section 131(2), no. 2, and indirectly owned equity investments which have been deducted or exempted by a subsidiary insurance company or an associated insurance company under section 131(5) shall not be deducted.

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- 3) Equity investments in other credit institutions and finance institutions that constitute more than 10 per cent of the share capital, guarantee capital or cooperative capital of said credit institutions or finance institutions, which are not covered by no. 2, cf. however subsections (4) and (5). Furthermore, the subordinated debt of banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies in said institutions shall be deducted.
- 4) An amount corresponding to the sum of equity investments and subordinated debt in other credit institutions and finance institutions that are not covered by no. 2 or 3 exceeding 10 per cent of the capital base before deductions under nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, cf. however subsections (4) and (5).
- 5) An amount corresponding to the sum of equity investments in another undertaking or undertakings in the same group and charged equity investments in another undertaking not covered by nos. 1-4 exceeding 15 per cent of the capital base after deductions under nos. 1-4, cf. however subsections (5) and (6).
- 6) An amount corresponding to the sum of qualifying interests in other undertakings that are not covered by nos. 1-5 exceeding 60 per cent of the capital base after deductions under nos. 1-4, cf. however subsections (5) and (6).

(2) The reduction in the deduction mentioned in subsection (1), no. 1 may not, however, exceed the deduction made under the 1st clause.

(3) The capital base in subsection (1), no. 1, a) shall be calculated before deductions for directly and indirectly owned assets under section 131(2), no. 3 to the extent that these assets are already included in this provision when calculating the capital base of the owning undertaking. If the relevant subsidiary insurance company or associated insurance company owns subsidiary insurance companies or associated insurance companies at the time of the calculation of subsection (1), no. 1 a) and b), the capital base of section 130(1), no. 5, a) shall be calculated before deductions for said companies' capital requirements when the capital requirements of said companies are already deducted under section 131(2), no. 1. Moreover, the capital base in subsection (1), no. 1, a) shall be calculated before deductions under section 131(2), no. 2 if the relevant undertakings are included in the consolidation under part 12.

(4) Equity investments in credit institutions or finance institutions shall not be deducted from the capital base when the equity investments are acquired temporarily, and the acquisition takes place as part of a reconstruction. The proportion of the capital requirement of a subsidiary insurance company or an associated insurance company, cf. subsection (1), no. 1, shall not be deducted either if the undertaking is acquired temporarily, and the acquisition takes place as part of a reconstruction.

(5) Equity investments in credit institutions and finance institutions which, together with the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company, are included in consolidation, cf. part 12, shall not be deducted from the capital base. This shall also apply to subordinated debt in credit institutions and finance institutions covered by the consolidation.

(6) When calculating the amounts mentioned in subsection (1), nos. 5 and 6, share trading activities etc. shall also be included.

140.-(1) In mortgage-credit institutions, the capital base requirement for series with a repayment obligation opened before 1 January 1973 may be met with the capital mentioned in section 135(1), no. 4.

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(2) In series with a repayment obligation opened before 1 January 1973, the capital mentioned in section 129(1), no. 9, which is not included in covering the requirement for the capital base of the series, may be included as core capital when meeting the requirement for capital base for the mortgage-credit institution in general.

141.-(1) The assets of associations that the investment management company is licensed to manage shall be included in said investment management company's portfolio, cf. section 125(2).

(2) Portfolios that the investment management company has been assigned to manage under the provisions regarding delegation shall not be included in the company's portfolio, cf. section 125(2).

142.-(1) Risk-weighted items in banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies shall mean items with a credit risk, share price exposure, interest rate risk, currency risk, commodities risk, etc.

(2) Risk-weighted items in insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) shall mean items that are adjusted according to insurance type, term, special conditions in reinsurance, average rating bases, administration costs, and claims expenses as well as other items in the risk sum.

143. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations for

- 1) calculation of the risk-weighted items,
- 2) reporting of the risk-weighted items, the capital requirement, the solvency need, cf. section 124(3) and section 125(5), and the capital base,
- 3) calculation of share trading activities etc.,
- 4) calculation of companies' fixed costs, cf. section 125(4),
- 5) conditions for reduction of the minimum capital requirement, cf. section 126(4), and
- 6) calculation of the capital base as a consequence of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of international accounting standards.

Special regulations regarding compulsory redemption for banks

144.-(1) In a bank that does not meet the solvency requirement of section 124(1), no. 1 and (4) and where the Danish FSA has set a time limit under section 225(1) and (3), the board of directors may with a simple majority, upon the request of a shareholder owning 70 per cent or more of the bank's shares, decide to redeem the shares of the other shareholders in the bank. This shall also apply to cases where the request is made by a shareholder who, after a capital injection which is part of a reconstruction plan, owns 70 per cent or more of the shares in the bank, even though the bank, as a consequence of the capital injection, again meets the solvency requirement of section 124(1), no. 1 and (4). The resolution made by the board of directors regarding compulsory redemption of shares shall be approved by the Danish FSA. Share redemption shall be carried out no later than 30 days after the request mentioned in the 1st clause.

(2) The minority shareholders covered by such a resolution regarding share redemption, cf. subsection (1), shall be requested in writing to transfer their shares to the shareholder mentioned in subsection (1) no later than 3 days after receipt of said request. Said request shall include information about the terms and conditions for the redemption and the

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assessment basis for the redemption price. The value of the shares of the bank shall be calculated on the basis of their open market value by the auditor elected at the general meeting of the bank.

(3) The purchase price shall be paid or deposited no later than 3 days after said redemption has been requested from the shareholders. This shall also apply to the purchase sum for shares called up in accordance with the Danish Official Gazette, cf. the provisions regarding this in the Public Companies Act.

(4) The redemption and transfer of shares are regarded as final at the time of payment or deposit of the purchase sum, cf. subsection (3). In cases of disagreement regarding the pricing of the shares, said pricing shall be determined upon the request of either party by two auditors appointed by the Institute of State Authorized Public Accountants in Denmark. The decision may be brought before the courts no later than 2 weeks after receipt of the auditors' decision.

Part 11

Placement and liquidity of funds

Regulations for banks and mortgage-credit institutions as well as investment companies and investment management companies regarding the placement and liquidity of funds

145.-(1) An exposure, cf. section 5(1), no. 16, with a customer or group of mutually connected customers may not, after subtracting particularly secure claims, exceed 25 per cent of the capital base, cf. section 128.

(2) The sum of exposures that, after subtracting particularly secure claims amount to 10 per cent or more of the capital base, may not add up to more than 800 per cent of the capital base.

(3) Exposures that amount to 10 per cent or more of the capital base shall be notified to the Danish FSA each quarter.

(4) If exposures exceed the limits laid down in subsection (1) or (2), the Danish FSA shall be notified immediately. The Danish FSA may allow the limit under subsection (1) to be exceeded temporarily under special circumstances.

(5) The limits mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) shall not apply to exposures with undertakings which are fully included in the consolidation.

(6) If an exposure is guaranteed by a credit institution in Zone A, the guaranteed part of the exposure shall be considered as an exposure with the credit institution that has provided the guarantee, cf. however, section 155.

(7) Amounts subtracted from the capital base under section 139(1), no. 1 shall not be included in exposures with subsidiary companies or associated companies that carry out insurance activities.

(8) Amounts deducted from the capital base pursuant to section 139(1), nos. 2, 3 and 5, shall not be included in the exposure with the issuer of the equity investments.

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146.-(1) Equity investments in other companies held by banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies may not exceed 100 per cent of the capital base. Equity investments acquired for funds for performance-related pay shall not be included in the calculation under the 1st clause.

(2) Share-trading activities shall be included in calculations of the limit under subsection (1).

(3) Equity investments that shall be subtracted from the capital base and equity investments in undertakings that are fully included in consolidation shall not be included in the limit under subsection (1).

(4) The Danish FSA may grant exemptions from subsection (1).

147.-(1) Banks, mortgage-credit institutions, investment companies and investment management companies may not own real property or hold equity investments in property companies amounting to more than 20 per cent of the capital base. The real property of banks and mortgage-credit institutions shall include loans and guarantees to subsidiary companies that are property companies. Properties acquired by a bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company, or investment management company in order to carry out main or ancillary activities shall, however, not be included in these provisions.

(2) The Danish FSA may allow exemptions from the provisions of subsection (1), 1st clause.

148. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations for

- 1) calculation of an exposure,
- 2) notification of exposures exceeding 10 per cent of the capital base,
- 3) subtraction of particularly secure claims from exposures, and
- 4) calculation, notification, and limits for total currency and other market risks.

Special regulations for banks regarding the placement and liquidity of funds

149.-(1) A bank may not have a residual risk under leasing agreements, cf. subsection (2), the value of which, together with real property and equity investments covered by section 147, amounts to more than 25 per cent of the capital base.

(2) Residual risk under a leasing agreement shall mean the difference between the cost of the leased asset and the current value of the liability of the lessee to the bank under the leasing agreement.

(3) If a third party is liable for part of the residual risk, such part may be deducted in the calculation of the residual risk. The liability of the third party shall be added to the exposure of the relevant person in accordance with section 145.

(4) The Danish FSA may grant exemptions from subsection (1).

150. Loans for subscribing to the share capital, cooperative share capital, or guarantee capital of a bank in excess of 5 per cent of the total share capital, cooperative share capital, or guarantee capital may only be granted if collateral is provided for the excess amount. Such collateral shall be at least of the same nature as the particularly secure claims.

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151.-(1) A savings bank may not acquire or receive as collateral guarantee certificates in its own capital.

(2) A cooperative savings bank may not acquire or receive as collateral cooperative share certificates in its own capital.

152.-(1) A bank shall have appropriate liquidity, cf. subsection (2). Such liquidity shall amount to no less than

- 1) 15 per cent of the debt exposures that, irrespective of possible payment conditions, are the liability of the bank to pay on demand or at notice of no more than one month, and
- 2) 10 per cent of the total debt and guarantee exposures of the bank, less subordinated debt that may be included in calculations of the capital base.

(2) The following may be included in calculations of liquidity:

- 1) cash in hand,
- 2) fully secured and liquid demand deposits with credit institutions and insurance companies, and
- 3) equity investments of secure, easily realisable, securities and credit funds not used as collateral for a loan.

(3) If the requirements of subsection (1) are not met, and if such situation is not remediated no later than 8 days following the day the bank failed to meet the requirements, the bank shall notify such situation to the Danish FSA immediately. The Danish FSA shall lay down a time limit within which the requirements shall be met.

Special regulations for mortgage-credit institutions regarding the placement and liquidity of funds

153.-(1) A mortgage-credit institution shall place funds corresponding to no less than 60 per cent of the capital base requirement of the mortgage-credit institution, with the addition of funds in series with a duty of repayment that are not included in the capital base, in the assets listed below:

- 1) Deposits in central banks in Zone A.
- 2) Bonds and instruments of debt issued by or guaranteed by the governments or regional authorities in Zone A.
- 3) Mortgage-credit bonds and other bonds issued by a credit institution in a country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area which carries equivalent collateral.
- 4) Listed bonds issued by international organisations with a membership of no less than one Member State of the European Union.

(2) In special cases the Danish FSA may allow exemption from the limit mentioned in subsection (1), if the mortgage-credit institution is in the same group as another mortgage-credit institution.

154.-(1) Funds in series may not be paid in as hybrid core capital or subordinate loan capital in other series or in the mortgage-credit institution in general.

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(2) Funds in the mortgage-credit institution in general may not be paid in in series as hybrid core capital or subordinate loan capital unless hybrid core capital or subordinate loan capital for no less than a corresponding amount has been taken up in the mortgage-credit institution in general.

155. Guarantees that are not mentioned in the Mortgage-Credit Loans and Mortgage-Credit Bonds etc. Act shall not be subject to section 145(6).

Special regulations for investment companies and investment management companies regarding the placement of funds and liquidity

156.-(1) Liquidity, cf. section 152(2), for investment companies and investment management companies shall be appropriate.

(2) The Danish FSA may require an increase in liquidity if liquidity is not deemed appropriate.

(3) The Danish FSA shall stipulate a time limit for fulfilment of the requirement under subsection (2).

157. Investment companies without a license to trade on their own account, cf. annex 4, part A, no. 2, and investment management companies may place their capital base in shares and bonds that are listed on a stock exchange or traded on another regulated market as well as units in investment associations, special-purpose associations and restricted associations, except for SME associations, cf. section 109 of the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.

Special regulations for insurance companies and pension funds regarding the placement of funds and liquidity

158. The funds under the charge of an insurance company or a pension fund shall be invested in an appropriate manner, and a manner advantageous for the insured parties, such that there is adequate security that the company can meet its obligations at all times.

159.-(1) Insurance companies and pension funds shall have a group of assets, the total value of which at all times corresponds to the value of the total insurance provisions.

(2) The assets covered by subsection (1) shall be selected so that, viewed in relation to the nature of the company's insurance contracts with regard to security, return, and liquidity, they are of a suitable type and composition to ensure that the insured parties are satisfied. There may not be disproportionate dependence on a specific category of assets, a specific investment market, or a specific investment.

160. In pursuance of the provisions in this part of this Act, assets shall be calculated in accordance with the following regulations:

- 1) Assets shall be calculated and adjusted regularly in accordance with the regulations laid down regarding annual reports in section 196.
- 2) Any assets subject to a charge shall be deducted, and loans may only be included at a value net of obligations that may be due to the borrower.

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- 3) Financial contracts that reduce the risk that assets do not cover insurance obligations shall be included in the value of assets at the value of such contracts.
- 4) Accrued interest receivable on assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 1-4, 6, 7, 9, and 11-14 shall be included in the value of the assets.

161. In pursuance of the provisions in this part of this Act, insurance provisions shall be calculated in accordance with the following regulations:

- 1) Provisions shall be calculated and adjusted regularly in accordance with the regulations laid down regarding annual reports in section 196.
- 2) Provisions shall be calculated gross of directly written insurance contracts.
- 3) The proportion of insurance provisions for indirect insurance contracts that is set off against reinsurance deposits with issuing insurance companies shall be deducted.
- 4) Up to half of the outstanding premiums receivable shall be deducted.

162.-(1) The following types of assets may be included in the assets covered by section 159(1):

- 1) Bonds or instruments of debt issued or guaranteed by central governments or regional authorities within Zone A,
- 2) Listed bonds issued by international organisations with a membership of no less than one Member State of the European Union,
- 3) Mortgage-credit bonds and other bonds issued in a country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, and which offers equivalent collateral.
- 4) Amounts receivable from credit institutions and insurance companies under public supervision in countries within Zone A, although not amounts receivable that are subordinated other creditors, as well as other amounts receivable that are guaranteed by credit institutions or insurance companies under public supervision in countries within Zone A
- 5) Land, residential property, offices and commercial property, as well as other property, the value of which is independent of any specific commercial use.
- 6) Loans secured by registered, mortgaged property covered by no. 5 for an amount of up to 80 per cent of the most recent property valuation for residential property and up to 60 per cent for other property.
- 7) Loans secured on own life-assurance policies within the repurchase value of these policies.
- 8) Units in investment undertakings subject to Community law and units in placement associations, money-market associations and funds of funds as well as restricted associations or divisions hereof, which in their articles of association have provisions on risk-spreading corresponding to those applicable for investment associations, placement associations, money-market associations or funds of funds, cf. the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.
- 9) Other bonds and loans listed on a stock exchange in countries within Zone A.
- 10) Equity investments listed on a stock exchange in countries within Zone A.
- 11) Property not covered by no. 5, as well as loans secured by registered, mortgaged property not covered by no. 6.
- 12) Equity investments and other securities listed on a stock exchange in countries outside Zone A.
- 13) Unlisted equity investments, including equity investments traded on an authorised market place, cf. section 40(1) of the Securities Trading, etc. Act, or another regulated

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market that is publicly recognised, open regularly, and open to the public, as well as other loans and securities not covered by nos. 1-12.

- 14) Reinsurance contracts and amounts receivable from reinsurance companies under public supervision in countries within Zone A or reinsurance companies under public supervision, which have achieved a rating by a recognised rating undertaking corresponding to no less than investment grade.

(2) In a subsidiary undertaking, the activities of which are limited to making and managing investments in assets covered by subsection (1), the assets of the subsidiary undertaking within the value of the equity investments in and any loans to the subsidiary undertaking may be treated as assets under subsection (1). If the subsidiary undertaking is not fully owned, its assets shall be included at a proportionate value corresponding to the proportion of the own funds owned.

(3) If the insurance company has a subsidiary company which carries on direct life-assurance business with the authority of this Act, the assets of the subsidiary company may be treated as assets under subsection (1). The part of the assets of the subsidiary company which is not used to cover the subsidiary company's insurance provisions, and an amount corresponding to the capital requirements of the subsidiary company shall be of such a type and composition that they can be included in the assets of the parent company to cover the insurance provisions according to the provisions of this part. The total assets of the subsidiary company may be included as part of the assets to cover insurance provisions at a value no greater than that which corresponds to the value of the parent company's shares in and any loans to the subsidiary company, after deduction of the capital requirements of the subsidiary company. If the subsidiary is not fully owned, its assets shall be included at a proportionate value corresponding to the proportion of the own funds owned.

(4) Subsection (3) may apply correspondingly to other subsidiary companies, which are insurance companies, with a license under this Act. The assets of such a subsidiary company may, however, be included as part of the assets at a value corresponding to no more than 5 per cent of the insurance provisions of the parent company.

163.-(1) The following limits concerning insurance provisions shall apply for including assets covered by section 159(1):

- 1) Assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 8-14 may total no more than 70 per cent.
- 2) Assets covered by section 162(1), no. 13, cf. however subsection (2), may be included at no more than 20 per cent.
- 3) Assets covered by section 162(1), no. 12 may comprise a total of no more than 10 per cent.
- 4) Loans covered by section 162(1), no. 13 may comprise a total of no more than 2 per cent.
- 5) Assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 4, 6, 8-10, 12 and 13, issued or guaranteed by banks, mortgage-credit institutions, insurance companies, branches of investment undertakings, as well as placement associations, money-market associations, funds of funds and restricted associations which for each undertaking and branch of an association comprise more than 5 per cent of the insurance provisions, may total no more than 40 per cent.

(2) Other loans and securities covered by section 162(1), no. 13, which are not traded on an authorised market place or on another regulated market that is publicly recognised, open

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regularly, and open to the public, may comprise no more than 10 per cent of the insurance provisions.

164.-(1) The following limits concerning insurance provisions shall apply for including assets covered by section 159(1), where the assets comprise a risk for an individual undertaking or a group of mutually connected undertakings.

- 1) Assets covered by section 162(1), no. 3 may comprise no more than 40 per cent.
- 2) Assets covered by section 162(1), no. 4 may comprise no more than 10 per cent.
- 3) Assets covered by section 162(1), no. 8, cf. however, subsection (2), may comprise no more than 10 per cent.
- 4) Assets covered by section 162(1), no. 14 may comprise no more than 10 per cent.
- 5) Assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 5-7 and nos. 9-13, cf. however subsection (3), may comprise no more than 5 per cent.
- 6) Assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13, cf. however, subsection (4) may comprise no more than 4 per cent.
- 7) Loans covered by section 162(1), no. 13 may comprise no more than 1 per cent.

(2) If a branch of an investment undertaking covered by regulations in Community law, cf. section 162(1), no. 8, under its articles of association may only invest in assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 1-3, the investment may also be classified under section 162(1), nos. 1-3.

(3) For equity investments in and loans to an undertaking whose activities exclusively comprise investments in assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 5 and 11, the limit mentioned in subsection (1), no. 5, shall apply to the exposure with the undertaking.

(4) The limit in subsection (1), no. 6 shall only apply to other insurance companies than companies that carry out direct life-assurance business, and pension funds. For companies that carry out direct life-assurance business and pension funds the limit shall be 3 per cent, cf. however, subsection (5).

(5) If the undertaking is not domiciled or listed in a country within Zone A, or if the own funds of the undertaking does not exceed DKK 250 million, the limit in subsection (4), 2nd clause shall be 2 per cent.

(6) Subsection (1), no. 6 and (3) shall not apply to investments in a subsidiary undertaking covered by section 162(2), or to a subsidiary company covered by section 162(3) or (4), or to investments in undertakings whose activity according to their articles of association is limited to investing in assets covered by section 162(1), nos. 1-3. In the latter case, with regard to the provisions in subsection (1), nos. 5-7 and (2), as well as section 163(1), nos. 1, 2 and 4, the investment may be classified under section 162(1), nos. 1-3.

165.-(1) The assets covered by section 159(1) shall include an amount of no less than 80 per cent denominated in congruent currencies.

(2) Assets denominated in euro (EUR) may be used to fulfil half of the requirement under subsection (1) for insurance provisions in another EU currency than euro (EUR).

(3) The requirement in subsection (1) shall not apply if the insurance provisions in the relevant currency total less than 7 per cent of the insurance provisions in other currencies.

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166.-(1) For insurance provisions in insurance class III, where the insurance company or pension fund has not taken on an investment risk, section 159(2) and sections 163-165 shall not apply.

(2) For funds taken over as separate SP (Special Pension Savings Scheme) accounts where the individual account-holder has influence on the choice of investment scheme or investment risk, section 159(2) and sections 163-165 shall not apply.

(3) Funds taken over as separate SP (Special Pension Savings Scheme) accounts where the individual account-holder has no control over the choice of investment scheme or investment risk shall be placed in accordance with the regulations in part 11, cf. however subsections (4) and (5).

(4) Section 163(1), no. 5 and section 164(1), no. 3 shall not apply to funds placed in investment associations, special-purpose associations and approved restricted associations covered by section 162(1), no. 8.

(5) Section 163(1), no. 1 shall not apply to funds placed in investment associations, special-purpose associations and approved restricted associations covered by section 162(1), no. 8 provided that the assets held by said associations are included in the calculation of placement of the funds covered by subsection (3) and that the provisions of part 11 of this Act, with the exceptions mentioned in subsection (4), are complied with in said calculation.

167.-(1) Insurance companies and pension funds shall keep a register of assets covered by section 159(1) and financial contracts under section 160(1), no. 3. Non-life assurance companies shall also keep a register of the assets that correspond to premiums received, where the insurance period commences after the end of the accounting year. The assets and contracts in such registers shall be exclusively to satisfy the insured parties.

(2) The requirement to keep a register shall not apply to the policy loans mentioned in section 162(1), no. 7.

(3) If real property is included in the assets, a mortgage deed shall be registered.

(4) For subsidiary undertakings covered by section 162(2) and subsidiary companies covered by section 162(3) and (4), equity investments shall be registered as well as any loans to the subsidiary undertaking or subsidiary company, respectively.

(5) The insurance company and the pension fund shall report to the Danish FSA which assets are included in the register. The Danish FSA or the party duly authorised by the Danish FSA shall verify the existence of said assets according to more detailed regulations laid down by the Danish FSA.

(6) The Danish FSA may require that the register be deposited if the Danish FSA decides to limit or prohibit the availability of the assets to the company. On depositing the register the Danish FSA shall be registered at a central securities depository as authorised with regard to securities. Other assets and contracts that are to cover insurance provisions shall be pledged as collateral in favour of the Danish FSA.

(7) Any changes in the register deposited shall be approved by the Danish FSA and noted in the register.

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168. The Danish FSA may grant exemptions from sections 162, 163(1), no. 5 and 164(1), nos. 2-6 and section 164(1), nos. 2-7 and (2)-(6) for a limited period.

169. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations for

- 1) limitations on securities covered by more than one of the groups of assets mentioned in section 162(1),
- 2) location of assets and congruent currencies in relation to the insurance provisions,
- 3) coverage of the insurance provisions for insurance contracts covered by section 166, and
- 4) reporting, registration and verification of the existence of assets registered under section 167.

Part 12

Group regulations, consolidation, etc.

Group regulations

170.-(1) In groups where the parent undertaking is a financial holding company or a bank, the regulations for banks in section 124(1), no. 1 shall apply to the financial holding company and the group, cf. however subsections (2)-(4). The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

(2) In groups where the parent undertaking is a mortgage-credit holding company or a mortgage-credit institution, the regulations for mortgage-credit institutions in section 124(1), no. 1 shall apply to the holding company and the group. The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

(3) In groups where the parent undertaking is an investment holding company or an investment company, the regulations regarding investment companies in section 125(1) no. 1 shall apply to the holding company and the group. The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

(4) In groups where the parent undertaking is an investment management holding company or an investment management company, the regulations regarding investment management companies in section 125(1), no. 1 shall apply to the holding company and the group. The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

171.-(1) In groups where the parent undertaking is a bank or a bank holding company, sections 145-147, 149, 150, 152 and 182 shall also apply to the group. The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base

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of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

(2) The Danish FSA may stipulate that subsection (1) and section 170 (1) shall apply in other cases where banks alone or jointly have such direct or indirect links to an undertaking that application of the regulations specified is deemed necessary.

172.-(1) In groups where the parent undertaking is a mortgage-credit institution or a mortgage-credit holding company, sections 145-147, 155 and 182 shall also apply to the group, cf. however subsection (2). The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

(2) The Danish FSA may stipulate that subsection (1) and section 170 (2) shall apply in other cases where mortgage-credit institutions alone or jointly have such direct or indirect links to an undertaking that application of the regulations specified is deemed necessary.

173.-(1) In groups where the parent undertaking is an investment company or an investment holding company, sections 145-147, 156 and 182 shall also apply to the group. The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

(2) The Danish FSA may stipulate that subsection (1) and section 170 (3) shall apply in other cases where investment companies alone or jointly have such direct or indirect links to an undertaking that application of the regulations specified is deemed necessary.

174.-(1) In groups where the parent undertaking is an investment management holding company or an investment management company, sections 145-147, 156 and 182 shall also apply to the group. The parent undertaking shall ensure compliance with these provisions. When calculating the capital base of the group, cf. section 128, deductions shall be made of capital deposited by undertakings within the group which do not form part of the consolidated statements of said group.

(2) The Danish FSA may stipulate that subsection (1) and section 170 (4) shall apply in other cases where investment management companies alone or jointly have such direct or indirect links to an undertaking that application of the regulations specified is deemed necessary.

175. The Danish FSA may stipulate that section 145 shall apply to groups where the parent undertaking is a financial holding company other than an investment holding company, investment management holding company, bank holding company, or mortgage-credit holding company.

175a.-(1) Groups where the parent undertaking is a financial holding company or a financial undertaking shall, once a year, report all exposures, cf. section 5(1), no. 16, exceeding 10 per cent of the group's capital base.

(2) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations for reporting under subsection (1).

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Consolidation

176.-(1) Where an investment company, an investment management company, a bank, a mortgage-credit institution, or a financial holding company alone or with other undertakings within the group holds participating interests in a credit institution or a finance institution which is not a subsidiary undertaking, and the credit institution or finance institution is operated jointly with other undertakings which are not part of the group, a pro rata consolidation of the undertaking shall take place in accordance with sections 170-174 in respect of the group undertakings' share of the own funds and result of the undertaking in which said participating interest is held.

(2) Where the liability of the investment company, investment management company, bank, mortgage-credit institution or financial holding company for the undertaking is not limited to the ownership interest or the voting rights held, full consolidation shall take place in accordance with sections 170-174.

177.-(1) Insurance companies and their subsidiary undertakings and undertakings which are temporarily operated by financial undertakings shall not be included in consolidation pursuant to sections 170-174. The Danish FSA may, however, stipulate that these undertakings shall be included.

(2) Credit institutions or finance institutions which are subsidiary undertakings of insurance companies shall be included in consolidation pursuant to sections 170-172 if the parent undertaking is a bank, a mortgage-credit institution or an investment holding company, an investment management holding company, a bank holding company, or a mortgage-credit holding company.

Exemptions

178.-(1) The Danish FSA may in special cases grant exemptions from the requirements stipulated in sections 170-174.

(2) The Danish FSA may allow groups other than those specified in section 170(2) to include serial reserve funds in the capital base in accordance with the regulations in section 129 and 135.

Separation, disposal and intra-group transactions

179. The Danish FSA may order a parent undertaking which owns equity investments in financial undertakings to separate such financial undertakings and finance institutions in a subgroup under a financial holding company where

- 1) the group is structured in a manner which entails that the parent undertaking need not meet the solvency requirement in section 170,
- 2) a member of the board of directors or the board of management of the parent undertaking falls within the scope of section 64(2), nos. 1, 2 and 4, or
- 3) the structure renders performance of the tasks of the Danish FSA difficult in other ways.

180. The Danish FSA may order a financial holding company to dispose of equity investments in a financial undertaking where:

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- 1) the parent undertaking or group does not comply with the solvency requirement in section 170,
- 2) a member of the board of directors or the board of management of the holding company does not have sufficient experience to carry out the business or position, or falls within the scope of section 64(2), nos. 1-2 and 4, or
- 3) the parent undertaking impairs appropriate and reasonable management of the financial undertaking.

181.-(1) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations on transactions carried out between a financial undertaking and

- 1) undertakings directly or indirectly linked with said financial undertaking as subsidiary undertakings, associated undertakings or parent undertakings, or as the parent undertaking's associated undertakings and other subsidiary undertakings,
- 2) undertakings or persons linked to the financial undertaking through close links, cf. section 5(1), no. 17, or
- 3) undertakings not covered by nos. 1 and 2 where the majority of the members of the management of said undertakings are the same individuals or where the undertakings have joint management under an agreement or provisions in their articles of association.

(2) Intra-group transactions carried out contrary to regulations laid down in subsection (1) shall be cancelled so that performance of all transactions is reversed where possible. This shall include termination of any collateralisation. Payments from the financial undertaking made in connection with intra-group transactions contrary to regulations laid down in pursuance of subsection (1) shall be returned with annual interest at an amount corresponding to the interest stipulated in section 5(1) and (2) of the "lov om rente ved forsinket betaling m.v." (interest on late payments etc. act).

182.-(1) A financial undertaking may not, without a license from the Danish FSA, have exposures within the same group except for exposures with subsidiary undertakings.

(2) A financial undertaking furthermore may not have an exposure with undertakings or persons who exercise direct or indirect controlling influence in the financial undertaking, or who are controlled by undertakings or persons with such an influence.

(3) The Danish FSA may allow exemptions from subsection (2).

VI Annual report, audit and appropriation of profit for the year

Part 13

Annual report, audit and appropriation of profit for the year

General regulations regarding the annual report and audit

183.-(1) Financial undertakings and financial holding companies shall prepare an annual report, which as a minimum shall comprise a management endorsement, a balance sheet, an income statement, notes, including a statement of accounting policies and a statement

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detailing the movements in own funds, as well as a management review. When the annual report has been audited, the audit report shall be included therein.

(2) The annual report shall be prepared in accordance with the regulations stipulated in this part of this Act as well as regulations issued pursuant to section 196, cf. however subsections (3)-(6).

(3) Where provisions in this part of this Act or regulations issued in pursuance hereof regulate the same aspects as the Council Regulation on the application of international accounting standards, cf. Article 4 of the Regulation, the provisions of this part of this Act or the regulations issued in pursuance hereof shall not apply to the consolidated financial statements of the undertakings covered by Article 4 of the Regulation.

(4) Financial undertakings and financial holding companies which are not listed on a stock exchange may, notwithstanding subsection (2), decide to prepare an annual report in accordance with the standards mentioned in subsection (3). Listed financial undertakings and listed financial holding companies may, notwithstanding subsection (2), decide to apply the standards mentioned in subsection (3) to those parts of their annual report that are not covered by Article 4 of the Regulation mentioned.

(5) Financial undertakings which, pursuant to subsection (4), follow the standards mentioned in subsection (3) shall apply all approved standards in their annual report. Where provisions of this Act or provisions issued pursuant to section 196 regulate the same aspects as the standards, undertakings which, pursuant to subsection (4), apply the standards shall apply the standards instead of the relevant provisions. If said undertakings solely apply the standards to their consolidated financial statements and not to the annual financial statements, the 1st and 2nd clauses shall only apply to the consolidated financial statements.

(6) The Danish FSA may lay down disclosure requirements for the undertakings following the standards mentioned in subsection (3).

184.-(1) The board of directors and the board of management shall present the annual report of the undertaking.

(2) Each individual member of the management shall be responsible for ensuring that the annual report is prepared in accordance with the legislation and any further accounting and reporting requirements provided for by articles of associations or by agreement. Further, each individual member shall be responsible for ensuring that the annual report may be audited and approved in time if auditing is required. Finally, each individual member of the board of directors shall be responsible for ensuring that the annual report is submitted to the Danish FSA within the time limits stipulated in legislation.

185.-(1) When the annual report has been prepared, it shall be signed and dated by all members of the board of directors and the board of management. They shall affix their signatures to a management endorsement, stating whether

- 1) the annual report has been presented in accordance with the requirements provided for by legislation and any standards as well as any requirements provided for by the articles of association or by agreement, and
- 2) the annual report gives a true and fair view of the undertaking's assets and liabilities, financial position and results for the year, and if consolidated financial statements are prepared, the group's assets and liabilities, financial position and results for the year.

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(2) If the management has added supplementary reports to the annual report, the members of the board of directors and the board of management shall state in the management endorsement whether the report provides a true and fair view in accordance with generally accepted guidelines for such reports.

(3) Even if a member of the management disagrees with an annual report in full or in part or has objections to the annual report being approved with the contents decided upon, said member shall not be entitled to omit to sign the annual report. However, such member of the management may state his or her objections giving specific and adequate grounds in connection with his or her signature and the management endorsement.

186.-(1) The annual report shall give a true and fair view of the enterprise's assets and liabilities, financial position and results for the year and, if consolidated financial statements have been prepared, the group's assets and liabilities, financial position and results for the year.

(2) If the application of the provisions of this Act or regulations issued pursuant to section 196 is not sufficient to give a true and fair view in accordance with subsection (1), further disclosure shall be made in the annual report.

(3) If, in special cases, the application of the provisions set out in this part of this Act or the application of regulations issued pursuant to section 196 conflicts with the requirement of subsection (1), such provisions or regulations shall be derogated from so that the requirement can be met. Any such derogation shall be disclosed in the notes for each year, giving specific and adequate grounds and indicating the effect, including, if possible, the effect in terms of amounts, of the derogation on the assets and liabilities, financial position and the results of the undertaking and the group respectively.

187.-(1) In order for the statutory parts of an annual report to give a true and fair view in accordance with section 186, the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) shall be complied with.

(2) The annual report shall be prepared so as to support users of financial statements in their financial decisions. Such users are private individuals, undertakings, organisations and public authorities, etc., whose financial decisions must normally be expected to be affected by an annual report, including present and prospective members of the undertaking, creditors, employees, customers, alliance partners, the local community, authorities providing government grants, and fiscal authorities. As a minimum, the decisions in question concern:

- 1) investment of the user's own resources,
- 2) the management's administration of the funds of the undertaking, and
- 3) the distribution of the funds of the undertaking.

(3) The annual report shall be prepared so as to disclose information about matters which are normally relevant to users, cf. subsection (2). The information disclosed must also be reliable in relation to users' normal expectations.

188.-(1) The annual report shall be prepared in accordance with the basic assumptions set out below:

- 1) It must be prepared in a clear and understandable manner (clarity).

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- 2) The substance of transaction rather than formalities without any real content must be accounted for (substance over form).
- 3) All relevant matters must be included in the annual report unless they are insignificant (materiality). But where several insignificant matters are deemed to be significant when combined, they must be included.
- 4) The operation of an activity is based on a going concern assumption unless it is to be discontinued or it is assumed that it will not be possible to be continued. If an activity is discontinued, classification and presentation as well as recognition and measurement must be adjusted accordingly.
- 5) Any change in value must be shown irrespective of the effect on the own funds and income statement (neutrality).
- 6) Transactions, events and changes in value must be recognised when occurring irrespective of the time of payment (accrual basis).
- 7) Methods of recognition and measurement basis must be applied uniformly to the same category of matters (consistency).
- 8) Each transaction, event and change in value must be recognised and measured individually, and individual matters must not be offset against each other (gross presentation).
- 9) The opening balance sheet for the accounting year must be equivalent to the closing balance sheet for the previous accounting year (formal consistency).

(2) Presentation and classification, method of consolidation, method of recognition and measurement basis as well as the monetary unit applied must not be changed from period to period (actual consistency). However, a change may be made if this results in a more true and fair view being given, or if the change is necessary in order to comply with new regulations issued pursuant to section 196.

(3) The provisions in subsection (1), nos. 6-9, and subsection (2) may be derogated from in special cases. In such cases, section 186(3), 2nd clause shall apply correspondingly.

189.-(1) The assets and liabilities of financial undertakings shall, unless otherwise provided for pursuant to section 196, be measured at fair value. Assets and liabilities shall be depreciated and revalued in accordance herewith and depreciation and revaluation amounts shall be included in the income statement unless otherwise specified pursuant to section 196.

(2) The fair value shall be determined as the market value of the relevant asset or liability on a well-functioning market. Where such an asset or liability is not traded on a well-functioning market, a recognised method shall be employed to calculate the fair value of the relevant asset or liability.

190.-(1) Supplementary reports, for example reports on knowledge and know-how and employee conditions (knowledge accounts), environmental issues (green accounts), the social responsibility of the undertaking (social accounts), and ethical objectives and follow-up to same of the undertaking (ethical accounts), shall give a true and fair view in accordance with generally accepted guidelines for such reports. Such reports shall meet the quality requirements in section 187(3) and the basic assumptions set out in section 188(1) and (2) subject to the special terms required by the nature of the case.

(2) The methods and measurement basis used for the preparation of the supplementary reports shall be disclosed in the reports.

191.-(1) The accounting year shall be the calendar year.

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(2) The first accounting period may comprise a period which is shorter or longer than 12 months, subject however to a maximum of 18 months.

(3) Parent undertakings and subsidiary undertakings shall ensure that the subsidiary undertaking has the same accounting year as the parent undertaking, unless this is not possible due to circumstances beyond the control of the parent undertaking and the subsidiary undertaking.

(4) In special cases, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from the requirement in subsection (1).

192. Recognition, measurement and disclosure in monetary units shall be denominated in Danish kroner (DKK) or in euro (EUR). The Danish FSA may, in regulations issued pursuant to section 196 stipulate that these amounts shall be stated in other foreign currencies relevant to the undertaking or group, respectively.

193. The annual report shall be audited by the external auditors of the undertaking, cf. section 199. Such audit shall not apply to the supplementary reports included in the annual report, cf. section 190.

194.-(1) The annual report shall, in the form presented to and approved by the board of directors, be submitted in duplicate to the Danish FSA without undue delay after the meeting of the board of directors at which the annual report was finally approved.

(2) The external auditors' audit book comments and, for undertakings with an internal auditor, the audit book comments from the chief internal auditor shall be submitted to the Danish FSA at the same time as the annual report is submitted pursuant to subsection (1).

195.-(1) The audited and approved annual report shall be submitted to the Danish FSA in triplicate without undue delay after final approval. The annual report shall be received by the Danish FSA no later than four months after the end of the accounting year.

(2) The annual report submitted shall as a minimum include the compulsory elements and the full audit report. Where the undertaking wishes to publish supplementary reports as specified in section 190, such reports shall be submitted with the compulsory elements of the annual report, so that the compulsory elements and the supplementary reports jointly form a single document, designated as the "annual report".

(3) A copy of the annual report for all of the subsidiary undertakings of the undertaking which are not financial undertakings and which fall within the scope of the supervision of the Danish FSA shall be submitted to the Danish FSA at the same time as submission of the annual report under subsection (1).

(4) The Danish FSA shall forward one of the copies specified in subsection (1) to the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency, where the annual report shall be available to the public in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Agency in this regard.

196.-(1) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations on the annual report, including regulations on the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenditure, presentation of the income statement and balance sheet, and requirements regarding notes and the management's review.

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(2) The Danish FSA shall also lay down regulations on consolidated financial statements, including regulations on when the annual report is to include consolidated financial statements and which companies these are to cover.

(3) The Danish FSA may lay down regulations on the preparation and publication of interim statements covering shorter periods than the annual report.

197. In order to ensure that the annual reports of financial undertakings and financial holding companies are in accordance with the regulations of this part of this Act and the regulations issued in pursuance of section 196, and that the consolidated financial statements of financial undertakings covered by Article 4 of the Council Regulation on the application of international accounting standards are in accordance with the international accounting standards, the Danish FSA may

- 1) provide guidance,
- 2) take action against violations, and
- 3) order that errors be corrected and that violations be remedied.

198. Financial undertakings and financial holding companies shall regularly submit accounts to the Danish FSA in accordance with formats and guidelines in this respect prepared by the Danish FSA.

199.-(1) Financial undertakings and financial holding companies shall have at least one auditor who is a state-authorized public accountant. If more than one auditor is elected or if an auditor is appointed under the 3rd clause, the remaining elected or appointed auditors shall be state-authorized or registered. The Danish FSA may in exceptional cases appoint an additional auditor. This auditor shall act on the same terms and in accordance with the same regulations as the auditors elected by the general meeting.

(2) The auditors of a financial undertaking or a financial holding company shall also be the auditors of the subsidiary undertakings of such an undertaking or holding company.

(3) Subsection (2) shall not apply to parent undertakings and subsidiary undertakings which are not domiciled in Denmark.

(4) The Danish FSA may dismiss an auditor who is deemed clearly unfit to perform his duties and instead appoint another auditor, cf. subsection (1), 3rd clause, who shall act until a new auditor can be elected.

(5) On a change of auditors, the undertaking and the outgoing auditor shall submit separate accounts of the change to the Danish FSA no later than one month after the termination of office where the change is caused by special circumstances.

(6) The Danish FSA may order the auditors and, where relevant, the chief internal auditor to give information about a financial undertaking, a financial holding company or the subsidiary undertakings of such undertakings or companies.

(7) The Danish FSA may order that an extraordinary audit be carried out of a financial undertaking, a financial holding company or the subsidiary undertakings of such undertakings or companies. The financial undertaking may be ordered to pay for such audit. The Danish FSA shall approve the size of the fee.

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(8) The provisions laid down in sections 82-85 of the Public Companies Act on the audit shall, subject to the necessary changes, apply to financial undertakings and financial holding companies which are not limited companies.

(9) The board of directors may not permit that the chief and deputy chief internal auditors perform audit tasks in undertakings outside the group, cf. section 80(1). Neither may the board of directors permit that the chief and deputy chief internal auditors perform work other than audit tasks in undertakings within the group or in undertakings within the same joint administrative organisation. In special cases, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from the 1st clause.

(10) The board of directors may not permit the chief and deputy chief internal auditors to assume duties that mean that they come into conflict with provisions on legal capacity corresponding to those that apply to external auditors in the "lov om statsautoriserede og registrerede revisorer" (state-authorized public accountants and registered public accountants act).

(11) The Danish FSA shall lay down provisions on audit proceedings in financial undertakings, financial holding companies and in the subsidiary undertakings of such undertakings or companies. The Danish FSA may lay down provisions on internal audit and on the performance of systems audits at shared computer bureaus.

200. An external auditor and a chief internal auditor shall immediately notify the Danish FSA of matters which are of material importance to the continued operation of the undertaking, including matters which may be observed by the auditors while performing their audit in undertakings with which the undertaking is closely linked.

Special regulations regarding appropriation of the profit for the year by banks

201. A bank shall make all the provisions necessary according to its financial position. The articles of association may include a duty to make provisions.

202.-(1) The annual result of a savings bank shall be added to the own funds except for amounts due to the employees of the savings bank under agreements on profit sharing.

(2) The shareholder committee may, however, resolve that amounts shall be applied for the public good or for charitable purposes. Such amounts may be transferred to a special fund for payment later.

(3) In the event that the solvency ratio, cf. section 124, amounts to less than 15 per cent, such amounts for the public good or for charitable purposes may total no more than 10 per cent of the profit.

(4) Transfers to the guarantee capital from the other own funds of the savings bank are not permitted.

203.-(1) Decisions regarding distribution of the profit available to a cooperative savings bank according to the annual financial statements shall be made by the general meeting. The general meeting may not resolve distribution of a dividend more than that proposed or approved by the board of directors. If a cooperative savings bank is a member of an affiliation

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under sections 89-96, the dividend shall, however, be approved by the management of the affiliation.

(2) The general meeting may resolve that gifts for social purposes or similar may be made from the funds of a cooperative savings bank provided that such gifts seem reasonable after taking account of the intention of the gift and the financial position of the cooperative savings bank, as well as other circumstances in general. For the purposes mentioned in the 1st clause, the board of directors may apply amounts of little significance in relation to the financial position of the cooperative savings bank.

VII Intervention in or cessation of the financial undertaking

Part 14

Amalgamation and conversion

Amalgamation

204.-(1) A financial undertaking may not, without the permission of the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs, be amalgamated with another financial undertaking or a specific business function of another financial undertaking. The same shall apply when the continuing undertaking is a foreign undertaking.

(2) An insurance company which, in the event of amalgamation, transfers all or part of its portfolio of insurance contracts to another insurance company and the amalgamation is not covered by part 15 of the Public Companies Act shall be released of its responsibility to the policyholders when being granted the permission mentioned in subsection (1).

(3) Unless the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs considers that a license for the transfer of an insurance portfolio should be refused, the Danish FSA shall publish a report on the transfer in the Danish Official Gazette and in a national daily newspaper. The report shall contain a request to the policyholders whose insurance contracts are proposed to be transferred to notify the Danish FSA in writing no later than three months after the publication if they have any objections to the transfer. At the same time, the company shall submit a notice of the transfer and the report of the Danish FSA to the policyholders whose addresses are known to the company.

(4) After expiry of the time limit mentioned in subsection (3), the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall, under consideration of the objections made, decide whether the insurance portfolio may be transferred in accordance with the proposal made. The transfer may not be invoked as basis for cancelling the insurance contract.

(5) If the transfer of an insurance portfolio takes place in connection with a merger of insurance companies, said merger may, notwithstanding section 27 of the "lov om forsikringsaftaler" (act on insurance contracts), not be invoked by the policyholders as a ground for cancelling the insurance contract.

(6) In connection with the transfer of life-assurance business, the insurance conditions of the transferor company may only be modified to the extent deemed by the Danish FSA to be a necessary consequence of the transfer, including changes in the rules for bonuses.

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(7) Merger plans and the statement of the valuation experts prescribed by section 134c(4) of the Public Companies Act shall, for insurance companies, be submitted to the Danish FSA no later than four weeks after having been signed, and the Danish FSA shall make the merger plan and the statement of the valuation experts public.

205.-(1) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs may lay down regulations under which sections 134a-134k of the Public Companies Act, subject to the necessary variations, shall apply to savings banks, cooperative savings banks and mutual insurance companies as regards amalgamations.

(2) Section 134 of the Public Companies Act shall apply to mutual insurance companies where the amalgamation takes place in accordance with the regulations laid down in pursuance of subsection (1).

206.-(1) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs may lay down regulations under which sections 134a-134k of the Public Companies Act, subject to the necessary variations, shall apply when a savings bank takes over a limited company with a license to carry out bank business.

(2) Section 134 of the Public Companies Act shall apply to takeovers covered by the regulations laid down in pursuance of subsection (1).

Conversion of savings banks and cooperative savings banks into limited companies

207.-(1) For savings banks that have carried out operations since 1 January 1989, and for cooperative savings banks or affiliations of cooperative savings banks that have operated since 1 January 1995, the shareholder committee or the general meeting may, according to the regulations of this part of this Act, resolve to dissolve the savings bank, cooperative savings bank or affiliation of cooperative savings banks without a liquidation by transferring the total assets and debt of said savings bank, cooperative savings bank or members of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks to a limited company that is owned or established by the savings bank, cooperative savings bank or affiliation of cooperative savings banks and that has a license to operate bank activities (savings bank limited company/cooperative savings bank limited company). Shares in the limited company corresponding to the value of the assets transferred less the debt of the savings bank or the individual cooperative savings bank, cf. however section 208(2), shall for savings banks be transferred to a fund; for cooperative savings banks to a fund or an association; and for affiliations of cooperative savings banks to a fund or an association established for the individual members of the affiliation of cooperative savings banks. The funds shall be regarded as corporate funds. The members of the associations shall be shareholders in the limited company.

(2) Resolutions in accordance with subsection (1) shall be made by the majority required to dissolve the savings bank, the cooperative savings bank or the affiliation of cooperative savings banks.

(3) In the event of a dissolution of an association established in pursuance of subsection (1), which owns shares in a cooperative savings bank limited company, the own funds may not be distributed to the members of the association.

208.-(1) Sections 134-134i of the Public Companies Act shall apply with the necessary changes to the merger, cf. section 207(1), between the limited company as the continuing

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company and the savings bank, the cooperative savings bank or the affiliation of cooperative savings banks as the company to be wound up.

(2) The guarantors of the savings bank and the members of the cooperative savings bank shall, at their own choice, be offered either conversion of their guarantee certificates and cooperative share certificates into shares in the limited company at market value or cash redemption. The savings bank may also offer guarantors that the guarantee capital remain in the company for a period of no more than 5 years. In the event of dissolution of the company, guarantee injections shall be repaid before the share capital.

(3) The merger plan mentioned in section 134a of the Public Companies Act shall contain information and provisions on the rights afforded the guarantors and the members of the cooperative savings bank.

(4) The common presentation of accounts and opening balance sheet mentioned in section 134b of the Public Companies Act shall be prepared in accordance with the relevant accounting regulations for banks.

(5) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall approve the merger in pursuance of section 204(1).

209.-(1) The funds or associations established in pursuance of section 207(1) which own shares in a savings bank limited company or a cooperative savings bank limited company shall be managed by a board of directors of no less than 3 members.

(2) A majority of the members of the board of directors mentioned in subsection (1) shall be appointed by the board of directors of the savings bank limited company, cf. section 207(1), from amongst the members of its board of directors.

(3) A majority of the members of the board of directors of funds and associations possessing more than 25 per cent of the share capital of a cooperative savings bank limited company shall be appointed by the board of directors of the cooperative savings bank limited company, cf. section 207(1), from amongst the members of its board of directors. The chairperson of the board of directors of the savings bank limited company and the cooperative savings bank limited company shall always be a member of the board of directors of the fund or association.

(4) For the board of directors of the funds or associations mentioned in subsections (1) and (2), one member shall be appointed by and from amongst the employee representatives of the savings bank limited company or the cooperative savings bank limited company, unless the regulations on group representation in the "lov om erhvervsdrivende fonde" (corporate funds act) apply. The regulations in the Public Companies Act on group representation shall apply correspondingly for the relevant member.

(5) In associations that possess less than the proportion of the share capital of a cooperative savings bank limited company mentioned in subsection (3), the board of directors shall be elected by the members of the association.

(6) Subsections (1)-(5) shall not apply if the savings bank limited company or the cooperative savings bank limited company has been wound up under sections 226 and 227 and the savings bank limited company or the cooperative savings bank limited company is not deemed to be continued. When a savings bank limited company or a cooperative savings bank limited company has been wound up and cannot be deemed to continue, the fund shall continue to be

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deemed as a corporate fund, cf. section 207. As the fund authority, the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency shall permit the changes in the articles of association of the fund that are necessary under the "lov om erhvervsdrivende fonde" (corporate funds act).

210.-(1) The articles of association of the savings bank limited company and the cooperative savings bank limited company shall contain provisions on limitations of voting rights for shareholders that ensure that the previous guarantor, depositor and cooperative democracy is retained.

(2) The requirement under subsection (1) shall lapse 5 years after conversion into a limited company.

211.-(1) For savings banks that have carried out operations since 1 January 1989, the shareholder committee may resolve to dissolve the savings bank without a liquidation by transferring the total assets and liabilities of the savings bank to a limited company that is owned or established by the savings bank and that has a license to operate bank activities, and the committee may resolve that an undistributable savings bank reserve be established corresponding to the value of the transferred assets after deduction of the debt of the savings bank.

(2) Section 7(7) and sections 207, 208 and 210 shall apply correspondingly.

212.-(1) The undistributable savings bank reserve, cf. section 211, may be used to cover a loss that is not covered by amounts available for dividends in the limited company.

(2) In the event of a cessation of the bank, a distribution to shareholders may only take place after the obligations under subsection (4) have been fulfilled.

(3) In a merger with another bank, the continuing company shall take over the savings bank reserve on the same terms as applied up to the date of the merger.

(4) In the event of a cessation of the bank, the savings bank reserve may be used for the public good or for charitable purposes in accordance with more detailed regulations laid down in the resolution under section 211.

213. In addition to the provisions prescribed in section 201, 10 per cent of the profit for the year that is not used to cover losses from previous years shall be transferred to the undistributable savings bank reserve, cf. section 211. If the provision exceeds interest on the savings bank reserve corresponding to the minimum interest laid down by the Minister for Taxation after deduction of a proportionate share of the corporation tax for the year, only an amount corresponding to this interest shall, however, be provided.

Mortgage-credit funds and mortgage-credit associations, that have been mortgage-credit institutions

214.-(1) Funds, that have been mortgage-credit institutions, and funds created in connection with conversion of mortgage-credit institutions into limited companies shall be covered by the "lov om erhvervsdrivende fonde" (corporate funds act).

(2) Irrespective of whether a mortgage-credit limited company is being wound up under sections 226 and 227 and is not deemed to continue, the funds shall, cf. subsection (1),

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continue to be deemed a corporate fund. Changes in the articles of association of the fund that are necessary under the "lov om erhvervsdrivende fonde" (corporate funds act) shall be subject to approval by the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency which shall be the fund authority.

215.-(1) Changes in the articles of association of an association that has been a mortgage-credit institution may only be made with the approval of the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs.

(2) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall approve the articles of association if the changes are not in conflict with sections 218 and 219 and if they are not in any other way in conflict with the interests of the members.

216.-(1) A fund or association that has been a mortgage-credit institution, and a fund that was established in connection with a conversion of a mortgage-credit institution into a limited company shall be managed by a board of directors with no less than 5 members, if the fund or association owns the mortgage-credit limited company.

(2) The debtors of a mortgage-credit limited company and the owners of mortgage-credit bonds and other securities issued by the mortgage-credit limited company shall each elect one or more of the members of the board of directors. These members shall together comprise more than one half of the board of directors. The members elected by the owners of mortgage-credit bonds and other securities may not comprise more than one half of the board of directors.

(3) The fund or association covered by subsection (1) shall lay down in the articles of association and the regulations for elections more detailed regulations for elections and composition of the board of directors. These regulations shall be approved by the Danish FSA.

217. Funds and associations covered by section 216 shall notify the Danish FSA in advance of direct or indirect acquisition of a controlling influence in an enterprise and of the disposal of such a controlling influence.

218.-(1) A funds or association that has been mortgage-credit institutions, and a fund that was established in connection with conversion of a mortgage-credit institution into a limited company, shall submit the audited and approved annual report to the Danish FSA in triplicate. The annual report shall be received by the Danish FSA no later than four months after the end of the accounting year. The Danish FSA shall forward one of the copies to the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency, where the annual report shall be available to the public in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency in this regard.

(2) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations for submission of accounts.

219. In the event of the winding-up of an association that has been a mortgage-credit institution, the own funds may not be distributed to the members of the association.

220.-(1) Mortgage-credit institutions that have been converted into limited companies in accordance with the encapsulation model may use the non-distributable fund reserve to cover losses not covered by amounts that may be used for dividends by the limited company.

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(2) In a merger of the mortgage-credit institution in accordance with section 204, the continuing company shall take over the fund reserve on the same terms as applied up to the date of the merger.

(3) In the event that the mortgage-credit institution ceases trade, the fund reserve shall be used for the public good or for charitable purposes in accordance with more detailed regulations laid down in the conversion resolution. Distributions to shareholders may only take place after the obligations under the 1st clause have been fulfilled.

221. Mortgage-credit institutions that have been converted into limited companies in accordance with the encapsulation model shall provide 10 per cent of the profit for the year after covering any losses brought forward from previous years to the fund reserve. If the provision exceeds interest on the fund reserve corresponding to the minimum interest laid down by the Minister for Taxation after deduction of a proportionate share of the corporation tax for the year, only an amount corresponding to this interest shall, however, be provided.

Conversion of insurance companies

222. Form, content and implementation of a conversion of an insurance company shall be subject to approval by the Danish FSA. The continuing insurance company shall be subrogated to the rights and obligations of the discontinuing insurance company.

Part 15

Cessation

Withdrawal of licenses

223. The Danish FSA may withdraw the license to operate as a bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company, investment management company, insurance company and securities dealer if the undertaking so requests.

224.-(1) Furthermore, the Danish FSA may withdraw the license to operate as a bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company, investment management company and insurance company

- 1) if the financial undertaking wilfully or repeatedly violates this Act or the Mortgage Credit Loans and Mortgage Credit Bonds etc. Act, or regulations issued in pursuance of said Acts,
- 2) if the financial undertaking does not meet the requirements of part 3, cf. however section 124(1), no. 2 and (2), and section 125(1), nos. 2-4,
- 3) if the undertaking fails to commence operation as a financial undertaking no later than 12 months after having been granted a license by the Danish FSA, or
- 4) if the financial undertaking does not carry out financial activities for a period of more than six months.

(2) If a bank, mortgage-credit institution or investment management company is licensed as a securities dealer under section 9(1), its license to operate as a securities dealer may be withdrawn if the conditions of subsection (1), nos. 1-4 are met.

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(3) If a bank or a mortgage-credit institution is licensed as a securities dealer under section 9(1), its license to operate as a bank or mortgage-credit institution may be withdrawn if the conditions of subsection (1), nos. 1-4 are met.

(4) If an insurance company has not, within the time limits set by the Danish FSA, carried out the measures listed in the restoration plans mentioned in section 248(1) and (2), its license to operate as an insurance company may be withdrawn.

225.-(1) If the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company does not meet the capital requirements mentioned in section 124(1), (2) and (4)-(6) and section 125(1)-(4) and (6), and if the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company has not raised the capital required prior to the time limit set by the Danish FSA, the Danish FSA shall withdraw the license.

(2) If raising the capital requires the ultimate authority of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company to be convened, the Danish FSA may decide that a meeting may be convened at shorter notice than stipulated in the articles of association.

(3) If a group covered by sections 171-174 does not meet the solvency requirement of said provisions, and if said group has not raised the capital required within a time limit set by the Danish FSA, the Danish FSA may withdraw the license of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company.

Winding-up

226.-(1) When the Danish FSA withdraws the license of a bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company under sections 223-225, the activities shall be wound up, and other activities may not be commenced before the winding-up is complete.

(2) When the Danish FSA withdraws the license under section 224(2) and (3), the activities to which the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company is no longer licensed shall be wound up. The Danish FSA may stipulate a time limit for the winding-up.

(3) When the Danish FSA withdraws the license of an insurance company, the Danish FSA shall make decisions regarding whether said insurance company shall attempt to transfer its portfolio of insurance contracts to one or more insurance companies carrying out insurance activities in Denmark, or whether said insurance company shall attempt to terminate its portfolio of insurance contracts in another way. With regard to life-assurance companies, the Danish FSA may decide that the portfolio of insurance contracts is to be taken under administration in accordance with sections 253-258.

(4) The Danish FSA may, in connection with withdrawal of the license of an insurance company, prohibit or restrict free disposal of the insurance company's assets. Section 167(6) and (7) shall apply correspondingly.

227. Winding-up, cf. section 226, shall be effected through liquidation or bankruptcy or through amalgamation under section 204. Where winding-up is conducted in another manner, the form, the content and implementation of said winding-up shall be approved by the Danish

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228.-(1) The Danish FSA may stipulate a time limit for such a decision on liquidation under section 116(1) of the Public Companies Act. If said time limit is exceeded, the Danish FSA may decide that the financial undertaking is to enter into liquidation.

(2) A decision to wind up a financial undertaking shall be submitted to the Danish FSA immediately.

229. A company carrying out life-assurance business may not be dissolved without the consent of each individual policyholder unless said company has, in advance, transferred its entire portfolio of insurance contracts to another company in accordance with the regulations laid down in section 204, or unless the portfolio of insurance contracts of said company has been placed under administration.

230. An insurance company carrying out industrial injury insurance business may not be dissolved unless said company has, in advance, transferred its entire portfolio of industrial injury insurance contracts to another company in accordance with the regulations laid down in section 204, or unless the portfolio of industrial injury insurance contracts of said company has been placed under administration by the National Board of Industrial Injuries in accordance with section 54 of the Workers' Compensation Act.

Special regulations on liquidation and bankruptcy

231.-(1) A bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company shall be liquidated by one or more liquidators appointed by the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs. One of the liquidators shall be a lawyer.

(2) In the event of liquidation of an insurance company, the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs may, when the interests of the insured parties, shareholders, guarantors or creditors so require, after having obtained a statement from the Danish FSA, appoint a liquidator to carry out the liquidation in cooperation with the liquidators appointed by the general meeting.

(3) If the Danish FSA decides under section 249 or 250 that an insurance company is to enter into liquidation, the bankruptcy court shall, after negotiations with the Danish FSA, appoint one or more liquidators and at least one shall be a lawyer.

232.-(1) The Danish FSA may suspend the articles of association of a financial undertaking during liquidation.

(2) Financial statements prepared in connection with liquidation shall be submitted to the Danish FSA.

233. A petition for bankruptcy for a financial undertaking under liquidation may only be submitted by said liquidators or the Danish FSA.

234.-(1) The Danish FSA may submit a petition for bankruptcy when a financial undertaking becomes insolvent. A decision made by the Danish FSA to petition for bankruptcy may not be appealed against under section 372.

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(2) Notwithstanding section 17(2) of the Bankruptcy Act, a financial undertaking unable to meet its obligations regarding subordinated capital taken up as hybrid core capital or subordinate loan capital shall not be regarded as insolvent.

(3) After issuing the bankruptcy order, the bankruptcy court shall, after negotiations with the Danish FSA, appoint one or more trustees. One of the trustees shall be a lawyer.

(4) If an insurance company not carrying out life-assurance business is declared bankrupt, section 253 shall apply correspondingly.

(5) If a life-assurance company is declared bankrupt, its portfolio of insurance contracts shall be placed under administration in accordance with sections 253-258.

235. The Danish FSA shall be entitled to participate in meetings of creditor committees and committees of inspection. A draft for final accounts and distribution of dividend of the insolvent estate shall be presented by the trustee to the Danish FSA in order for the Danish FSA to make a statement before the trustee submits this to the bankruptcy court.

236. If a savings bank, a cooperative savings bank or a mutual insurance company is declared bankrupt, the trustee shall notify the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency and the Danish FSA of the commencement and completion of the bankruptcy proceedings.

237.-(1) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs may decide that the liquidator or the trustee is to, at the expense of the estate, notify policyholders of the winding-up of the insurance company and of the consequences hereof for said policyholders.

(2) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs may lay down more detailed regulations regarding the form and contents of said notification.

Suspension of payments

238.-(1) The Danish FSA may apply for a suspension of payments for financial undertakings, if the interests of the depositors, bond owners, investors or policyholders so require.

(2) An application for suspension of payments under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by a proposal by the Danish FSA regarding the appointment of a supervisor during the suspension of payments and a declaration from the relevant persons that they are willing to assume this duty and that they meet the conditions of section 238 of the Bankruptcy Act.

(3) An application for suspension of payments may not be withdrawn by the financial undertaking without the consent of the Danish FSA.

Compulsory composition

239.-(1) The regulations of the Bankruptcy Act regarding compulsory composition shall, with the authorisation of the Danish FSA, apply to insurance companies with the exception of life-assurance companies. In cases of compulsory composition of reinsurance companies, the authorisation by the Danish FSA shall replace the assent mentioned in section 166(1), no. 2 of the Bankruptcy Act. The Danish FSA shall, in advance, ensure that the reinsurance company has contacted all known creditors regarding the commencement of the negotiations with

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regard to the compulsory composition, and shall ensure that no less than 40 per cent of the responses received accept commencement of such negotiations.

(2) In connection with the status report that must be prepared when commencing negotiations with regard to compulsory composition, cf. section 165 of the Bankruptcy Act, the bankruptcy court may, in cases of compulsory composition of reinsurance companies, following consultation with the Danish FSA, appoint an independent actuary for the preparation of a statement of the value of the claims that have been made.

(3) In cases of compulsory composition of reinsurance companies, the claims shall be made under section 176 of the Bankruptcy Act regarding the adoption of a compulsory composition in relation to the creditors present and the claims made.

240. The provisions of this Act regarding the powers of the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs and the Danish FSA, and regarding the obligations of financial undertakings towards the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs and the Danish FSA shall, with the necessary changes, apply to such undertakings, which have entered into suspension of payments or are being dissolved.

241. Part 14 of the Public Companies Act shall, with the necessary changes, apply to savings banks, cooperative savings banks and mutual insurance companies.

242. The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down regulations with a view to compliance with Community law regarding restructuring and liquidation of credit institutions and insurance companies.

243. The Danish FSA may, in pursuance of the procedures laid down under Community law in this respect, prohibit a foreign credit institution, finance institution, investment firm, investment management company or insurance company covered by section 30(1) and section 31(1) domiciled in another country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area from carrying out activities in Denmark through a branch or through offering services in Denmark. The Danish FSA may prohibit the undertakings mentioned in the 1st clause from carrying out the activities mentioned in the 1st clause if the undertaking wilfully or repeatedly has violated the provisions of this Act, regulations issued pursuant to this Act or other legislation regarding said credit institution, finance institution, investment firm, investment management company or insurance company, and if it has not been possible to cease said violation by means of orders or sanctions under this Act.

Part 16

Crisis management

Special regulations regarding banks

244. The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall establish a measurement board, cf. section 245, which in connection with a tax-free merger or a transfer of assets between banks as a result of a bank no longer meeting, or coming close to no longer meeting, the solvency requirement in section 124, may stipulate the tax value at the date of merger of loans made by the ailing bank. The measurement board may only make decisions on request from one of

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the banks involved.

245.-(1) The measurement board shall be composed of three members. The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall, after consulting the Minister for Taxation, appoint the members of the board and their proxies. Members and their proxies shall be appointed for 4 years.

(2) The chairperson of the board shall possess legal, financial, or accounting expertise and the other members of the board shall have special expertise in measurement and valuation of assets and liabilities.

(3) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down more detailed regulations on remuneration for the decisions of the board.

(4) The board shall make decisions no later than 5 days after it has received a complete basis for its decision.

(5) The decisions of the board may not be brought before a higher administrative authority and they shall form the basis of the assessment by the tax authorities.

(6) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs may, after consulting the Minister for Taxation, lay down regulations for the work of the board.

246.-(1) If a bank does not meet the capital requirement of section 124(1), (2) and (4)-(6), and if the Danish FSA has set a time limit for re-establishment of said capital, cf. section 225(1), the board of directors may convene the ultimate authority of the bank at 3 days' notice so that said board of directors may make a decision regarding the necessary measures for compliance with the requirements of section 124(1), (2) and (4)-(6).

(2) The board of directors of the bank may, in the situation mentioned in subsection (1), transfer the activities of said bank fully or partly to another bank, cf. however section 204(1) regarding approval by the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs. The agreement on transfer shall be subject to such approval. At the same time, the board of directors shall convene the ultimate authority of the bank, cf. subsection (1). The board of directors at the general meeting or, for savings banks, the shareholder committee shall account for the situation of the bank or savings bank as well as for the agreement entered into. If the general meeting or the shareholder committee in savings banks resolves upon other measures that involve the bank meeting the capital requirement under section 124(1), (2) and (4)-(6), or upon liquidation on terms that the Danish FSA can approve, the agreement regarding transfer mentioned in the 2nd clause shall be annulled.

(3) The notice convening the meeting shall include an agenda with the items to be dealt with as well as the most significant content of any proposals for amendments to the articles of association, and it shall be forwarded to all known shareholders, members of cooperative savings banks, or members of the shareholder committee in savings banks. At the same time, the notice convening the meeting shall be available to the public as stipulated in section 67.

(4) No later than 24 hours before the general meeting, or shareholder committee meeting in savings banks, the agenda and the full proposals shall be available for review to the shareholders, members of cooperative savings banks, or shareholder committee members in savings banks, at the headquarters of the bank.

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(5) Resolutions regarding measures under subsection (1) may, notwithstanding sections 78 and 79 of the Public Companies Act, always be made with two thirds of the capital represented. If half of the share capital is represented at the general meeting, resolutions regarding measures may be made by simple majority. In savings banks and cooperative savings banks, resolutions regarding measures under subsection (1) may always be made by two thirds of the shareholder committee members of said savings banks or members of said cooperative savings banks who are present at the meeting.

(6) The procedures mentioned in subsections (1)-(5) shall apply notwithstanding any provisions hereon in the articles of association.

247.-(1) If the bank has lost its share capital, the board of directors of the bank may transfer the activities of said bank fully or partly to another bank, cf. however section 204(1) regarding approval by the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs.

(2) The board of directors shall, at the same time, invite the shareholders, members of the cooperative savings bank, or the members of the shareholder committee of the savings bank, to an information meeting regarding said transfer. Said meeting shall be held no later than 8 days after the resolution has been made, and the necessary costs of the meeting shall be paid by the bank taking over, and said bank shall be entitled to participate in the meeting.

(3) The procedures mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) shall apply notwithstanding any provisions hereon in the articles of association.

Special regulations for insurance companies regarding restoration and other measures

248.-(1) If an insurance company's capital base is smaller than the capital requirement, cf. section 127, the Danish FSA shall require the company to draw up a plan for restoration of its financial position and present said plan to the Danish FSA so that the Danish FSA may assess whether the plan contains the measures necessary.

(2) The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed provisions on the information to be included in the restoration plan and on the period for which the plan shall be prepared.

(3) The company's plan shall aim at restoration of its financial position over a shorter period to be determined by the Danish FSA, when

- 1) the capital base of an insurance company is less than one third of the solvency requirement,
- 2) the capital base of an insurance company is less than the minimum capital requirement, or
- 3) the core capital elements of insurance companies consisting of paid-up share capital and guarantee capital, share premium, other reserves that do not correspond to liabilities, retained earnings or losses, member accounts, special bonus provisions of type B and the current profit for the year, add up to less than one-third of the solvency requirement, or add up to an amount smaller than the minimum capital requirement.

(4) If the company has presented an operating plan to the Danish FSA under this Act, the Danish FSA shall, in case of a financial deterioration of the company's financial position in relation to said plan, make a decision regarding the necessary measures, and the Danish FSA may require a new operating plan to be prepared for the following three accounting years.

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249.-(1) The Danish FSA shall order that a life-assurance company take the steps necessary within a time limit specified by the Danish FSA, if

- 1) the company does not comply with this Act,
- 2) the company deviates from the basis of its activities,
- 3) the basis mentioned in no. 2 or the way in which the company's funds are placed is not adequate,
- 4) it appears that the funds allocated for coverage of insurance provisions are not adequate, or
- 5) the company's financial position has deteriorated to such a degree that the interests of the insured parties are at risk.

(2) If the measures ordered have not been implemented within the time limit laid down under subsection (1), and it is deemed that the omission could cause risk for the insured parties, the portfolio of insurance contracts of the company may be placed under administration in accordance with sections 253-258.

(3) A portfolio of insurance contracts shall be placed under administration if it appears that it is not possible to obtain the funds necessary to cover the insurance provisions before the time limit laid down under subsection (1).

(4) If a company enters into liquidation, the Danish FSA may decide that the portfolio of insurance contracts of the company is to be placed under administration.

(5) If the Danish FSA finds that, when the portfolio of insurance contracts has been placed under administration, it is also necessary to dissolve the company, the Danish FSA shall make such decision.

250.-(1) The Danish FSA shall order an insurance company not carrying out life-assurance business to take the measures necessary within a time limit specified by the Danish FSA, if

- 1) the company has not allocated sufficient funds to cover its insurance liabilities,
- 2) the Danish FSA does not deem the way in which the company's funds are placed adequate, or
- 3) the company does not comply with this Act.

(2) If the measures ordered have not been implemented within the time limit laid down, and it is deemed that the omission could cause risk for the insured parties, the Danish FSA may decide that the company shall enter into liquidation. If the company carries out industrial injury insurance business, the Danish FSA may withdraw said company's license to carry out industrial injury insurance business, and after such withdrawal the portfolio of insurance contracts shall be placed under administration by the National Board of Industrial Injuries under section 54 in the Workers' Compensation Act.

251. The Danish FSA may, in connection with the measures mentioned in sections 248(3), 249(1) and 250(1), prohibit or limit said company from having full charge of its assets. Section 167 shall apply correspondingly.

252.-(1) The Danish FSA shall, as soon as possible after the liquidation under section 250 has entered into effect, in consultation with the liquidators, implement an investigation of whether it would be appropriate to attempt to transfer the portfolio of insurance contracts fully or partly

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to one or more insurance companies. If an offer of such transfer is received, the Danish FSA shall, if it finds the offer acceptable, have prepared a report regarding such transfer as well as a draft agreement with the relevant company.

(2) The report and draft shall be published in the Danish Official Gazette and in daily newspapers. The report shall include an appeal to the policyholders to notify the Danish FSA in writing if they have any objections to the transfer within a time limit stipulated by the Danish FSA which is no shorter than one month. The company shall, at the same time, forward the report and draft to those policyholders whose address is known to said company.

(3) After expiry of the time limit mentioned in subsection (2), the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall, under consideration of the objections made, decide whether the portfolio of insurance contracts may be transferred in accordance with the proposal made.

(4) The Danish FSA may, in connection with the report made and after negotiations with the company taking over, decide whether insurance contracts arranged for periods of more than 1 year, are to be terminable by both parties according to the provisions that would have been in force if the multi-year period of the agreement had expired. Provisions regarding such access to termination shall be indicated in the report from the Danish FSA.

(5) Section 27(2) in the "lov om forsikringsaftaler" (act on insurance contracts) shall apply correspondingly until the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs has made a decision under subsection (3). If a transfer takes place in accordance with such decision by the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs, the liquidation and the transfer cannot, irrespective of sections 26 and 27 of the "lov om forsikringsaftaler" (act on insurance contracts) be cited as a basis for cancelling the insurance contract.

*Special regulations for insurance companies regarding administration of a portfolio of life-
assurance contracts*

253.-(1) If the Danish FSA decides that the portfolio of insurance contracts of a life-assurance company is to be placed under administration under section 224(1), no. 1 and 2 and (4); section 226(3) and (4); section 234(5) or section 249, the Danish FSA shall at the same time appoint an administrator to administer the portfolio of insurance contracts in cooperation with any co-administrators.

(2) When a portfolio of insurance contracts is placed under administration, the Danish FSA shall withdraw the license of said life-assurance company, and arrange for the decisions regarding the implementation of said administration, regarding appointment of administrators, and regarding the withdrawal of the license to be registered at the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency.

(3) In order to ensure proper attendance to the administration, the administrator may appoint one or more co-administrators with knowledge of relevant conditions for the administration. Section 108 shall apply correspondingly to administration estates.

(4) Expenses that, under tax legislation, rest upon the administration estate consisting of the insured parties, shall be paid by the administration estate through the administrator.

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(5) Remuneration to administrators and other expenses in connection with the administration shall be paid by the administration estate. The size of the remuneration shall be fixed after negotiations with the Danish FSA.

(6) The administration estate shall be subject to supervision by the Danish FSA.

254.-(1) At the beginning of the administration, the registered assets mentioned in section 167(1) shall be transferred immediately to the administration estate. The administration estate represented by the administrator shall be entitled to have full charge of said assets. With regard to investment securities, this shall be registered at a central securities depository and, with regard to real property, in the Land Register.

(2) If a life-assurance company is declared bankrupt, the bankruptcy court shall immediately transfer the assets mentioned in subsection (1) to the administrator.

(3) The administrator shall have the registered assets valued in accordance with the current regulations regarding measurement.

(4) The individual insured parties may not make claims against the company. On the other hand, the administrator may, on behalf of the administration estate, request from the company the amount remaining according to the valuation of the assets taken over, cf. subsection (3), in order to cover the insurance provisions and claims reported and claims due according to the calculation mentioned in section 256. In addition, the administrator may, on behalf of the administration estate, request an amount corresponding to the company's capital requirement calculated at the commencement of the administration estate.

(5) If a life-assurance company is declared bankrupt after the commencement of the administration, said bankruptcy shall have no effect for the administration estate.

(6) The administrator shall manage the assets received from the company, and may require from the company all material necessary for the administration, possibly with the assistance of a sheriff.

255. When the portfolio of insurance contracts has been placed under administration, surrender of insurance contracts may not take place. However, the surrender value may be partly or fully used to cover the policy loans mentioned in section 162(1), no. 7.

256.-(1) The administrator shall calculate the insurance provisions and determine the size of the claims reported and the claims due under the insurance contracts at the commencement of the administration.

(2) Insurance claims that were due or reported before the commencement of the administration shall be determined according to the regulations in force before that date. Insurance contracts that fall due at a later time shall, in the first instance, only be paid by an amount that the administrator deems appropriate under the circumstances. If the final determination of the insurance amounts, cf. subsection (4), shows that, in this way, too much has been paid, repayment shall not be possible.

(3) The insurance provisions shall be calculated using the calculation basis reported for the company, cf. section 20, unless the administrator deems it necessary to determine another calculation basis, which shall then be reported to the Danish FSA.

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(4) The determination of the insurance amounts, including any reduction, cf. section 257(1), 4th clause or 259(1), 1st clause, shall be carried out in accordance with the calculation basis under subsection (3) and after a distribution of the company's assets that is deemed fair in the individual case in consideration of the conditions in the portfolio of insurance contracts, including the content of the insurance contracts.

257.-(1) The administrator shall, as soon as possible after the assessment and calculation under section 254(3) and 256 has taken place, attempt to transfer the entire portfolio of insurance contracts to one or more insurance companies. If an offer of such transfer is received, the administrator shall submit an application to the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs regarding said transfer. The application regarding transfer shall be accompanied by the composition agreed upon by the administration estate and the company taking over, and by any information regarding said company that the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs deems necessary to be able to assess whether the transfer is appropriate in the interests of the policyholders. If such composition results in a reduction in the insurance amounts or a change in the policy terms, including the bonus provision, this shall be indicated.

(2) Unless the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs, on the existing basis, finds that a license for transfer should be denied, the Danish FSA shall make public in the Danish Official Gazette and in daily newspapers a report regarding the planned transfer. The report shall include an appeal to the policyholders to notify the Danish FSA in writing if they have any objections to the transfer within a time limit stipulated by the Danish FSA which is no shorter than one month. The company shall, at the same time, forward the report and draft to those policyholders whose address is known to said company.

(3) After expiry of the time limit mentioned in subsection (2), the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall, under consideration of the objections made, decide whether the portfolio of insurance contracts may be transferred in accordance with the proposal made. The transfer cannot be cited as a basis for cancelling the insurance contract.

(4) If the transfer has taken place in such a way that not all the assets of the administration estate have been included, the administrator shall surrender the excess amount to the company or its estate.

258.-(1) If the portfolio of insurance contracts cannot be transferred in accordance with section 257, the administrator shall carry out the final determination of the insurance amounts in accordance with the calculations made as well as any changes in the policy terms including bonus provisions, and the administrator shall also convene a general meeting of the policyholders in order to establish a mutual company formed by the administration estate, cf. section 23 and section 3 of the Public Companies Act. Two months' notice shall be given of said general meeting. Such notice convening a general meeting and a report on the contents of the company formation document and the administrator's calculated determination of the insurance amounts shall be made public in the way mentioned in section 257(2).

(2) At the time of registration, the mutual company shall be subrogated to the right against the former company mentioned in section 254(4).

(3) If a new company cannot be formed, the administration shall continue, and the administrator shall decide whether a further attempt to transfer the insurance contracts to a new or another company is to be made.

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Part 17

(repealed)

VIII Special regulations regarding insurance companies

Part 18

Special regulations regarding insurance companies

Members of mutual insurance companies and their liability for the liabilities of the company

284.-(1) Members of a mutual insurance company shall only be the policyholders of said company.

(2) If the members are to be liable for the liabilities of the company, the extent of such liability shall be stipulated in the articles of association.

(3) The liability of the members for the company's liabilities may only be asserted by the company.

(4) The company's claim against members regarding performance of said liability for the company's liabilities may not be transferred or lodged as collateral.

285. The Danish FSA may lay down regulations for mutual insurance companies regarding liability for members and guarantors, repayment of guarantee capital, and conditions for distribution to the members of the company's funds.

286. If an insurance company becomes a policyholder in a mutual company by reinsurance, agreement may be made in pursuance of the articles of association that said insurance company is exempt from membership liabilities. The total amount of such reinsurance contracts at the company's own account may not, however, with regard to life-assurance, exceed 10 per cent of the total insurance sum of the company taking over. With regard to annuity insurance, the insurance sum shall, in this calculation, be 10 times the annual interest amount. With regard to non-life assurance, the premium for such reinsurance contracts may not exceed 10 per cent of the company's total premium income without the authorisation of the Danish FSA.

Payment of guarantee interests etc. in mutual insurance companies

287.-(1) A mutual insurance company may not, for a consideration, acquire its own guarantee interests for ownership or as collateral.

(2) The subsidiary undertakings of a mutual insurance company may not, for a consideration, acquire guarantee interests in the parent undertaking for ownership or as collateral.

288.-(1) In mutual insurance companies, a register shall be kept of guarantee interests.

(2) Said guarantee interests shall be noted in the register stating the name, position and address of the guarantors.

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(3) The company shall endorse the guarantee interest regarding the registration mentioned in subsection (2).

General meetings in mutual insurance companies

289.-(1) Legal proceedings regarding a resolution of a general meeting that has not been made legally or is contrary to this Act or to the articles of association of the company, may be commenced by a voting participant, a member of the board of directors, or by a member of the board of management.

(2) Such legal proceedings shall be commenced no later than three months after the resolution. Otherwise, the resolution shall be regarded as valid.

(3) The time limit mentioned in subsection (2) shall not apply when

- 1) the resolution could not be made legally even with the consent of all voting participants,
- 2) the company's articles of association require consent for the resolution by all or certain members, guarantors or voting participants, and when such consent has not been given,
- 3) the general meeting has not been called, or the company's regulations regarding calling a meeting have been substantially disregarded, or
- 4) the person, who has commenced legal proceedings after expiry of the time limit mentioned in subsection (2) but no later than 2 years after the resolution was made, has had a good reason for the delay, and the courts, for this reason and in consideration of the general circumstances, find that application of the provisions in subsection (2) would lead to obvious unfairness.

(4) If the court finds that the general-meeting resolution has not been made legally or is contrary to this Act or to the articles of association of the company, cf. subsection (1), said resolution shall be made invalid or changed by the court. A change of the general-meeting resolution may, however, only be carried out if a claim in this regard is made and the court is able to determine the rightful content of said resolution. The court decision shall be valid for all members and guarantors.

Dividend distribution, contingency fund, etc.

290. Only the profit for the year in accordance with the audited annual report for the most recent accounting year, retained earnings from previous years, and other reserves that are not non-distributable in pursuance of legislation or the articles of association of the company after deduction of both uncovered losses and amounts that must be allocated to a contingency fund or other purposes in pursuance of legislation or the articles of association of the company may be used as dividends to shareholders, interest to guarantors, or payments to members of mutual companies.

291. As long as the company's capital base does not meet the capital requirements under this Act, no dividend may be paid to shareholders, nor interest to guarantors, nor amounts to members of mutual companies.

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292.-(1) In limited insurance companies, distributions of the company's funds to the shareholders, in addition to distributions under sections 290 and 291, may only take place as payment of a dividend in connection with a reduction in the share capital or dissolution of the company. In mutual companies, distribution to members in other respects may only take place in accordance with regulations in the articles of association.

(2) Dividends to shareholders, interest to guarantors, or payments to members of mutual insurance companies may not exceed what is appropriate in consideration of the company's financial position or the group's financial position in parent companies.

293.-(1) An insurance company may, if the articles of association contain provisions in this respect, make provisions to a contingency fund.

(2) Funds, which have been allocated to the contingency fund, may not be withdrawn from said contingency fund. Similarly, no changes to the articles of association may be made, which have the effect that funds that have already been allocated to the contingency fund under subsection (1) can be withdrawn from said contingency fund. The funds of the contingency fund may, however, after authorisation by the Danish FSA, be used to cover losses in connection with payment of insurance liabilities, or in other ways that are advantageous for the insured parties.

Special regulations for mutual non-life assurance companies with limited objects

294.-(1) The provisions of sections 295-303 shall apply to mutual non-life assurance companies whose articles of association state

- 1) that the objects of the company are limited to effecting contracts of insurance against accidents and sickness in such manner that the insured parties are also policyholders, or to effecting contracts of insurance for domestic animals,
- 2) that the company only carries out business in Denmark,
- 3) that the company does not effect contracts of insurance for periods of more than one year at a time,
- 4) that the company only effects direct insurance contracts,
- 5) the maximum sum which the company may accept on a single risk without reinsurance, or state a provision to the effect that regulations thereon shall be laid down by the Danish FSA in connection with the issue of the concession, and
- 6) the possibility of collecting supplementary contributions or reducing the benefits.

(2) A mutual non-life assurance company shall not be covered by the provisions of this part of this Act if

- 1) its annual premium income exceeds an amount fixed by the Danish FSA, or
- 2) less than one-half of its annual premium income derives from natural persons who are members of the company.

295.-(1) The provisions of sections 112(2) and 126(1) of this Act, and sections 3 and 5, section 6(1) and (3)-(5), sections 7-10 and section 11(1) and (3) of the Public Companies Act shall not apply in relation to the formation of companies covered by this part of this Act.

(2) The articles of association may provide that a board of management shall not be appointed.

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296.-(1) No members or guarantors may be enrolled before draft articles of association have been drawn up. The draft articles of association shall be available on such enrolment.

(2) The first general meeting shall be held no later than six months after the enrolment was commenced unless no members or guarantors have been enrolled. In the latter case, the obligations assumed in connection with subscription to the share capital shall lapse and amounts paid up shall be repaid, however, after deduction of expenses incurred, if this was stipulated at the time of the subscription.

(3) Persons entitled to vote according to the draft articles of association shall be invited to the first general meeting.

(4) The general meeting shall resolve by a simple majority of votes whether the articles of association shall be approved and whether the company shall be formed. A resolution altering the draft articles of association may be passed by a simple majority of votes notwithstanding the provisions of the draft articles of association on alterations after the formation of the company. However, a resolution for alteration, which has not been mentioned in the notice of the meeting, shall require the consent of all persons entitled to vote. A resolution for formation shall not be passed until the articles of association have been finally approved.

(5) When the company has been formed, a board of directors and auditors shall be elected as provided by the articles of association.

297.-(1) The company shall apply for registration with the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency no later than two months after the first general meeting. If such time limit is exceeded, the obligations assumed on the subscription of the share capital shall lapse, cf. section 296(2), 2nd clause. No registration may be effected thereafter.

(2) On or before the date of filing of the application for registration of the company with the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency, the company shall file an application for a license with the Danish FSA. The application shall be accompanied by a certified transcript of the minutes of the proceedings of the general meeting.

298. With the authorisation of the Danish FSA, the operating plan mentioned in section 18 may be limited in time, or be omitted, if it is not necessary for determining the capital base. The Danish FSA may also, having regard to the nature and extent of the business of the company, permit there to be no share capital or other form of capital base.

299. If the company has no board of management, the duties imposed on the board of management by this Act shall be performed by the board of directors.

300.-(1) Members of the board of directors and of the board of management shall represent the company in its external affairs.

(2) The company shall be bound by legal transactions entered into on behalf of the company by the entire board of directors or by a member of the board of directors or by a member of the board of management.

(3) The authority to sign for the company conferred on each member of the board of directors and of the board of management in pursuance of subsection (2) may be restricted by the articles of association so that the authority to sign may only be exercised by one or more

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specific members or by several members jointly. No other restriction on the authority to sign for the company may be registered.

(4) Power of attorney may only be granted by the board of directors. Section 66 shall not apply.

301.-(1) Mutual non-life assurance companies which are covered by section 294(1) and which only operate within a small geographical area shall not be covered by the provisions of this Act, cf. however subsections (2) and (3), if the total value of contracts of insurance effected does not exceed DKK 3 million.

(2) Companies, which are covered by subsection (1), shall, however, designate themselves as mutual companies. Section 11(4) shall apply correspondingly.

(3) Where a mutual non-life assurance company is subject to supervision in pursuance of this Act, the company shall remain under supervision, even though it may later satisfy the conditions for exemption set out in subsection (1). The Danish FSA may, however, exempt the company from supervision, if the company makes a request to this effect in pursuance of a resolution passed by the general meeting.

302.-(1) The Danish FSA may exempt a mutual non-life assurance company covered by section 294(1) from the provisions of this Act provided that:

- 1) the total value of contracts of insurance does not exceed DKK 6 million and the company's risk on a single contract of insurance does not exceed 3 per cent of its total annual premium income, or
- 2) the company only effects contracts of insurance within a limited geographical area and only for a single type of insurance.

(2) In the application of subsection (1), no. 1, account shall not be taken of the extent to which the company has hedged its risk through reinsurance.

(3) The Danish FSA may apply the provision contained in subsection (1), no. 2, even though the company effects contracts of insurance which are not covered by section 294(1), no. 1 provided, however, that the company does not effect liability insurance, industrial injuries insurance, motor vehicle insurance, suretyship insurance or credit insurance.

(4) A company's request for exemption in pursuance of subsection (1) shall have been approved by the general meeting.

303. If a mutual non-life assurance company covered by the provisions of this part of this Act so requests in pursuance of a resolution of the general meeting, the Danish FSA may determine that the company shall be subject to this Act. However, even though such decision has been taken, the provisions of this part of this Act may be applied again if permitted by the Danish FSA.

Special regulations regarding lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds)

304. For the purposes of this Act, lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) shall mean associations or affiliations

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- 1) whose members have either received training or education within specific fields of training or education or are employed by undertakings of a specific nature and which have as their object to provide a pension in accordance with uniform rules for all the members as part of their conditions of employment or as part of some other form of attachment to an undertaking, or
- 2) whose members are self-employed persons within the same industry and which have as their object to provide a pension in accordance with uniform rules for all their members.

305.-(1) Subject to the exceptions mentioned in subsection (2), the provisions regarding mutual life-assurance companies shall apply correspondingly to lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds).

(2) Section 284(2)-(4) shall not apply to lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds).

306. The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed regulations defining the membership and activities of lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds).

Special regulations regarding labour-market-related life-assurance limited companies

307.-(1) A labour-market-related life-assurance limited company shall mean a life-assurance limited company that:

- 1) is directly or indirectly owned by the trade unions of the policyholders, possibly in association with employers' organisations from the relevant sectors,
- 2) has been established through a collective agreement, and
- 3) according to its articles of association does not pay dividends to the owners.

(2) In addition to the condition mentioned in subsection (1), no. 3, the articles of association of the company shall state that the company is a "labour-market-related life-assurance limited company".

(3) Surrender of shares in the company to persons or organisations other than those mentioned in subsection (1), no. 1 or changes to the articles of association regarding the conditions mentioned in subsection (1), no. 3 and (2) shall not take place without the approval of the Danish FSA. The Danish FSA may only issue such approval provided that the surrender of shares or changes in the articles of association is deemed to be in the interests of the insured parties.

(4) The articles of association of the company shall also state how the assets of the company are to be applied when there are no more insurance claims against the company. The articles of association shall state that the tax-exempt part of the own funds accumulated shall be applied for the public good or for charitable purposes.

(5) If the company transfers its portfolio of insurance contracts, the company shall also apply the tax-exempt part of the own funds accumulated to the benefit of the insured parties. In cases of transfer of a specific part of the portfolio of insurance contracts, only the proportional share of the tax-exempt own funds accumulated shall be applied to the benefit of the insured parties.

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IX Electronic money institutions

Part 19

Electronic money institutions

Introductory provisions

308.-(1) Undertakings that carry out activities comprising issuing means of payment in the form of electronic money shall be licensed as electronic money institutions. For the purposes of this Act, "electronic money" shall mean a monetary value, as represented by a claim against the electronic money institution, which is stored on an electronic medium. Electronic money may not be issued at a premium and must be recognised as means of payment by undertakings other than the electronic money institution.

(2) Apart from issuing electronic money, electronic money institutions shall only carry out activities associated with

- 1) delivery of closely linked financial and non-financial services, and
- 2) storage on the electronic medium on behalf of other companies or public institutions.

(3) Electronic money institutions and banks shall have exclusive right to issue electronic money.

(4) An undertaking seeking a license under subsection (1) shall have a share capital of an amount corresponding to no less than EUR 1 million.

(5) Apart from subsection (7), the provisions of this part of this Act shall not apply to undertakings issuing electronic money if the maximum amount stored on the electronic medium cannot exceed EUR 150 and one of the following conditions is met:

- 1) the undertaking's total financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts may never exceed EUR 6 million, cf. subsection (6). The outstanding electronic amounts may not, on average, exceed EUR 5 million, cf. subsection (6).
- 2) the electronic money issued by the undertaking is only recognised as a means of payment by companies within a single group, or
- 3) the electronic money issued by the undertaking is only recognised as a means of payment by a limited number of companies that can be clearly identified by virtue of their location at a single site or within another limited area, or by virtue of their close financial or business relationships with the undertaking, cf. however subsection (7).

(6) When calculating the outstanding electronic amounts, cf. subsection (5), no. 1, outstanding electronic amounts which the issuer itself receives as a means of payment shall not be included in the calculation of the amounts. The average, cf. subsection (5), no. 1, shall be calculated as the weighted average of the last six months' outstanding electronic amounts at the end of the month. The sum of the previous month's electronic payments to undertakings other than the electronic money institution divided by the sum of the previous month's total use of the prepaid funds as a means of payment shall be applied as weights.

(7) Undertakings which do not fall within the scope of this part of this Act, cf. subsection (5), shall submit annual statements detailing their activities, including details on the size of the

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total financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts. This statement shall be received by the Danish FSA no later than 1 April.

309. Electronic money institutions may not issue electronic money to a value greater than EUR 300.

310. Electronic money institutions may not have any equity investments in other companies unless such companies carry out operational or other ancillary functions in connection with electronic money issued or distributed by the relevant electronic money institution.

311.-(1) During the period of validity and up to a year after expiry thereof, the holder of electronic money may request that the electronic money institution or the issuing bank redeem the nominal value in cash or by means of a transfer to a bank account without any cost other than that necessary to complete such transaction.

(2) The conditions regarding redeemability pursuant to subsection (1) shall be clearly specified in the agreement between the electronic money institution and the holder. The agreement may stipulate that amounts less than DKK 25 cannot be redeemed.

Licenses, etc.

312.-(1) Sections 13-15 regarding licenses and section 30(1), (4), (5) (9) and (10); section 31(1); section 38(1), nos. 1-4, (2), (3), 1st clause and (4)-(7); section 39(1), 1st clause; section 39(2), 1st clause; and section 40 regarding carrying out activities through a branch or by providing cross-border services shall apply correspondingly to electronic money institutions with the derogations mentioned in section 313 of this Act.

(2) An application for a license to issue electronic money shall contain information regarding the estimated extent of the financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts after six months.

313.-(1) A foreign electronic money institution wishing to carry out activities in Denmark through a branch or by providing services in accordance with section 312, cf. section 30(1), (4), (5), (9) and (10) and section 31(1), may only issue electronic money.

(2) An electronic money institution wishing to carry out activities through a branch or by providing services or by establishing a subsidiary undertaking in accordance with section 312, cf. section 38(1), nos. 1-4, (2), (3), 1st clause, and (4)-(7); and section 39(1), 1st clause; section 39(2), 1st clause; and section 40 may only issue electronic money.

314.-(1) The provisions laid down in this part of this Act shall apply to branches of electronic money institutions domiciled in a country outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area, subject to any variations necessitated by the nature of the branch or prescribed in or pursuant to international agreements.

(2) The provisions laid down in the Public Companies Act on branches of foreign limited companies shall apply to the branches specified in subsection (1).

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Ownership

315. Sections 5(3), 61 and 62 regarding acquisition and ownership of qualifying interests in financial undertakings shall apply correspondingly to electronic money institutions.

Management

316. Sections 70 and 71 regarding written guidelines on the most significant areas of activity, etc., of a financial undertaking shall apply correspondingly to electronic money institutions.

Solvency

317.-(1) The capital base of an electronic money institution shall, at any time, amount to no less than 2 per cent of the highest of the following amounts: the current value or the average of the previous six months' financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts. The average shall be calculated as the simple average of the last six months' outstanding electronic amounts at the end of the month.

(2) If an electronic money institution has not been in operation for six months including the day when operation was commenced, the capital base shall be no less than 2 per cent of the highest of the following amounts: the current value or the amount set as the estimated extent of the financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts after six months, cf. section 312(2).

(3) Where a member of the board of directors or board of management or an auditor of an electronic money institution has cause to believe that the undertaking does not comply with the solvency requirement, cf. subsections (1) and (2), such a person shall immediately notify the Danish FSA of this fact. The Danish FSA may stipulate a time limit for compliance with the solvency requirement.

318.-(1) The capital base of an electronic money institution shall constitute the sum of the paid-up share capital, share premium and reserves.

(2) The capital shall be reduced by the undertaking's own shares, intangible assets, tax assets, and the deficit for the current year.

319. At the end of every six-month period, electronic money institutions shall submit a solvency statement to the Danish FSA. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations hereon.

Placement of funds

320.-(1) An electronic money institution shall, as a minimum, invest funds corresponding to the undertaking's financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts in the following assets:

- 1) cash in hand,
- 2) outstanding accounts against or guaranteed by central governments or central banks within Zone A,

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- 3) outstanding accounts against or guaranteed by the European Communities,
- 4) outstanding accounts against or guaranteed by Danish counties, Danish municipalities, Greenland's Home Rule, or the Government of the Faroe Islands, or secured by means of securities issued by Danish counties, Danish municipalities, Greenland's Home Rule, and the Government of the Faroe Islands within 90 per cent of the market value of the relevant security,
- 5) outstanding accounts against or guaranteed by regional and local authorities in EEA countries, or secured by means of securities issued by such regional and local authorities where the competent authorities have provided a zero weighting within 90 per cent of the market value of the relevant security,
- 6) mortgage-credit bonds and bonds issued by Danish Ship Finance, and
- 7) demand deposits with credit institutions within Zone A.

(2) The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed regulations on placement of funds in assets other than those mentioned in subsection (1).

(3) When calculating the funds placed, cf. subsections (1) and (2), the value of the assets shall be recognised at the lower of the purchase price or the market price.

(4) If the value of the total funds placed in the assets mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) becomes less than the value of the financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts, the Danish FSA shall ensure that the electronic money institution takes the steps necessary to remedy this situation immediately. In such cases, the Danish FSA may temporarily allow that the undertaking's financial liabilities in respect of outstanding electronic amounts are honoured by means of assets other than those mentioned in subsections (1) and (2), up to an amount corresponding to a maximum of 5 per cent of these liabilities or the company's capital base, applying, however, the lesser of the two amounts.

321.-(1) The funds of an electronic money institution placed in assets that fall within the scope of section 320(1), nos. 6 and 7, may not exceed the company's capital base by a factor of more than twenty.

(2) An electronic money institution's holding of funds placed in assets that fall within the scope of section 320(1), no. 6, shall not constitute more than 250 per cent of the company's capital base per issuer.

(3) An electronic money institution's holding of funds placed in assets that fall within the scope of section 320(1), no. 7, shall not constitute more than 125 per cent of the company's capital base per bank. Placements may not, however, exceed 25 per cent of the bank's capital base.

322.-(1) If an electronic money institution has an interest-rate risk greater than 10 per cent of the capital base or the currency indicator 1 is greater than 10 per cent of the capital base, the Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations on the weighting of market risks. Interest-rate risks and the currency indicator 1 shall be calculated as for banks.

(2) Electronic money institutions may only use derivative financial instruments with a view to hedging market risks.

323. At the end of each six-month period, electronic money institutions shall submit to the Danish FSA a statement on how funds are placed. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations hereon.

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Accounts and audit

324.-(1) The Act on Commercial Enterprises' Presentation of Financial Statements, etc. shall apply to electronic money institutions, subject to the derogations specified in sections 75, 199(1)-(7) and 200 regarding the accounting year, auditors, and duty to disclose information.

(2) The accounting year shall be the calendar year. The first accounting period may comprise a period which is shorter or longer than 12 months, subject however to a maximum of 18 months.

325. At the end of each six-month period, electronic money institutions shall submit accounts to the Danish FSA. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations hereon.

326. The Danish FSA shall lay down more detailed regulations regarding the audit of electronic money institutions. In so doing, the Danish FSA may lay down more detailed regulations regarding internal audits and system auditing in common data centres.

Withdrawal of licenses and cessation

327.-(1) The Danish FSA may withdraw the license to operate as an electronic money institution if the institution so requests.

(2) The Danish FSA may withdraw the license of an electronic money institution,

- 1) where the electronic money institution does not commence activities within 12 months after a license was granted,
- 2) where activities are not carried out for a period of more than six months,
- 3) where the electronic money institution is guilty of gross or repeated violations of provisions laid down in this part of this Act or regulations issued pursuant to this Act, or
- 4) in the cases mentioned in section 14(1), nos. 2-7.

(3) Where the electronic money institution does not meet the solvency requirement specified in section 317, and where the electronic money institution has not raised the capital required prior to the time limit specified pursuant to section 317(3), the Danish FSA shall withdraw the license. The Danish FSA may order that the board of directors shall, within a specific time limit and notwithstanding the provisions laid down in the electronic money institution's articles of association in this respect, convene a general meeting and provide an account for the electronic money institution's financial circumstances.

328. Where the capital base of an electronic money institution does not meet the capital requirement at the time of licensing in accordance with section 308(4), the Danish FSA may either set a time limit, within which the capital base shall be brought up to the required minimum, or withdraw the license immediately.

329.-(1) If the license of an electronic money institution is withdrawn, such institution shall be wound up. Other business may not commence before winding-up is complete.

(2) Where winding-up is conducted in a manner other than liquidation, bankruptcy, or pursuant to section 331, the form, content and operation of said winding-up shall be subject to approval by the Danish FSA.

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330. Sections 228, 231(1), 234(1)-(3) and sections 238 and 243 regarding withdrawal of licenses and cessation shall apply correspondingly to electronic money institutions.

Merger, etc.

331. A bank or an electronic money institution may not merge with an electronic money institution without authorisation from the Danish FSA.

Confidentiality

332. Section 117 shall apply correspondingly to electronic money institutions.

Miscellaneous provisions

333. Part 21 regarding supervision, part 22 regarding fees and part 23 regarding delegation and complaints shall, with the necessary changes, also apply to electronic money institutions.

X Savings institutions

Part 20

Savings institutions

Licenses of savings institutions

334.-(1) An undertaking, which carries out activities that consist of receiving deposits or other repayable funds from the general public either commercially or as a significant part of its operations, and placing of such funds in a manner other than through deposits with a bank, shall have a license as a savings institution, if said undertaking is not

- 1) covered by section 7(1),
- 2) covered by section 8(1), or
- 3) established in accordance with special legislation, or if establishment has not been approved in accordance with special legislation.

(2) Undertakings that seek a license under subsection (1) shall have a share capital of an amount corresponding to no less than EUR 1 million.

335. Sections 13 and 14 shall apply correspondingly to savings institutions.

336.-(1) Section 15 shall apply correspondingly to savings institutions.

(2) The provisions of the Public Companies Act on notification and registration etc. shall apply correspondingly to savings institutions that are not limited companies.

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Management

337. Sections 70, 71 and 75 shall apply correspondingly to savings institutions.

338. The articles of association shall state the rights and obligations of depositors as well as regulations on the organisation and management etc. of the institution, and regulations on the placement of funds.

Capital

339. Savings institutions shall have an own funds of an amount corresponding to no less than EUR 1 million.

Financial statements

340. The accounting year shall be the calendar year. The first financial period may be shorter or longer than 12 months, but not longer than 18 months.

341.-(1) The audited and approved annual report of the savings institution shall be submitted to the Danish FSA in duplicate without undue delay after final approval. The annual report shall be received by the Danish FSA no later than four months after the end of the accounting year.

(2) Savings institutions shall have at least one auditor who is a state-authorized public accountant.

(3) A copy of the audit book comments from the external auditor shall be submitted to the Danish FSA at the same time as the annual report is submitted pursuant to subsection (1).

(4) The Danish FSA may lay down more detailed regulations for savings institutions regarding financial statements and audit.

Withdrawal of licenses and cessation

342.-(1) If the Danish FSA finds that, considering the interests of the depositors, it would be improper for a savings institution covered by this Act to continue operations, the Danish FSA may withdraw its license.

(2) The provisions applying to withdrawal of licenses and cessation for banks shall, with the necessary changes, also apply to savings institutions.

Miscellaneous provisions

343. Part 21 on supervision, part 22 on fees and part 23 on delegation and complaints shall, with the necessary changes, also apply to savings institutions.

XI Supervision and fees

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Part 21

Supervision etc.

General regulations regarding supervision

344.-(1) The Danish FSA shall supervise compliance with this Act and regulations laid down pursuant to this Act except for section 77(1) and (2). The Danish Commerce and Companies Agency shall, however, supervise compliance with section 15(1), (2) and (4) and sections 83, 87, 91 and 112. The Danish Securities Council shall, together with the Danish FSA, enforce that the regulations regarding financial information in annual reports and interim reports laid down in sections 183-193 and in regulations laid down in pursuance of section 196 are observed by financial undertakings that have issued securities admitted for listing or trading on a stock exchange, or whose securities are traded on an authorised market place, cf. section 83(2) and (3) and section 83b of the Securities Trading, etc. Act. In this connection, the Danish Securities Council shall perform the authorities laid down in section 197.

(2) For branches of credit institutions licensed in another country within the European Union or in a country with which the Community has entered into agreement for the financial area, the Danish FSA shall, in accordance with provisions laid down in Directives, supervise liquidity in such branches.

(3) If a bank, a mortgage-credit institution, an investment company or an investment management company is a subsidiary company of a credit institution, an investment firm or a management company with a registered office in another country within the European Union or another country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, the Danish FSA may, upon agreement, transfer responsibility for supervision of the solvency and major exposures of the bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company, investment management company or group to the authority which carries out consolidated supervision of the foreign parent undertaking.

(4) The Danish FSA may, in special cases, utilise external assistance.

(5) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs may lay down more detailed regulations for the procedures of the Danish FSA in accordance with the provisions laid down in Community law.

345.-(1) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall set up the Financial Business Council, which shall comprise 8 members. This Council shall be composed as follows:

- 1) A chairperson with legal or financial knowledge.
- 2) A deputy chairperson with legal knowledge.
- 3) A member with economic financial knowledge, nominated by Danmarks Nationalbank (Denmark's central bank).
- 4) A consumer representative, nominated by the Danish Consumer Council,
- 5) A representative for commercial interests, jointly nominated by the Confederation of Danish Industries (DI), the Danish Shipowners' Association, HTS (a Danish interest organisation for the transport, trade and service sectors), Danish Commerce and Services, the Danish Federation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, and the Danish Agricultural Council.
- 6) A representative for the mortgage-credit institutions, nominated by the Council of the Danish Mortgage Banks.

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- 7) A representative for banks, etc., jointly nominated by the Danish Bankers' Association, the Danish Securities Dealers Association, the Danish Securities Brokers Association, and the Federation of Danish Investment Associations.
- 8) A representative for insurance companies, etc., jointly nominated by the Danish Insurance Association, the Company Pension Funds Association, the Insurance Brokers' Trade Association, the Association of Insurance Brokers, and Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension (ATP) and LD Pensions (LD).

(2) The Financial Business Council shall:

- 1) make decisions, except for section 43 decisions, and except for cases concerning compliance with sections 183-193 and regulations issued pursuant to section 196 for financial undertakings which have issued securities admitted for listing or trading on a stock exchange, or whose securities are traded on an authorised market place, regarding supervisory matters of principle as well as supervisory matters with significant consequences for financial undertakings and financial holding companies,
- 2) advise the Danish FSA in connection with issuing regulations, in connection with matters of principle regarding honest business principles and good practice and price information as well as in supervisory matters regarding honest business principles and good practice and price information that have more significant consequences for financial undertakings and financial holding companies in pursuance of section 43, and
- 3) assist the Danish FSA in its information activities.

(3) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall appoint Council members for periods of up to 4 years at a time. Members may be reappointed.

(4) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall appoint a proxy for each member. In the absence of a member, the relevant proxy shall participate for said member.

(5) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall appoint two special experts for each member appointed pursuant to subsection (1), nos. 4-6 and up to four special experts for each member appointed pursuant to subsection (1), nos. 7 and 8. In connection with the work on laying down the Council's rules of procedure, the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall, cf. subsection (11), prepare a list of the organisations entitled to recommend special experts. Subject to permission by the chairperson, the special experts may participate in the meetings of the Council without voting rights. However, a maximum of two special experts for each member may participate during processing of individual cases at the meetings of the Council.

(6) The Government of the Faroe Islands and the Greenland Home Rule Government shall each appoint one special expert who may participate in the meetings of the Council without voting rights, subject to permission by the chairperson.

(7) Proxies and special experts appointed pursuant to subsection (4) or (5) shall be appointed for a period corresponding to that of the member of the Council for whom the relevant expert has been appointed. Special experts appointed pursuant to subsection (6) shall be appointed for up to four years at a time. Proxies and special experts may be reappointed.

(8) When the Council addresses matters regarding honest business principles and good practice and price information, cf. subsection (2), no. 2, the Consumer Ombudsman shall participate in the relevant item on the agenda. In matters regarding honest business principles

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and good practice and price information the Consumer Ombudsman shall have the same authority as the members of the Council.

(9) Section 354 (1) shall apply to Council members and their proxies as well as the special experts. The 1st clause shall, however, not apply to matters regarding issue of regulations on honest business principles and good practice.

(10) The Council shall make its resolutions subject to a simple majority of votes. In the event of parity of votes, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

(11) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down the rules of procedure of the Council.

346.-(1) The Danish FSA shall examine the circumstances of financial undertakings and financial holding companies. This shall include reviews of regular reports and inspections of individual undertakings. The Danish FSA may also carry out inspection visits to savings institutions.

(2) Following an inspection of a financial undertaking or a financial holding company, a meeting shall be held, including as participants the undertaking's board of directors, board of management, the responsible actuary, the external auditor, and the chief internal auditor, unless such inspection exclusively concerns clearly demarcated areas of activity within said undertaking. At said meeting, the Danish FSA shall announce its conclusions regarding the inspections.

(3) Following an inspection visit, significant conclusions shall be submitted in the form of a written report to the undertaking's board of directors, board of management, the responsible actuary, the external auditor, and the chief internal auditor. Said persons shall confirm having been made aware of said report by signing it, whereupon the report shall be returned to the Danish FSA.

(4) The supervisory authorities of another country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area may, after prior notification to the Danish FSA, carry out inspections of branch offices situated in Denmark of foreign financial undertakings with registered office in the relevant country. As regards insurance companies, the Danish FSA shall participate in the inspection mentioned in the 1st clause or may, in special cases and at the request of the supervisory authority of the home country of the branch, carry out inspection of the branch alone. As regards investment firms and management companies, the Danish FSA may carry out the inspection mentioned in the 1st clause at the request of the supervisory authority of the home country of the branch.

(5) The supervisory authorities of another country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area may, with the authorisation of the Danish FSA, carry out verification of information provided by the financial holding companies, financial undertakings, finance institutions or undertakings carrying out ancillary financial business, which are situated in Denmark and subject to supplementary supervision by the relevant supervisory authority under provisions laid down in Directives within the financial area.

347.-(1) The financial undertakings and financial holding companies shall provide the Danish FSA with such information as is necessary for the performance of the duties of the Danish FSA. In accordance with the provisions laid down in Directives, this shall apply correspondingly to

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foreign credit institutions, management companies and investment firms that carry out activities in Denmark through establishing branches or through offering financial services.

(2) The Danish FSA may at all times, on proof of identity and without a court order, gain access to a financial undertaking and its branches or a financial holding company with a view to obtaining information, including during inspections.

(3) To the extent required to assess the financial position of a financial undertaking or a financial holding company, the Danish FSA shall be entitled to obtain information and at any time, on proof of identity and without a court order, have access to undertakings with which said financial undertaking or financial holding company has special direct or indirect links.

(4) The Danish FSA may ask for any information, including accounts, accounting records, printouts of books, other business records, and electronically stored data deemed necessary for the activities of the Danish FSA or for deciding whether a natural or legal person is covered by the provisions of this Act.

(5) The Danish FSA may collect information pursuant to subsections (1)-(4) for use by the authorities mentioned in section 354(5), nos. 14 and 15.

348.-(1) The Consumer Ombudsman may institute legal proceedings on prohibitions and orders regarding actions contrary to honest business principles and good practice, cf. section 43(1) and (2). The provisions of section 13(1) and section 14(1) of the Marketing Practices Act shall apply correspondingly to legal proceedings instituted by the Consumer Ombudsman in pursuance of this provision.

(2) The Danish FSA may order that matters which are contrary to sections 43, 57 and 72 be rectified. In this connection the Danish FSA may carry out inspection visits of branch offices of management companies and investment firms.

349.-(1) The Danish FSA may order the management of a financial undertaking to prepare an account of the financial circumstances and future prospects of the undertaking. The board of directors, board of management, the responsible actuary, the external auditor and the chief internal auditor of such an undertaking shall confirm that they have been made aware of the contents of the order issued by the Danish FSA by signing said order.

(2) The account shall:

- 1) include a statement made by the external auditor of the undertaking, unless the account has been prepared by said auditor in its entirety,
- 2) be submitted for the approval by the board of directors of the undertaking, and
- 3) be submitted, in the form of a copy, to the Danish FSA.

350.-(1) The Danish FSA may order that a financial undertaking take the measures necessary within a time limit specified by the Danish FSA, if

- 1) the financial position of the undertaking has deteriorated to such a degree that the interests of the depositors, the insured parties, the bond owners, the investment associations, the special-purpose associations, the approved restricted associations, the hedge associations, other collective investment schemes or other investors are at risk, or

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2) there is a significant risk that the financial position of the undertaking will develop so that the undertaking loses its license.

(2) Where the measures ordered have not been taken within the time limit specified, the Danish FSA may withdraw the undertaking's license.

(3) Sections 248-252 shall also apply to insurance companies.

(4) Subsections (1) and (2) shall apply correspondingly to a group of companies where the parent undertaking is a financial holding company or a financial undertaking, if there is a significant risk that the financial position of the group will develop so that the group will not comply with the capital requirement for the group.

351.-(1) The Danish FSA may order that a financial undertaking remove a member of the board of management covered by section 64(2) within a time limit specified by the Danish FSA.

(2) If the financial undertaking does not remove the member of the board of management before expiry of the time limit, the Danish FSA may withdraw the license of the undertaking, cf. section 224(1), no. 2.

352. The Danish FSA may independently or in collaboration with other authorities carry out such investigations as are appropriate to promote transparency within the financial market and publish the results of such investigations.

353.-(1) The Danish FSA shall submit an annual report on its activities to the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs.

(2) In cooperation with the National Consumer Agency of Denmark, the Danish FSA shall submit an annual report on the status regarding issue of regulations on good practice as well as regulations on price information and regarding experience with application of such regulations to the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs, cf. section 43(2) and (3).

354.-(1) By virtue of sections 152 to 152e of the Criminal Code, employees of the Danish FSA shall be obliged to keep secret any confidential information they receive in the course of their supervisory duties. The same shall apply to persons performing services as part of the operations of the Danish FSA and experts who act on behalf of the Danish FSA. This shall also apply after the termination of the employment contract or any other contract.

(2) Consent from the individual who the duty of confidentiality aims to protect shall not entitle employees of the Danish FSA or experts acting or having acted on the behalf of the Danish FSA to divulge confidential information.

(3) The provision stipulated in subsection (1) shall not prevent the Danish FSA from disclosing, on its own initiative, confidential information in the form of summaries, insofar as neither individual undertakings nor their customers are identifiable.

(4) Confidential information may be disclosed during civil legal proceedings, where a financial undertaking has been declared bankrupt, and provided such information does not involve customers or third parties where said customers or third parties are or have been involved in attempts to save the undertaking.

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(5) The provision of subsection (1) shall not prevent confidential information from being divulged to:

- 1) The Danish Securities Council and the Financial Business Council.
- 2) Other public authorities, including the prosecution and the police, in connection with the investigations and legal prosecution of criminal offences covered by the Criminal Code or the supervision legislation.
- 3) The Minister concerned as part of his superior supervision.
- 4) Administrative authorities and courts hearing decisions made by the Danish FSA.
- 5) The Ombudsman of the Danish Parliament.
- 6) A parliamentary commission set up by the Danish Parliament.
- 7) Courts of inquiry set up by law or in accordance with the "lov om undersøgelseskommissioner" (courts of inquiry act).
- 8) The standing committee of the Danish Parliament regarding the general financial circumstances of a financial undertaking as part of parliamentary supervision of administration with respect to financial undertakings which are in suspension of payments or under bankruptcy proceedings where state guarantees or funds are granted for the winding-up of said undertaking.
- 9) The Members of the Public Accounts Committee and the National Audit Office of Denmark.
- 10) The bankruptcy court and other authorities participating in liquidation, bankruptcy proceedings or similar procedures regarding the financial undertaking, as well as persons responsible for the statutory audit of the accounts of a financial undertaking, provided that such recipients of information need said information to perform their duties.
- 11) Institutions managing depositor or investor schemes or insurance guarantee schemes, provided that such information is required by the recipients for the performance of their duties.
- 12) Danmarks Nationalbank (Denmark's central bank) and foreign central banks and well as the European Central Bank, provided that such information is required by said banks in their capacity as authorities within the field of monetary policy or provided that such information is required by said banks for their monitoring of payment systems.
- 13) An institution which carries out clearing proceedings for securities or money, provided that such information is required to ensure that said institution reacts duly to non-compliance or potential non-compliance within the market where said institution is responsible for clearing proceedings.
- 14) Financial supervisory authorities in other countries within the European Union or countries with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area which are responsible for the supervision of financial undertakings, finance institutions, investment funds (investment associations or special-purpose associations), or the capital markets and bodies involved in the liquidation and bankruptcy proceedings of financial undertakings or in other similar procedures, and persons responsible for carrying out statutory audits of the accounts of the financial undertaking provided that these recipients of information need it to perform their duties.
- 15) Financial supervisory authorities in countries outside the European Union with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area which are responsible for the supervision of financial undertakings, finance institutions, investment funds (investment associations or special-purpose associations), or the capital markets and bodies involved in the liquidation and bankruptcy proceedings of financial undertakings or in other similar procedures, and persons responsible for

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carrying out statutory audits of the accounts of the financial undertaking, cf. however subsections (9) and (10).

- 16) The government customs and tax authorities in cases covered by section 6 D(2) of the "skattekontrolloven" (act on tax control).
- 17) The Supervisory Authority on Auditing and the "Disciplinærnævnet for Statsautoriserede og Registrerede Revisorer" (the disciplinary board for state-authorized public accountants and registered public accountants) for the performance of their duties.
- 18) The Faroese Minister of Finance, as part of the responsibility for economic stability in the Faroe Islands and for crisis management of financial undertakings in the Faroe Islands.
- 19) The Greenlandic Minister for Industry, Agriculture and Labour Market, as part of the responsibility for economic stability in Greenland and for crisis management of financial undertakings in Greenland.
- 20) The standing committee of the Faroese Parliament regarding the general financial circumstances of a Faroese financial undertaking as part of parliamentary supervision of the Faroese administration with respect to Faroese financial undertakings which are in suspension of payments or under bankruptcy proceedings where the Faroese Government grants guarantees or funds for the winding-up of said undertaking.
- 21) The standing committee of the Greenlandic Parliament regarding the general financial circumstances of a Greenlandic financial undertaking as part of parliamentary supervision of the Greenlandic administration with respect to Greenlandic financial undertakings which are in suspension of payments or under bankruptcy proceedings where the Greenlandic Government grants guarantees or funds for the winding-up of said undertaking.

(6) All those receiving confidential information from the Danish FSA under subsections (4) and (5) shall fall under the duty of confidentiality specified in subsection (1) with regard to said information.

(7) Confidential information received by the Danish FSA shall only be used in the course of its supervisory duties, to impose sanctions, or where appeals are made against the decision of the Danish FSA to a higher administrative authority or where such a decision is brought before the courts of law.

(8) Access to issue confidential information to the standing committee of the Danish Parliament under subsection (5), no. 8 shall be limited to documents in cases which have been established in the Danish FSA after 16 September 1995. As regards mortgage-credit institutions, this limitation shall apply to documents in cases which have been established in the Danish FSA after 1 June 1995. Access to issue confidential information to the standing committee of the Faroese Parliament under subsection (5), no. 20, and to the standing committee of the Greenlandic Parliament under subsection (5), no. 21, shall be limited to documents in cases which have been established in the Danish FSA after 1 January 2006.

(9) Information may only be divulged pursuant to subsection 5, no. 15

- 1) on the basis of an international co-operation agreement, and
- 2) provided that the recipients of said information are, at a minimum, subject to a statutory duty of confidentiality corresponding to the duty of confidentiality pursuant to subsection (1) and that said recipients require said information to perform their duties.

(10) Confidential information from countries within the European Union or countries with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area shall only be

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divulged pursuant to subsection (5), no. 15 where the authorities submitting said information have granted express permission to do so, and said information shall only be used for the purposes specified by said permission.

(11) Where a debtor, guarantor, or investor has significant exposures with several financial undertakings, the Danish FSA may notify the relevant undertakings of this fact.

354a.-(1) In the matters mentioned in subsection (2), the Danish FSA may make public the name of the undertaking which a decision concerns when the Danish FSA deems it to be of interest to the customers of said financial undertaking to know the name of said undertaking.

(2) Publication may be effected in matters pertaining to

- 1) violation of the ban against carrying out financial business without a license, cf. sections 7-11, 308 and 334,
- 2) orders to rectify matters which are contrary to the regulations on good practice and price information in section 43 and Executive Orders issued in pursuance of section 43, cf. section 348(2),
- 3) violation of sections 45 and 46 and section 49(1) and (2),
- 4) violation of Executive Orders on pension pools and placements of funds in securities issued in pursuance of section 50(2),
- 5) violation of sections 51 and 52; section 53(1), section 54(2); and section 55(1),
- 6) violation of Executive Orders on information on establishment of insurance contracts and during general customer contact and relations issued in pursuance of section 56,
- 7) order rectification of matters which are contrary to section 57(1), cf. section 348(2),
- 8) violation of section 59(1) and section 60(1),
- 9) violation of the regulations on disclosure of confidential information in section 117 and section 123(3), and
- 10) violation of orders to take necessary measures, cf. section 350.

(3) Publication of the matters mentioned in subsection (2), nos. 2 and 7 may moreover be effected despite the undertaking having changed its conduct, if the Danish FSA deems that the customers of the undertakings still have an interest in knowing the matter.

(4) Publication of the matters mentioned in subsection (2), nos. 2-10 may not be effected if this would lead to significant damage to the undertaking. Said publication may not contain confidential information on customer relationships.

(5) The Danish FSA may make public the name of the undertaking which a decision concerns two weeks after said undertaking has received notification regarding said decision. If the undertaking decides to bring the matter before the Company Appeals Board within said two weeks, publication may only be effected if the Board does not decide that the appeal is to act as stay of proceedings.

355.-(1) Only a financial undertaking or a financial holding company, a foreign financial undertaking or a foreign financial holding company against which a decision has been made by the Danish FSA under this Act or regulations laid down in pursuance of this Act shall be considered a party in relation to the Danish FSA, cf. however, subsections (2) and (3).

(2) In the instances specified below, persons natural and legal other than the undertaking shall also be considered a party to the decision made by the Danish FSA as regards the parts of the case which concern said person:

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- 1) The parent undertaking, where said parent undertaking is a financial holding company or a financial undertaking.
- 2) Undertakings with which a financial undertaking has special direct or indirect links, and where the supervisory authorities may collect information and carry out inspection visits, cf. section 347(3).
- 3) Any person natural or legal of whom the Danish FSA requires information to determine whether said person falls within the scope of the provisions of this Act, cf. section 347(4).
- 4) Any person about whom the Danish FSA receives information in connection with approval under section 64(1) and (2).
- 5) The acquirer or holder of a qualifying equity investment where the Danish FSA refuses to authorise this, where the Danish FSA suspends case proceedings, where the Danish FSA reacts as a result of omission to notify the Danish FSA, or where the Danish FSA withdraws the voting rights associated with the relevant equity investment, cf. section 61(1)-(7) and section 62(1)-(3).
- 6) An auditor of a financial undertaking where the Danish FSA removes said auditor or orders said auditor to provide information on the status and circumstances of the undertaking, as well as in cases concerning the prohibition against an auditor having business exposures, etc., with the financial undertaking audited by said auditor, cf. section 199(4)-(6) and (8).
- 7) Undertakings with which a bank, an investment company, an investment management company, or a mortgage-credit institution has such links that the Danish FSA decides that said undertaking shall be included in consolidation, cf. section 177(1).
- 8) Any undertaking applying for a license to conduct bank business, investment dealing, investment management, securities dealing, mortgage-credit business, insurance business or life-assurance business cf. sections 7(1), 8(1), 9(1), 10(1) and (2), 11(1) and 14, or if such an application is suspended, cf. section 14(4).
- 9) A member of the board of directors or the board of management of a financial undertaking or an owner of capital when the Danish FSA refuses to grant a license or withdraws such license in whole or in part, cf. section 14(1), nos. 1-3 and (2), section 224, and section 225(1).
- 10) Undertakings which the Danish FSA finds have close connections to a financial undertaking and therefore refuses or withdraws a license in accordance with section 14(1), nos. 4 and 5, and section 224.
- 11) Any person who violates the prohibition laid down in this Act on employing in the name or characterisation of an undertaking the words that are covered by the exclusive right of financial undertakings to names, cf. sections 7(5) and 8(5), section 9(5), 2nd clause and (6), 2nd clause, and section 11(3).
- 12) Any person contravening the prohibitions in this Act against carrying out activities covered by section 7(1), (3) and (4), section 8(1) and (3), section 9(1) and (3), section 10(1) and (3), and section 11(1) without permission.
- 13) Any person regarding whom the Danish FSA has made a decision on the extent to which said person may offer investment services without a license, cf. section 9(9).
- 14) Investment associations, special-purpose associations, restricted associations and other collective investment schemes when the Danish FSA makes a decision in a case regarding the investment management company that manages the investment association, special-purpose association, restricted association or the collective investment scheme.
- 15) The responsible actuary in cases where the actuary does not fulfil his duty to supply information to the Danish FSA, cf. section 108(5), 1st clause.

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(3) A member of the board of directors, a responsible actuary, an auditor, a member of the board of management, or other senior employees of a financial undertaking, a financial holding company, a foreign financial undertaking or a foreign financial holding company shall also be considered a party where decisions made by the Danish FSA are aimed specifically at said person. This shall also apply to a liquidator and an administrator of a life-insurance portfolio.

(4) Finally, the Danish FSA may, when instituting proceedings regarding honest business principles and good practice within the field of activity of the undertaking, cf. section 43(1) and (2) of this Act; price information, cf. section 43(3) of this Act; good securities trading practices, cf. section 3 of the Securities Trading, etc. Act; the duty of insurance companies to offer consumer insurance contracts with short periods of notice, cf. section 57 of this Act; or disclosure of confidential information, cf. part 9 of this Act in exceptional circumstances also assign authorities as party to other persons natural or legal than those specified in subsections (2) and (3). The authorities as party may only be given for such part of the case as is of direct and material importance to the party concerned. The authorities as party shall be given having regard to the protection of confidential information about the undertakings that are subject to supervision.

(5) Status as party and authorities as party according to subsections (2) and (4) shall be limited to matters where the Danish FSA makes decisions after 8 October 1998, however, for mortgage-credit institutions after 20 October 1998. With regard to disclosure of confidential information, cf. part 9 of this Act, status as a party and authorities as party shall be limited to matters where the decisions of the Danish FSA are made after 1 January 2004. For investment management companies, status as a party and authorities as parties are limited to circumstances where the decisions of the Danish FSA are made after 1 January 2004.

356.-(1) Employees of the Danish FSA shall not be members of the board of management, the board of directors, the shareholder committee, or be employed by undertakings which are under supervision by the Danish FSA or by the organisations of such undertakings. Nor shall such employees own or operate an independent business undertaking or take part in the management or operation of a business undertaking without authorisation from the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs. Such employees may, however, own, operate and participate in the administration of real property.

(2) Employees of the Danish FSA shall not conduct or participate in speculative business at their own expense, cf. section 77(1). For the director general, deputy directors general and persons of equal status in the Danish FSA, the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall prepare guidelines on reporting of investments and similar transactions.

(3) The director general of the Danish FSA shall not without authorisation from the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs enter into exposures with or provide collateral to financial undertakings. For other employees of the Danish FSA, the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down specific guidelines on the approval of exposures with and collateralisation provided to financial undertakings. Such guidelines may specify different procedures of approval for each employee category.

Time limits

357.-(1) The time limits fixed in or pursuant to this Act shall take effect from the day following the day when the event triggering the time limit occurred. This shall apply to the calculation of time limits involving days, weeks, months, and years.

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(2) Where the time limit is indicated in weeks, said time limit shall expire on the day in the week when the event occasioning the time limit occurred, cf. subsection (1).

(3) If the time limit is indicated in months it shall expire on the day in the month when the event triggering the time limit occurred, cf. subsection (1). If the day when the event occasioning the time limit occurred is the last day of a month or if the time limit expires on a date which does not exist, the time limit shall always expire on the last day of the month, irrespective of its length.

(4) Where the time limit is indicated in years, said time limit shall expire on the day in the year when the event occasioning the time limit occurred, cf. subsection (1).

(5) If a time limit expires during a weekend, on a holiday, 5 June, 24 December or on 31 December, the time limit shall be extended to the next weekday.

Special regulations for insurance companies regarding supervision

358.-(1) Resolutions permitting new shares to be paid up through conversion of debt in pursuance of section 33a of the Public Companies Act shall be approved by the Danish FSA.

(2) The board of directors of a parent company shall notify the board of directors of a subsidiary company and the Danish FSA as soon as a group relationship has been established.

359. Insurance companies, branches of foreign companies that have obtained a license from the Danish FSA, and the pension funds covered by this Act shall be registered with the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency.

Part 22

Fees

360. The appropriation of the Danish FSA less sales of goods and services and interest income shall be covered by fees from undertakings subject to the supervision of the Danish FSA, cf. section 361-370.

361.-(1) The following undertakings shall pay an annual basic amount to the Danish FSA:

- 1) The Labour Market Occupational Diseases Funds shall pay DKK 510,000.
- 2) Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension (supplementary pension, temporary pension savings and special pension savings) shall pay DKK 1,180,000.
- 3) Stock exchanges and authorised markets shall pay basic amounts of DKK 12,000 per company listed at the end of the previous year.
- 4) FUTOP Clearingcentralen A/S shall pay DKK 250,000.
- 5) The Guarantee Fund for Depositors and Investors shall pay DKK 95,000.
- 6) Each licensed money-market broking company shall pay DKK 15,000.
- 7) Each licensed securities broking company shall pay DKK 15,000.
- 8) Each financial holding company shall pay DKK 5,000.
- 9) Each issuer of collateralised mortgage obligations and similar undertakings shall pay DKK 10,000 per series.

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- 10) Each electronic money institution shall pay DKK 10,000.
- 11) LD Pensions shall pay DKK 670,000.
- 12) VP Securities Services shall pay DKK 1,840,000.
- 13) The Guarantee Fund for Non-Life Insurance Companies shall pay DKK 50,000.
- 14) Financial undertakings that have issued securities admitted for listing or trading on a stock exchange, or whose securities are traded on an authorised market place and with a market value for the listed or traded securities of DKK 1 billion or more at the end of the year, shall pay DKK 40,000 per year. Similar financial undertakings with a market value for the listed or traded securities of DKK 250 million or more, but less than DKK 1 billion at the end of the year, shall pay DKK 20,000 annually, and financial undertakings with a market value for the listed or traded securities of less than DKK 250 million at the end of the year shall pay DKK 10,000 annually. Divisions of investment associations and special-purpose associations that have issued securities admitted for listing or trading on a stock exchange, or whose securities are traded on an authorised market place shall pay DKK 5,000 annually.
- 15) Reinsurance broker companies shall pay DKK 15,000.
- 16) Natural or legal persons who request the approval by the Danish FSA of a prospectus in accordance with part 6 of the Securities Trading, etc. Act shall pay a fee of DKK 25,000 per request.
- 17) Natural or legal persons who request admittance to a register for qualified investors, cf. section 23(9) of the Securities Trading, etc. Act, shall pay DKK 1,000 per request.
- 18) Undertakings and persons covered by section 1(1), no. 12 of the Act on Measures to Prevent Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing shall pay DKK 2,000.

(2) The basic amounts, cf. subsection (1), shall be adjusted annually according to developments in appropriations to the Danish FSA in each year's Finance Act.

362.-(1) Investment companies shall pay 1.05 per cent annually of their expenses for wages, commission and performance-related bonuses. A minimum fee of DKK 15,000 shall, however, always be imposed.

(2) Investment management companies shall pay 1.05 per cent annually of their expenses for wages, commission and performance-related bonuses. A minimum fee of DKK 15,000 shall always be imposed.

(3) Insurance broker companies shall pay 0.4 per cent annually of their expenses for commission and other remuneration. A minimum fee of DKK 2,000 shall always be imposed.

(4) Branches of foreign credit institutions shall pay 0.00006 per cent annually of their balance sheet total plus guarantees. A minimum fee of DKK 2,000 shall always be imposed.

(5) Hedge associations shall pay DKK 25,000 annually per association or per division plus 0.002 per cent of their balance sheet total.

363.-(1) Banks, undertakings covered by the "lov om et skibsfinansieringsinstitut" (act on a ship financing institution), other savings institutions than the ones mentioned in section 361(1), no. 9, and the Forvaltningsinstituttet for Lokale Pengeinstitutter (trust corporation for local banks) shall pay an annual 49.4 per cent of the difference between the expenses of the Danish FSA and the fees paid in pursuance of sections 361 and 362.

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(2) The fee shall be distributed in relation to the individual undertaking's share of the total debt and guarantee liabilities of the undertakings covered by subsection (1). A minimum fee of DKK 2,000 shall always be imposed.

364.-(1) Mortgage-credit institutions shall pay an annual 13.2 per cent of the difference between the expenses of the Danish FSA and the fees paid in pursuance of sections 361 and 362.

(2) The fee shall be distributed in relation to the individual undertaking's share of the total book balance sheet totals of the undertakings covered by subsection (1). A minimum fee of DKK 2,000 shall always be imposed.

365.-(1) Insurance companies carrying out life-assurance business, lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) and company pension funds shall pay an annual 18.3 per cent of the difference between the expenses of the Danish FSA and the fees paid in pursuance of sections 361 and 362.

(2) The fee shall be divided into two equal parts. One part of the fee shall be distributed in relation to the individual undertaking's share of the total gross premiums and membership contributions of the undertakings covered by subsection (1). The other part of the fee shall be distributed in relation to the individual undertaking's share of the balance sheet total less capital base of the undertakings covered by subsection (1). A minimum fee of DKK 2,000 shall always be imposed.

366.-(1) Insurance companies not carrying out life-assurance business shall pay an annual 14.7 per cent of the difference between the expenses of the Danish FSA and the fees paid in pursuance of sections 361 and 362.

(2) The fee shall be distributed in relation to the individual undertaking's share of the total direct and indirect gross premium income plus gross claims of the undertakings covered by subsection (1). A minimum fee of DKK 2,000 shall always be imposed. Insurance companies not covered by section 294 shall, however, pay a minimum fee of DKK 800.

367.-(1) Investment associations, special-purpose associations and restricted associations shall pay an annual 4.4 per cent of the difference between the expenses of the Danish FSA and the fees paid in pursuance of sections 361 and 362.

(2) The fee shall be distributed between the undertakings with DKK 10,000 per association plus DKK 3,000 per branch. The remaining fee shall be distributed in relation to the individual undertaking's share of the balance sheet total of the undertakings covered by subsection (1).

368.-(1) Calculation of fees from undertakings covered by sections 362-367 shall be made on the basis of information in the annual report submitted for the most recent accounting year, or, if these are not available, on the basis of the most recently submitted accounting returns. With regard to insurance broker companies, the calculation shall be made on the basis of the most recently submitted income analysis.

(2) Any undertaking that has been under supervision for at least a part of the relevant calendar year shall pay fees in full.

(3) If two or more undertakings under the supervision of the Danish FSA are amalgamated, the continuing undertaking shall pay the fees of the terminating undertaking.

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(4) If an undertaking ceases to be under supervision in another way than by amalgamation, the fees for the calendar year in which the activities are wound up shall be determined in the following way:

- 1) Undertakings covered by section 361 shall pay the basic amount.
- 2) Undertakings covered by section 362 shall pay the percentage fixed in relation to the fee basis used in the previous year's annual report or income analysis. If the previous year's annual financial statements or income analysis has not been submitted to the Danish FSA at the time of termination, the fee shall be calculated in relation to the fee basis used in the most recently submitted accounting returns or income analysis.
- 3) Undertakings covered by sections 363-367 shall pay the percentage used on the most recent fee charge in relation to the fee basis used in the annual report for the previous year. If the previous year's annual report has not been submitted to the Danish FSA at the time of termination, the fee shall be calculated in relation to the fee basis used in the most recently submitted accounting returns. The Danish FSA may in exceptional cases approve that payment of fees await the final calculation of total fees.

(5) In special cases, the Danish FSA may reduce the fees.

369.-(1) The fees for the relevant year shall be charged at the beginning of December and be payable by the end of the year.

(2) Fees may be collected through distraint and by withholding wages, etc. in accordance with the regulations stipulated for the collection of personal taxes in the "kildeskatteloven" (act on taxation at source).²

(3) The authority responsible for collection of outstanding amounts may remit claims under subsection (1) in accordance with the "lov om opkrævning af skatter og afgifter m.v." (act on collection of taxes, etc.).³

370.-(1) Surpluses and deficits shall be equalised on a savings account.

(2) Any difference between the fees charged and the actual fees paid shall be transferred as a total amount for fees demanded in the following fiscal year.

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Part 23

Provisions regarding delegation and complaints

371. If the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs delegates his powers under this Act to the Danish FSA, the Minister may lay down regulations concerning the right of appeal, including regulations to the effect that appeals cannot be made to another administrative authority.

372.-(1) Decisions made by the Danish FSA or the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency under this Act or regulations issued pursuant to this Act may be brought before the Company Appeals Board by the person against whom said decision is directed no later than 4 weeks after the person concerned has been notified about the decision.

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(2) Decisions made by the Danish FSA in connection with matters covered by section 246 which are to be appealed shall be brought before the Company Appeals Board no later than 24 hours after the person concerned has been notified of the decision.

(3) If a decision made by the Danish FSA to the effect that an insurance company shall enter into liquidation, or that its portfolio of life-assurance contracts shall be taken under administration is overruled, the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency shall immediately enter this fact in its register. If the company owns real property, the Danish FSA shall ensure the necessary registration of title.

Part 24

Penalties

373.-(1) Any person violating the provisions in section 7(1)-(6); section 8(1) and (3)-(6); section 9(1)-(3) and (5)-(7); section 10(1)-(4); section 11(1)-(4); section 24(1) 2nd clause; section 25 2nd clause; sections 27 and 28; section 31(7)-(9); section 33(1); sections 36 and 38; section 39(1), (3) and (4); sections 40 and 44-46; section 49(1) and (2); sections 52 and 53; section 61(1) and (6)-(8); section 63(1), (2) and (4); section 64(3), cf. subsection (2), nos. 1 and 2; sections 65-67; section 74(1) and (3); sections 75, 76 and 78; section 92(1); section 97(1) and (2); section 101(1), (2) and (4); sections 102(2) and (3); sections 103-106 and 117; sections 118(3) and 119; section 120(1) 2nd clause and (2); section 124(1)-(3), (5) and (6); section 125(1)-(5); section 126; section 134, no. 7; section 138, no. 8; section 139(1), nos. 5 and 6; section 145(1)-(3) and (4) 1st clause; section 146(1); section 147(1); section 149(1)-(3); sections 150-152; section 153(1); sections 154 and 170-175; section 182(1) and (2); sections 194 and 195(1)-(3); sections 200-203; section 204(1); section 217; section 218(1), 1st and 2nd clauses; section 226(1) and (2); section 227; section 308(1), (2) and (7); sections 309 and 310; section 317(1) and (3) 1st clause; section 320(1) and 321; section 322(2); sections 329 and 331; section 334(1) and (2); sections 377, 379 and 381; and section 404(1), (2) (4) and (5) of this Act shall be liable to fines or imprisonment of no more than four months unless more severe punishment is incurred under other legislation.

(2) Any person violating the provisions in section 50(1); section 54(2); section 56(1) and (2); section 57a; sections 70 and 71(1), nos. 1-4; section 73(1) 1st clause and (2); sections 77 and 80(1), (2) 1st clause and (3), (7) and (8); section 108(1)-(6); section 121(1); sections 122, 123, 158, 159 and 167; section 183(1) 1st clause; section 183(5); section 184(1); section 185(1), (2) and (3) 1st clause; sections 186 and 187; section 188(1), (2) 1st clause and (3) 2nd clause; sections 189-191; section 192 1st clause; section 193 1st clause; sections 198 and 199(1) 1st and 2nd clauses; section 199(2) and (5); section 346(3) 2nd clause; and section 358(2) of this Act; and Article 4 of the Council Regulation on the application of international accounting standards shall be liable to a fine.

(3) A financial undertaking or a financial holding company which fails to comply with an order issued pursuant to section 348(2) 1st clause, 350(1) or 351(1) of this Act shall be liable to a fine as shall violations of section 52(1) of the Public Companies Act.

(4) In regulations issued pursuant to this Act, fines may be stipulated for any violation of the provisions of said regulations.

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(5) Companies, etc. (legal persons) may incur criminal liability according to the regulations in chapter 5 of the Criminal Code.

(6) A member of the board of directors or board of management of a financial undertaking or a financial holding company who omits to take the steps necessary in the event of losses or imminent danger of material losses shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to four months unless more severe penalty is incurred under other legislation. This shall apply correspondingly for members of the board of directors or the board of management in a savings institution or electronic money institution.

(7) Persons who are connected to a financial undertaking and who submit incorrect or misleading information on matters pertaining to said undertaking to public authorities, the general public, any company organ, or to depositors, the insured parties, bond owners or to any other investors in said financial undertaking, or who are guilty of gross or repeated negligence or carelessness which may entail losses for the undertaking or its depositors, the insured parties, bond owners or other investors in the financial undertaking shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to four months unless more severe penalty is incurred under other legislation. This shall apply correspondingly for persons connected to a savings institution or electronic money institution.

(8) The period of limitation for violations of the provisions in this Act or regulations issued pursuant to this Act shall be 5 years.

374.-(1) Where the board of directors, board of management, external auditor, chief internal auditor, responsible actuary, liquidator, general agent, branch manager or shareholder committee fail to comply within the proper time with the duties and obligations imposed on them under this Act or under regulations laid down pursuant to this Act towards the Danish FSA or the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency, the Danish FSA or the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency may as a coercive measure impose daily or weekly fines.

(2) Where an undertaking omits, as specified in section 347(3) and (4), to fulfil the duties and obligations imposed on said undertaking under this Act, the Danish FSA may as a coercive measure impose daily or weekly fines on said undertaking as such or on the persons responsible for said undertaking.

(3) Default fines may be collected by means of statutory debt collection and by withholding wages, etc. in accordance with the regulations stipulated for the collection of personal taxes in the "kildeskatteloven" (act on taxation at source).⁴

(4) The authority responsible for collection of outstanding amounts may remit default fines under subsections (1) and (2) in accordance with the "lov om opkrævning af skatter og afgifter m.v." (act on collection of taxes, etc.).⁵

(5) In the event that a financial undertaking or a financial holding company which has issued securities admitted for listing or trading on a stock exchange or whose securities are traded on an authorised market place does not meet its obligations under the provisions of sections 183-193 or provisions laid down in pursuance of section 196, the Danish Securities Council may order the relevant undertaking to rectify the matter and to make public amended or supplementary information. If deemed appropriate, the Danish Securities Council itself may make public the relevant information or the order, or suspend or remove the securities involved from the listing on a stock exchange or from the admission for trading on an authorised market place.

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(6) Any financial undertaking or financial holding company not complying with an order from the Danish Securities Council or giving incorrect or misleading information to the Danish Securities Council shall be liable to a fine, unless more severe penalty is incurred under other legislation.

(7) The provisions of subsections (1)-(3) shall apply correspondingly to the Danish Securities Council with regard to the enforcement by the Danish Securities Council under section 344(1), 3rd clause.

Part 25

Entry into force, transitional provisions, amendments to other legislation, the Faroe Islands and Greenland

Entry into force

375.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2004, cf. however subsections (2) and (3).

(2) Sections 167 and 169(1), no. 4; section 271 and 278(4); sections 373(2), 380 and 425, no. 31 shall enter into force on the day following the publication of this Act in the Danish Law Gazette. Section 57 shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

(3) The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall determine the time of entry into force of sections 183-198 of this Act.

(4) Notwithstanding sections 199(1) and 376, the requirement that certain financial undertakings must have no less than two auditors, cf. section 34(1) in the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act, section 23(2) in the Investment Companies Act, section 179(1) in the Insurance Business Act and section 90(1) in the Mortgage Credit Act, shall remain in force for the accounting year commencing 1 January 2004.

(5) Section 430, no. 6 shall apply to conversions taking place on 1 January 2004 or later.

376.-(1) The following Acts and provisions shall be repealed:

- 1) The Financial Business Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 660 of 7 August 2002.
- 2) The Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 214 of 25 March 2003, cf. however sections 377 and 378 of this Act.
- 3) The Investment Companies Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 787 of 19 September 2002.
- 4) The Insurance Business Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 147 of 7 March 2003, cf. however sections 379 and 380 of this Act.
- 5) Section 1(1)-(3); sections 2, 4-20, 46, 50, 51, 53-53i, 60-95 and 98a; section 100(1)-(3); sections 100a, 101 and 102(1) of the Mortgage Credit Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 57 of 20 January 2003, cf. however sections 381 and 382 of this Act.
- 6) The Electronic Money Institutions Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 661 of 7 August 2002.
- 7) The Savings Institutions Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 655 of 7 August 2002.
- 8) Section 6 in the "lov om fremme af privat udlejningsbyggeri" (act no. 1090 of 17 December 2002 on the promotion of private rental housing).

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(2) Executive Orders issued in pursuance of the Acts mentioned in subsection (1) shall be maintained until they are repealed or replaced by Executive Orders issued in pursuance of this Act.

Transitional provisions

377. Sections 29 and 30; section 31(1)-(6); section 32(1)-(3); and sections 33, 36 and 37-37b of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 654 of 7 August 2002, shall continue to apply up to and including the 2004 accounting year as well as for the presentation of accounts and the accounting returns for the 2004 accounting year, cf. section 375(3), subject to the changes following from section 378 of this Act. The provisions shall apply correspondingly to investment companies and investment management companies.

378.-(1) The Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 214 of 25 March 2003, shall be amended as follows:

1. In section 31(5), ", cf. section 1(2), nos. 5 and 8, of the Presentation of Accounts Act" shall be omitted.

2. In section 31(6) ", cf. section 19a(1)" shall be omitted.

3. Section 37a shall be worded as follows:

"37a.-(1) The Danish FSA shall lay down regulations on the preparation of consolidated accounts for groups where the parent company is a bank or a bank holding company, cf. section 5(1), nos. 7 and 11 of the Financial Business Act.

(2) For groups covered by subsection (1), sections 29 and 30; section 31(1), (2), (4) and (5); sections 32 and 33; section 36(1) 1st clause, (2) and (3); and section 37(1) and (6) shall apply correspondingly to the group and the individual companies of the group. Moreover, section 37(2)-(5) shall apply to the group, and section 36(1) 2nd clause shall apply correspondingly to the bank holding company.

(3) Where a bank or a bank holding company alone or with other undertakings within the group holds participating interests in a credit institution or a finance institution which is not a subsidiary undertaking, and the credit institution or finance institution is operated jointly with other undertakings which are not part of the group, a pro rata consolidation of the undertaking shall take place in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) in respect of the group companies' share of the own funds and result of the undertaking in which said participating interest is held. Where the liability of the bank or bank holding company for the undertaking is not limited to the ownership interest or the voting rights held, full consolidation shall take place in accordance with subsections (1) and (2).

(4) The Danish FSA may stipulate that subsections (1) and (2) shall apply in other cases where the bank alone or jointly has such direct or indirect links to an undertaking that application of the regulations specified is deemed necessary.

(5) The provisions laid down in subsections (1) and (2) shall not apply to companies acquired by a bank pursuant to section 25 of the Financial Business Act or to companies carrying out insurance business. The Danish FSA may, however, order that said provision shall apply.

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(6) The Danish FSA may grant exemption from the provisions of subsections (1) and (2)."

4. Section 37b shall be worded as follows:

"**37b.** The Danish FSA may lay down regulations regarding the presentation of consolidated accounts for groups where the parent company is a financial holding company, cf. section 5(1), no. 10 of the Financial Business Act."

379. Sections 118-123, 124(1)-(5) and 125-127 of the Insurance Business Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 645 of 5 August 2002 shall continue to apply up to and including the 2004 accounting year as well as for the presentation of accounts and the accounting returns for the 2004 accounting year, cf. section 375(3), subject to the changes following from section 380 of this Act.

380. In the Insurance Business Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 645 of 5 August 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. In section 119, the following shall be inserted as subsection (2):

"**(2)** In special cases, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from subsection (1) 1st clause."

2. In section 124(5) ", cf. section 91(1)" shall be omitted.

3. Section 125(1), no. 1, shall be worded as follows:

"1) the annual financial statements referred to in section 73(6) of the Public Companies Act, and"

4. In section 125(2), "No later than 10 days after final approval of the financial statements" shall be amended to: "No later than four months after the end of the accounting year".

5. Sections 131 and 151(4) shall be repealed.

381. Sections 88, 89(1)-(4) and 92 of the Mortgage Credit Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 57 of 20 January 2003 shall continue to apply up to and including the 2004 accounting year as well as for the presentation of accounts and the accounting returns for the 2004 accounting year, cf. section 375(3), subject to the changes following from section 382 of this Act.

382. In the Mortgage Credit Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 596 of 10 July 2002, the following amendment shall be made:

1. In section 89(4) ", cf. section 18b(1)" shall be omitted.

383. Members of the board of management and their deputies as well as branch managers and persons of equal status in investment companies who, as at 1 January 1996 legally operated an independent enterprise or who as members of a board of directors, employees or in some other way participated in the management or operation of another enterprise than the investment company, and who have made notification to the Danish FSA pursuant to section 37(4) of the Investment Companies Act may, irrespective of the provisions of section 80 of this Act, continue such business.

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384. Until 1 January 2006, section 123 shall only apply to customer relationships established after 1 January 2002, or if the customer enters into new agreements with the financial undertaking.

385. For customer relationships established before 1 January 2002, the usual information on customer relationships until 1 January 2006 may be passed on to group financial undertakings unless the customer enters into new agreements with the financial undertaking or unless the customer objects to this. In connection the information sent out annually in pursuance of section 123(1), the customer shall be informed of his right to object under the 1st clause.

386.-(1) Section 7(5) and (6) shall not apply to FIH - Finance for Danish Industry.

(2) FIH - Finance for Danish Industry shall, no later than 1 July 2004, fulfil the liquidity requirements in section 152.

387. Notwithstanding the provision in section 13(1), banks whose share capital was, at the entry into force of this Act, divided into classes of shares with different voting rights may retain any provisions in the articles of association in this respect.

388. Banks and savings banks that have legally commenced business before 28 May 1980 may continue their activities without a license. Imposition of a ban on continued operation shall be equivalent to withdrawal of a license pursuant to section 225.

389.-(1) Undertakings that were covered by section 13(2) of Act no. 156 of 2 May 1934 before 1 May 1985 and that operated before 1 January 1983 may continue their activities without a license provided that they were registered with the Danish FSA before 1 October 1985 as

- 1) cooperative savings banks, cf. sections 9-13, or
- 2) savings and lending institutions, cf. sections 17 and 18.

(2) Notwithstanding section 341(2), undertakings which, until the repeal of Act no. 156 of 2 May 1934 with later amendments, were covered by said Act shall have at least one auditor who is a state-authorised public accountant or a registered public accountant.

390. A cooperative savings bank, whose cooperative capital is no more than DKK 25 million, may not reduce the cooperative capital without a license from the Danish FSA.

391. Placement of funds in assets that are not covered by sections 50 and 51 shall not entail a duty to sell, provided that said assets were part of the equity investments on 31 December 1992.

392. Notwithstanding section 26, banks that, on 1 June 2000, carried out other business with banks, insurance companies, investment companies or mortgage-credit institutions that form part of a group with said banks may continue such business if the bank notified the Danish FSA to this effect before 30 June 2000.

393. Section 234(2), which stipulates that subordinated debt is not included in the assessment of whether a bank, mortgage-credit institution, investment company or investment management company is insolvent, shall only apply to subordinated debt issued after 1 July 2001.

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394.-(1) Section 48(4)-(6) shall apply to guarantee agreements entered into on or after 1 July 2002.

(2) Section 48(4)-(7) shall not apply to guarantee agreements entered into before 1 July 2002. Section 48(1)-(3) shall only apply if the relevant services fall due after this Act enters into force.

395. Guidelines agreed upon in pursuance of section 17 of the Marketing Practices Act before entry into force of this Act shall continue to apply for financial undertakings until they are repealed or replaced by regulations issued by the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs in pursuance of section 43(2) of this Act.

396. Any provisions of the articles of association which were confirmed or brought into force before 18 December 1980 and which are not in accordance with the regulations of section 111 of this Act or those of section 59(1)-(3) of the Public Companies Act shall remain valid.

397. Mutual non-life assurance companies, which are covered by section 294(1) but which, on 1 October 1981, were subject to supervision in pursuance of section 120(1) and (3) of the Insurance Business Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 544 of 27 October 1975, shall not be exempted from supervision except as provided by the regulations of section 301(3) of this Act.

398. Any provisions of the articles of association regarding the liquidity of the shares, which were in force before 1 October 1981, shall remain valid.

399.-(1) Section 67(1) of the Public Companies Act, according to which all shares shall carry a voting right, shall not apply to shares subscribed before 1 October 1981 and to which no voting rights were attached at that time.

(2) Section 67(1) of the Public Companies Act shall not apply to shares subscribed before 1 October 1981 and having voting weights more than ten times the voting weights of any other share or any other nominal share value of the same size.

400.-(1) Insurance companies that did not have a fully paid-up share capital on 1 October 1981 may maintain this arrangement.

(2) In insurance companies covered by subsection (1), a shareholder or guarantor shall not be liable for payment of shares or guarantee interests of an amount totalling more than 5 per cent of the share or guarantee capital or for amounts larger than DKK 50,000, unless collateral approved by the Danish FSA is provided for amounts in excess thereof.

(3) The Danish FSA may grant exemption from the regulation set out in subsection (2).

(4) In insurance companies covered by subsection (1), a share or guarantee interest that is not fully paid up may only be transferred with the approval of the board of directors. Such approval shall not be granted unless it is deemed that the transferee will be able to make the future payments or unless adequate collateral is provided. Where adequate collateral is provided, approval may not be denied unless the desired transfer is in contravention of other valid regulations restricting the transferability of the shares or guarantee interests.

(5) When the board of directors has approved the transfer and the transferee has issued a promissory note for the amount that has not been paid up, the obligations of the transferor shall cease.

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(6) If a shareholder or guarantor in insurance companies covered by subsection (1) does not make a payment payable by him when due, said shareholder or guarantor shall, unless otherwise provided by the articles of association, pay annual interest, from the due date, on the amount due and payable at a rate as defined by section 5(1) and (2) of the "lov om renter ved forsinket betaling m.v." (act on interest on late payment, etc.).

(7) If payment in accordance with subsection (7) is not made within the proper time, the company shall, without undue delay, seek to obtain payment of the amount due either by legal action or, where possible, after four weeks' notice to the shareholder or guarantor, by seeking to sell the share or guarantee interest for the account of the shareholder or guarantor with an obligation on the part of the transferee to pay up the amounts outstanding together with accrued interest. The sale shall be made through a stockbroking company, a credit institution with a special license, a bank or by public auction. If the sale involves the issue of a new share certificate or interim certificate, said share certificate or interim certificate shall, in addition to stating its purpose, reproduce the contents of the old share certificate or interim certificate, and shall be signed by the board of directors. Interim certificates may, however, be signed by a person authorised by the board of directors.

(8) If it proves impossible to collect the amount due in any of the ways indicated, the share or guarantee interest shall be annulled, and the capital shall then be deemed to be reduced by an amount equal to the nominal value of the share or guarantee interest. The amount paid up shall be transferred to a fund that may not be reduced without the consent of the Danish FSA.

(9) Notice of the capital reduction shall be sent to the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency. Moreover, proof that the conditions for annulment of the share or guarantee interest have been fulfilled shall be submitted to the Danish FSA.

401.-(1) Exposures and collateralisations entered into legally before 1 January 1998 between the elected external auditors, a chief internal auditor or deputy chief internal auditor, employees of Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension or LD Pensions on the one hand, and the insurance company, bank, mortgage-credit institution, securities dealer, investment company or Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension where the relevant person is employed on the other hand, may continue until the originally agreed expiry date.

(2) Chief internal auditors or deputy chief internal auditors may, notwithstanding the ban in section 77(10), maintain and utilise financial interests owned by said chief internal auditors or deputy chief internal auditors at the entry into force of this Act.

402.-(1) Section 97 shall apply correspondingly to advances and deposits received from customers before the entry into force of this Act.

(2) The provisions of the Bankruptcy Act regarding reversal shall apply correspondingly to advances and deposits transferred to a special account in a bank in pursuance of subsection (1).

403.-(1) Banks and mortgage-credit institutions that, at the entry into force of this Act, carry out activities or normally expect to carry out activities requiring a license in pursuance of section 9(1), cf. section 7(2), and section 8(2) may continue said activities if they report them to the Danish FSA before 1 July 2004. The Danish FSA shall be responsible for granting a license in pursuance of section 9(1) for said reported activities.

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(2) The bank or mortgage-credit institution may, in the period between the report and granting of a license in pursuance of section 9(1) by Danish FSA, continue the activities reported.

(3) Banks covered by section 124(2) that are granted a license under subsection (1) shall only be required to meet the capital requirement in force for said bank on the date of entry into force of this Act.

404.-(1) Management companies that, on the date of entry into force of this Act, have been approved as management companies for one or more investment associations and special-purpose associations, shall, no later than six months after entry into force of this Act, submit application for management of investment associations and special-purpose associations to the Danish FSA. Said management company may then continue its activities in Denmark without a license until the Danish FSA has made a decision regarding the application.

(2) The management companies mentioned in subsection (1) which, on the date of entry into force of this Act, do not meet the requirements for share capital mentioned in section 10(5) shall meet the capital requirements under section 127 no later than 13 February 2007.

(3) The management companies mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) shall, at all times, have a capital base corresponding to the amount said management companies had on the date of entry into force of this Act, such amount being however no less than DKK 500,000, or corresponding to the amount the management company should have had in pursuance of section 127, if such amount is smaller than the own funds of the management company on the date of entry into force of this Act. If the capital base of said management companies falls below the amount mentioned in the 1st clause, the Danish FSA may set a time limit within which said management companies shall be required to bring their capital base up to said minimum amount or withdraw the license immediately.

(4) Where control of an investment management company which falls within the scope of subsection (3) is taken over by another natural or legal person, the capital base of said investment management company shall meet the capital requirements in section 127 no later than three months after the date of the takeover.

(5) For mergers between the investment management companies mentioned in subsection (3), the new investment management company shall, at any time, meet the capital requirement corresponding to the sum of the own funds of said merging investment management companies. The new investment management company shall, no later than 13 February 2007, meet the capital requirement mentioned in section 127.

(6) Management companies solely managing special-purpose associations on the date of entry into force of this Act may continue this activity. The provisions of this Act regarding investment management companies shall, with the exception of section 10(2), apply correspondingly to the management companies mentioned in the 1st clause. If a management company wishes to manage investment associations, said company shall be converted into an investment management company.

404a. Investment advisers working as investment advisers for one or more investment associations or special-purpose associations on 1 January 2004, not being licensed or registered for portfolio management, and not being subject to supervision shall, no later than 1 June 2004, either terminate their agreement with the association or submit application for approval for portfolio management.

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405. Undertakings that, on the date of entry into force of this Act, are licensed to operate as issuers of prepaid cards, and who meet the requirements stipulated in this Act, may operate as electronic money institutions.

406.-(1) The capital requirement mentioned in section 339 shall not apply to savings institutions which have been granted a license before 1 January 2004 and whose own funds did not at that time meet the capital requirement in section 339.

(2) If the own funds of the savings institutions mentioned in subsection (1) falls below the amount reached at 1 January 2004, the Danish FSA may either fix a time limit within which the own funds shall be brought up to the required minimum, or immediately withdraw the license.

(3) Where control of a savings institution which falls within the scope of subsection (1) is taken over by another natural or legal person, the own funds of said savings institution shall meet the capital requirement in section 339 no later than three months after the date of the takeover.

407.-(1) Capital issued in pursuance of section 22(1) and (2) of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act, section 53i(1) and (2) of the Mortgage Credit Act, and section 18(1) and (2) of the Investment Companies Act before 1 January 2004 may, notwithstanding section 132(1), nos. 12 and 13 and section 136(1), (3) and (5), be included in the capital base.

(2) For banks that have issued capital in pursuance of section 22(2) of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act before 1 January 2004, the Danish FSA may, if said banks do not meet the solvency requirement in section 124(1), no. 1, decide that the board of directors must convene the ultimate authority under the articles of association within a fixed time limit notwithstanding any provisions in the articles of association in this respect in order for the board of directors to account for the financial situation of the bank.

408.-(1) The provision in section 126(1), nos. 6-8 regarding the minimum capital requirement for insurance companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds) shall not enter into force before 1 January 2007 for the classes of insurance that such insurance company or lateral pension fund (nationwide occupational pension fund) has a license for on the date of entry into force of the amendment of the "bekendtgørelse om kapitalgrundlag og driftsplaner for forsikringsselskabers ikrafttræden" (executive order no. 84 of 6 February 2003 on capital resources and operating plans for insurance companies).

(2) Before expiry of the time limit mentioned in subsection (1), the Danish FSA may, after application, permit that said time limit is extended to 1 January 2009.

(3) Until the provision of section 126(1), nos. 6-8 enters into force, the minimum capital requirement shall constitute the following:

- 1) for insurance companies carrying out life-assurance business: EUR 0.8 million for limited companies and EUR 0.6 million for mutual companies and lateral pension funds (nationwide occupational pension funds), and
- 2) for insurance companies carrying out non-life-assurance business:
 - a) for insurance classes 14 and 15: EUR 1.4 million for limited companies and EUR 1.05 million for mutual companies,

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- b) for insurance classes 10-13: EUR 0.4 million for limited companies and EUR 0.3 million for mutual companies,
- c) for insurance classes 1-8, 16 and 18: EUR 0.3 million for limited companies and EUR 0.225 million for mutual companies, and
- d) for insurance classes 9 and 17: EUR 0.2 million for limited companies and EUR 0.15 million for mutual companies.

409.-(1) Until 1 January 2007, mutual non-life assurance companies may include an additional amount for possible supplementary premiums, cf. section 135(1), no. 6, without application to the Danish FSA.

(2) Additional amounts for possible supplementary premiums may be included at a maximum amount corresponding to the amount at which they were included in the capital base at the end of 2001.

(3) Additional amounts for possible supplementary premiums may be included until the end of 2008.

410.-(1) Section 147(1) of this Act shall not apply to investment companies if all properties and shares (equity investments) in real-property companies have been acquired before 8 October 1998.

(2) Assets covered by subsection (1) may not be revalued at a higher book value than the book value of the assets on 8 October 1998.

411.-(1) Section 147(1) shall not apply to investment management companies if all properties and shares (equity investments) in real-property companies have been acquired before introduction of the bill to the Danish Parliament on 12 March 2003.

(2) Assets covered by subsection (1) may not be revalued at a higher book value than the book value of the assets at the time of introduction of the bill to the Danish Parliament on 12 March 2003.

412. Banks that, at the entry into force of this Act, have schemes according to which shareholders exercise their voting rights at the general meeting through members of the shareholder committee in pursuance of section 8a of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 654 of 7 August 2002 may continue such schemes.

413. Any accumulated profits, cf. part 22 of this Act, to be carried forward at the end of 2001 shall be charged as extra fees from the financial undertakings and financial holding companies over the course of four years. These fees shall be distributed proportionately between the undertakings paying more than the minimum fee.

414. Persons, who on the date of entry into force of this Act, were not covered by the ban in section 19(1) of Act no. 660 of 7 August 2002 may, notwithstanding the provisions of section 77(3), section 425, no. 15 and section 426, no. 9, maintain positions taken out before 1 January 2004.

415.-(1) Persons covered by section 80(1), who on the date of entry into force of this Act had duties in pursuance of section 24 of Act no. 660 of 7 August 2002 may, without the consent of

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the board of directors, continue with such duties provided the relevant duties are notified to the Danish FSA no later than 30 June 2004. If, as at 1 January 2004 the financial undertaking has exposures with the undertaking for which said duties are performed, as at 1 January 2004 the exposure may continue to the originally agreed expiry date, irrespective of section 80(4).

(2) Persons covered by section 80(2), who on the date of entry into force of this Act had duties in pursuance of section 24 of Act no. 660 of 7 August 2002, or who at the date of entry into force of this Act were not covered by section 24 of Act no. 660 of 7 August 2002 may, without the consent of the board of management, continue with such duties provided the relevant duties are notified to the Danish FSA no later than 30 June 2004. If, as at 1 January 2004 the financial undertaking has exposures with the undertaking for which said duties are performed, the exposure as at 1 January 2004 may continue to the originally agreed expiry date, irrespective of section 80(4).

(3) For undertakings in which persons covered by section 80(1) and (2), on the date of entry into force of this Act had duties in pursuance of sections 28, 29, 34, and 35 of Act no. 660 of 7 August 2002, and with which the financial undertaking had exposures as at 1 January 2004, such exposures as at 1 January 2004 may continue to the originally agreed expiry date, irrespective of section 80(4).

(4) Subsections (1)-(3) shall apply correspondingly to persons covered by section 425, no. 5 and section 426, no. 11.

416. Section 163(1), no. 5 shall not apply to assets acquired before the date of introduction of the bill to the Danish Parliament on 12 March 2003.

417. Notwithstanding the provision of section 182, financial undertakings which, on the date of entry into force of this Act, had exposures licensed under section 27 of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act, section 63 of the Mortgage Credit Act, section 20a of the Investment Companies Act and section 142 and 144 of the Insurance Business Act may continue said exposures until expiry of the license by the Danish FSA, but no longer than until the date of the financial statements submitted after entry into force of this Act.

Amendments to other legislation

418. In the Act on Protection against the Consequences of Industrial Injuries, cf. Consolidated Act no. 943 of 16 October 2000 as amended by section 4 of Act no. 1329 of 20 December 2000, section 1 of Act no. 488 of 7 June 2001, section 4 of Act no. 503 of 7 June 2001 and section 14 of Act no. 428 of 6 June 2002, the following amendment shall be made:

1. In section 57o "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

419. In the Act on Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension, cf. Consolidated Act no. 689 of 20 August 2002 as amended by section 1 of Act no. 1032 of 17 December 2002 and section 4 of Act no. 1066 of 17 December 2002 the following amendments shall be made:

1. In section 27a(2) "section 65(2)" shall be amended to: "section 345(2)".

2. In section 27d "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

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420. The Supervision of Company Pension Funds Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 148 of 7 March 2003, shall be amended as follows:

1. In section 6a(2) "section 3(2)" shall be amended to: "section 43(2)".

2. After section 9a, the following shall be inserted:

"**9b.** The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down detailed regulations on the use of digital communication, including electronic signatures, when exchanging information in accordance with this Act between citizens and undertakings on the one hand and the public administration on the other hand, as well as storage of information."

3. In section 59(2), "Part 15 of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "Part 17 of the Financial Business Act".

4. In section 65(2), "section 65(2)" shall be amended to: "section 345(2)".

5. In section 67, "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

421. In the Insurance Mediation Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 680 of 15 August 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. After section 2, the following shall be inserted:

"**2a.** The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down detailed regulations on the use of digital communication, including electronic signatures, when exchanging information in accordance with this Act between citizens and undertakings on the one hand and the public administration on the other hand, as well as storage of information."

2. In section 12(2), "section 3(2)" shall be amended to: "section 43(2)".

3. In section 21(3), "section 65(2)" shall be amended to: "section 345(2)".

4. In section 29, "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

422. The Guarantee Fund for Depositors and Investors Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 656 of 7 August 2002, shall be amended as follows:

1. In section 3(1), no. 1, "and FIH - Finance for Danish Industry" shall be omitted and in no. 2, "and the Danish Agricultural Mortgage Bank" shall be omitted.

2. Section 3(1), no. 3, shall be worded as follows:

"3) investment companies and investment management companies with regard to the part of the activities of said companies covered by a license in pursuance of section 10(2) of the Financial Business Act, and".

3. In section 4, "and investment companies" shall be amended to: "investment companies and investment management companies".

4. In section 7(2), 2nd clause, "guarantee" shall be amended to: "indemnities".

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5. In section 11(1), "ecu" shall be amended to: "euro (EUR)".

6. Section 13(1), 1st clause shall be worded as follows:

"**13.-(1)** The Fund shall not cover deposits, funds and securities belonging to members of the board of directors or members of the board of management of the institution in question, nor shall it cover companies in the same group as said institution."

7. In section 21(2), "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

8. In section 22(2), "section 50b of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "sections 354 and 355 of the Financial Business Act".

423. In the "lov om innovationsforeninger" (act on innovation associations), cf. Consolidated Act no. 657 of 7 August 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. In section 4a, "section 3(2)" shall be amended to: "section 43(2)".

2. In section 49a, "section 65(2)" shall be amended to: "section 345(2)".

3. In section 56, "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

424. In the LD Pensions Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 910 of 12 October 2001, as amended by section 13 in Act no. 428 of 6 June 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. In section 10(5), "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

2. In section 10a, "section 65(2)" shall be amended to: "section 345(2)".

425. The Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 658 of 7 August 2002, shall be amended as follows:

1. In section 5a, "section 3(2)" shall be amended to: "section 43(2)".

2. In section 6(3), no. 3, "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

3. Section 8 shall be worded as follows:

"**8.** The Danish FSA may refuse to license an association if a member of the board of management or the board of directors does not meet the requirements of section 15a."

4. In section 10(1), no. 9, "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

5. Section 15(2)-(5), shall be worded as follows:

"**(2)** The day-to-day management may instead be left to an investment management company which is approved under the Financial Business Act so that the tasks to be performed by a member of the board of management of an association shall be performed by a member of the board of management of the investment management company. An association's choice of investment management company shall be subject to approval by the Danish FSA. The

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provisions of subsection (1) shall apply correspondingly to investment management companies.

(3) Persons employed by the board of directors of an association may not, without the consent of the board of directors, own or operate an independent enterprise, or in the capacity as a member of the board of directors, an employee, or in any other way, participate in the management or operation of another enterprise than said association, cf. however subsection (6) and section 16.

(4) Other employees in an association for whom there is a significant risk of conflicts between the interests of the employee and those of the association may not, without the consent of the board of management, own or operate an independent enterprise, or in the capacity of member of the board of directors, employee, or in any other way, participate in the management or operation of a enterprise other than said association. The board of directors shall be informed of any authorisation granted by the board of management.

(5) The board of directors shall decide which employees have a significant risk of conflicts between the interests of the employee and those of the association, and who shall consequently obtain the authorisation of the board of management, cf. subsection (4), to own or operate an independent enterprise, or in the capacity of member of the board of directors, employee, or in any other way, participate in the management or operation of another enterprise than the association."

6. In section 15, the following new subsections shall be inserted after (6):

"**(7)** All authorisations granted by the board of directors in pursuance of subsection (3) shall appear in the minute book of the board of directors.

(8) The association shall at least annually publish information on the duties and positions approved by the board of directors under subsection (3). Furthermore, the external auditors shall make a declaration in the audit book comments on the annual report stating whether the association owns securities issued by enterprises covered by subsections (3) and (4)."

7. After section 15, the following shall be inserted:

"**15a.-(1)** A member of the board of directors and the board of management of an association shall have adequate experience in carrying out his duties.

(2) A member of the board of directors and the board of management may not carry out the duties as member of the board of directors or member of the board of management respectively in an association if

- 1) the person in question is deemed to have insufficient experience to hold the relevant position, including not having the necessary professional expertise to carry out the management of the type of association said member is responsible for, and to make investment decisions regarding the funds of said association,
- 2) the person in question is held criminally liable for violation of the Criminal Code or financial legislation, and this violation entails a risk that the duties are not carried out adequately,
- 3) the person in question has filed for suspension of payments, is under administration in bankruptcy, has filed for debt restructuring, or negotiations have been initiated with regard to compulsory composition for said person,

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- 4) the financial situation of the person in question or companies owned by the person in question has caused losses or risks of losses for the financial undertaking, or
- 5) the person in question has behaved such that there is reason to assume that said person cannot perform the duties adequately."

8. Section 16(1) shall be worded as follows:

"16.-(1) The board of directors may only authorise under section 15(3) and the board of management may only authorise under section 15(4) that a person may be a member of the board of directors in, or participate in the management or operation of, an investment association or special-purpose association if the relevant association does not belong to the categories of association mentioned in section 15(6). The person concerned may not, however, hold the position as chairperson of the board of directors."

9. In section 16(2), "the relevant company" shall be amended to: "the relevant association".

10. Section 16(3) and (4) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"(3) Section 15(7) and (8) shall apply correspondingly to authorisations granted by the board of directors in pursuance of subsection (1)."

11. Sections 17-19 shall be repealed.

12. In section 20(2), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

13. In section 21, "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

14. Section 22 shall be repealed.

15. Section 23 shall be worded as follows:

"23.-(1) Persons employed by the board of directors of an association and employees for whom there is a significant risk of conflicts between own interests and the interests of the association shall not, at their own expense, or through companies they control,

- 1) take up loans or draw on previously established credits to be used for acquisitions of securities when the securities acquired are provided as collateral for said loan or credit,
- 2) acquire, issue, or trade in derivative financial instruments, except when the objective is hedging,
- 3) acquire equity investments, except for shares in investment associations and special-purpose associations, etc., with a view to selling such shares less than six months from the date of acquisition, or
- 4) acquire positions in foreign currency, except for euro (EUR), if the positions are acquired with a view to anything other than payment for the purchase of securities, goods or services, or purchase or management of real property, or for use when travelling.

(2) The group of persons mentioned in subsection (1) shall not acquire equity investments in companies that carry out activities mentioned in subsection (1), nos. 1-4. This shall not apply, however, for purchases of shares in banks, insurance companies, mortgage-credit institutions,

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and investment companies, as well as shares in investment associations and special-purpose associations, etc.

(3) The board of directors shall decide which employees have a significant risk of conflicts between their own interests and the interests of the association, and who shall therefore be covered by the prohibition.

(4) At the request of the external auditors, the persons covered by subsection (1) shall report any financial transactions carried out by them. Reporting shall be accompanied by necessary documentation. In order to check compliance with the provisions, the external auditor shall have access to making inquiries about the accounts and custody accounts owned by the relevant employee, as well as the right to demand printouts of said accounts and custody accounts from the account-holding institution.

(5) On the basis of said reports, the external auditor shall declare in the audit book comments on the annual report whether the checks mentioned in subsection (4) have given rise to any observations."

16. In section 24(1), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

17. Sections 25 and 26 shall be repealed.

18. In section 27, "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

19. In section 35(1), "the management company" shall be amended to: "the investment management company".

20. In section 35(3) 1st and 2nd clauses, "the management company" shall be amended to: "the investment management company".

21. In section 37(4), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

22. Section 37(5) shall be repealed.

23. In section 45(3) 1st and 2nd clauses, "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

24. In section 46(1), "management companies" shall be amended to: "investment management companies".

25. In section 61(2), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

26. In section 62(2), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

27. In section 62(4), "management" shall be amended to: "investment management".

28. Sections 74 and 75 shall be repealed.

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29. In section 76a, "section 65(2)" shall be amended to: "section 345(2)".

30. Section 77(1) 3rd clause shall be repealed.

31. In section 77(2), "section 50(1) of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act" shall be amended to: "section 346(1)-(3) and section 347(3) of the Financial Business Act".

32. Section 77a(3) shall be worded as follows:

"**(3)** The provision in subsection (1) shall not prevent the Danish FSA from divulging, at its own initiative, confidential information in the form of summaries, insofar as neither the individual association nor its members may be identified."

33. In section 77a (4), ", its management company or depository company" shall be omitted.

34. In section 77a(5), no. 1, the following shall be inserted after "the Danish Securities Council": "and the Financial Business Council".

35. In section 77a(5), no. 10 ", of the management company or depository company" shall be omitted.

36. In section 77b(1), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

37. In section 77b(2), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

38. In section 77b(3), "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company" and "order or reprimand" shall be amended to "decision made".

39. After section 77b, the following new section shall be inserted:

"**77c.-(1)** The Danish FSA may order that an association remove a member of the board of management of an association covered by section 15a(2) within a time limit specified by the Danish FSA.

(2) If the association does not remove the member of the board of management before expiry of the time limit, the Danish FSA may withdraw the license of the undertaking, cf. section 52(1), no. 1."

40. In section 80, "section 51 of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act" shall be amended to: "section 356 of the Financial Business Act".

41. In section 81, "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

42. After section 82, the following shall be inserted:

"**82a.** The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down more detailed regulations on the use of digital communication, including electronic signatures, when exchanging information in accordance with this Act between citizens and undertakings on the one hand and the public administration on the other hand, as well as storage of information."

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43. In section 85, "management company" shall be amended to: "investment management company".

44. In section 85, the following shall be inserted as subsection (2):

"(2) Default fines may be collected by means of statutory debt collection."

45. Section 86(1) shall be worded as follows:

"**86.-(1)** Unless higher punishment is incurred under the Criminal Code, violation of the provisions of section 3(3); sections 5 and 6(1), section 14(4) and (6); section 15(1)-(3), (4) 1st clause, and (5), (7) and (8); section 15a(2); section 16(2) and (3); sections 23, 24 and 27; section 28(1); section 29(1) and (2); section 31(2), (5) and (6); sections 32, 33 and 35-39; section 40(1), (5) and (6); sections 41 and 44(1) and (3); section 46(1); sections 47 and 59(1), (2), (4) and (5); section 60(1) and (2); sections 61 and 62(1)-(3); section 63(2); section 64(2)-(4); sections 65(2) and 66(1) and (3); sections 67(2) and 68(2) and (3); sections 70(2) and 72 shall be subject to a fine or imprisonment of up to four months."

46. In section 86, subsections (2)-(4) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"(2) A member of the board of directors or board of management of an association or a member of the board of management of the investment management company who omits to take the steps necessary in the event of losses or imminent danger of material losses shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to four months unless more severe penalty is incurred under other legislation.

(3) Persons who are connected to an association and who submit incorrect or misleading information on matters regarding pertaining to the association to public authorities, the general public, any association organ, or to members of said association, or who are guilty of gross or frequent negligence or carelessness which may entail losses for the association or its members shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to four months unless more severe penalty is incurred under other legislation."

Subsections (5)-(7) shall hereafter become subsections (4)-(6).

47. In section 86, the following new subsection shall be inserted after subsection (6):

"(7) The period of limitation for criminal liability for violation of the provisions of this Act or regulations issued pursuant to this Act shall be 5 years."

426. In the Securities Trading, etc. Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 587 of 9 July 2002 the following amendments shall be introduced:

1. In section 1(3), "clearing business and registration (book-entry) business, etc." shall be amended to: "clearing business, registration (book-entry) business, etc. and registered payment systems".

2. Section 1a shall be repealed.

3. After section 3, the following shall be inserted:

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"3a. The Minister for Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down detailed regulations on the use of digital communication, including electronic signatures, when exchanging information in accordance with this Act between citizens and undertakings on the one hand and the public administration on the other hand, as well as storage of information."

4. Section 4 shall be worded as follows:

"4.-(1) For the purposes of this Act, a "securities dealer" shall mean

- 1) financial undertakings licensed as banks or investment companies,
- 2) financial undertakings licensed as mortgage-credit institutions or investment management companies to the extent that such undertakings are licensed under section 9(1) of the Financial Business Act,
- 3) credit institutions, investment companies and management companies, which have been granted a license in another country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, if such institution or company legally carries out securities trading either through a branch or by providing services in Denmark, cf. sections 30 and 31 respectively of the Financial Business Act, and
- 4) credit institutions and investment firms, which have been granted a license in another country outside the European Union or a country with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area, if such institution or firm legally carries out securities trading either through a branch or by providing services in Denmark, cf. sections 1(3) and 33 respectively of the Financial Business Act.

(2) The provisions of this Act regarding the obligations of a securities dealer shall also apply to foreign credit institutions and investment firms that, in pursuance of section 20(2), have been accepted as members of a Danish stock exchange, or that, in pursuance of section 64(3), have entered into participation agreements with a central securities depository."

5. Section 4a shall be repealed.

6. After section 7, the following shall be inserted:

"7a. For the purposes of this Act, a "registered payment system" shall mean a payment system registered pursuant to section 57a(1), 1st clause."

7. Section 12(3)-(5) shall be repealed.

Subsections (6) and (7) shall hereafter become subsections (3) and (4).

8. In section 12(6) and (7), which become subsections (3) and (4), "section 7(1), nos. 1, 5 and 6" shall be amended to: "Section 7(1), nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6".

9. Section 12b shall be worded as follows:

"12b.-(1) Persons employed by the board of directors of a limited company covered by section 7, and employees for whom there is a significant risk of conflicts between own interests and the interests of the company shall not, at their own expense, or through companies they control,

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- 1) take up loans or draw on previously established credits to be used for acquisitions of securities when the securities acquired are provided as collateral for said loan or credit,
- 2) acquire, issue, or trade in derivative financial instruments, except when the objective is hedging,
- 3) acquire equity investments, except for shares in investment associations and special-purpose associations, etc., with a view to selling such shares less than six months from the date of acquisition, or
- 4) acquire positions in foreign currency, except for euro (EUR), if taking the position takes place with a view to anything other than payment for the purchase of securities, goods or services, or management of real property, or for use when travelling.

(2) The group of persons mentioned in subsection (1) shall not acquire equity investments in companies that carry out business mentioned in subsection (1), nos. 1-4. This shall not apply, however, for purchases of shares in banks, insurance companies, mortgage-credit institutions, and investment companies, as well as shares in investment associations and special-purpose associations, etc.

(3) The board of directors shall decide which employees have a significant risk of conflicts between their own interests and the interests of the limited company, and who shall therefore be covered by the prohibition.

(4) At the request of the external auditors, the persons covered by subsection (1) shall notify any financial transactions carried out by them. Notification shall be accompanied by necessary documentation. In order to check compliance with the provision, the external auditors shall have access to making inquiries about the accounts and custody accounts owned by the relevant employee, as well as access to demanding copies therefrom upon request to the account-holding institution.

(5) On the basis of the notifications, the external auditors shall declare in the audit book comments whether the checks mentioned in subsection (4) have given rise to any observations.

(6) The prohibition in subsection (1), no. 2 shall not cover financial instruments derived from shares in the limited company, or a company in the same group as the limited company, received as part of the relevant person's salary.

(7) The prohibition in subsection (1), no. 1 shall not cover loans to buy employee shares or the instruments mentioned in subsection (6).

(8) Chief internal auditors and deputy chief internal auditors may, irrespective of subsections (1)-(7), not have financial interests in the company or group in which they are employed."

10. Section 12c shall be worded as follows:

"**12c.** A board member in a limited company covered by section 7 shall not be allowed to hold the position as member of the board of management or chief internal auditor of said company."

11. Section 12d shall be worded as follows:

"**12d.-(1)** Persons employed by the board of directors of a limited company covered by section 7 may not, without the consent of the board of directors, own or operate an

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independent enterprise, or in the capacity as a member of the board of directors or an employee, or in any other way, participate in the management or operation of another enterprise than said limited company.

(2) Other employees in a limited company covered by section 7 for whom there is a significant risk of conflicts between the interests of the employee and those of the limited company may not, without the consent of the board of management, own or operate an independent enterprise, or in the capacity of member of the board of directors or as an employee, or in any other way, participate in the management or operation of another enterprise than the limited company. The board of directors shall be informed of any license granted by the board of management.

(3) The board of directors shall decide which employees have a significant risk of conflicts between the interests of the employee and those of the limited company, and who shall consequently obtain the authorisation of the board of management, cf. subsection (2).

(4) The activities mention in subsections (1) and (2) shall only be carried out where the limited company or companies which form part of a group with said limited company do not have and do not enter into exposures with the undertakings mentioned in subsections (1) and (2). This shall not apply to exposures in the form of equity investments and exposures in enterprises that form part of a group with the limited company or enterprises where limited companies covered by section 7 jointly own more than 4/5 of the equity investments.

(5) All authorisations granted by the board of directors in pursuance of subsection (1) shall appear in the minute book of the board of directors.

(6) The limited company shall at least annually publish information on the duties and positions approved by the board of directors under subsection (1). Furthermore, the external auditors shall make a declaration in the audit book comments on the annual report stating whether the limited company has exposures with enterprises covered by subsections (1) and (2).

(7) In special cases, the Danish FSA may grant exemptions from subsection (4)."

12. Sections 12e-h shall be repealed.

13. Section 13 shall be worded as follows:

"**13.-(1)** The board of directors, auditors, members of the board of management and other employees in a limited company covered by section 7(1), nos. 1 to 5 may not, without authorisation, divulge anything, which has come to their knowledge during the performance of their duties.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not prevent a limited company covered by section 7(1), nos. 1-5, as part of its cooperation with other limited companies under section 7, a regulated market for securities in a country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into a cooperation agreement for the financial area, or a foreign regulated market, clearing centre and central securities depository recognised by the Danish FSA from divulging information to these, provided that such information is subject to a similar duty of confidentiality with the recipients of such information.

(3) Subsection (1) shall also include information which a limited company covered by section 7(1), nos. 1-5 receives from other limited companies covered by section 7(1), nos. 1-5 or any

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regulated foreign markets stating that the information is secret or confidential or wherever this follows from the nature of the information.

(4) The regulations laid down in section 60(2)-(4) shall apply to central securities depositories."

14. Section 14(1) shall be worded as follows:

"**14.-(1)** The annual report of a limited company covered by section 7, the audit book comments of an external auditor regarding the annual report, and the audit book comments of the chief internal auditor regarding the annual report shall be submitted to the Danish FSA in duplicate. The Danish FSA shall submit one copy of the annual report to the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency, which shall record the receipt in its computer information system. The annual reports received shall be available to the public at the premises of the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency."

15. Section 14(2) shall be repealed.

Subsections (3)-(6) shall hereafter become subsections (2)-(5).

16. In section 14(6), which becomes subsection (5), "subsection (5)" shall be amended to: "subsection (4)".

17. Section 15(1) shall be worded as follows:

"**15.-(1)** The capital base of a limited company covered by section 7(1), no. 1, 2, 5 and 6 shall be calculated as the paid-up share capital less the holding of own shares and losses for the current year plus share premium and reserves."

18. Section 20(1)-(2) shall be worded as follows:

"**20.-(1)** Securities dealers mentioned in section 4(1), nos. 1-4 and Danmarks Nationalbank (Denmark's central bank) may apply for membership of a stock exchange (members of the stock exchange).

(2) A stock exchange may, after having been licensed by the Danish FSA, accept as a member a credit institution or investment company as mentioned in section 4(1), no. 4 that does not carry out securities trading either through a branch or by providing services in Denmark, cf. sections 1(3) and 33 respectively of the Financial Business Act."

19. In section 37a, the following new subsection shall be inserted before subsection (1):

"**37a.-(1)** Any issuer of other securities than shares accepted for listing on a stock exchange or for trading at an authorised market and its parent company shall draw up internal rules governing the access for members of the board of directors, members of the board of management and other employees to deal for their own or any third party's account in the securities issued by said issuer, cf. the first limb, as well as in any financial contracts attached hereto."

Subsections (1) and (2) shall hereafter become subsections (2) and (3).

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20. In section 37a(1), which becomes subsection (2), "section 37(1), 1st clause" shall be amended to: "subsection (1)".

21. In section 37a(2), which becomes subsection (3), "Internal rules laid down pursuant to subsection (1)" shall be amended to: "Internal rules laid down pursuant to subsection (2)".

22. In section 50(7), section 57b(1),(2) and (5) and sections 57c and 57e "a payment system registered pursuant to section 57a" shall be amended in six places to: "a registered payment system".

23. In section 55(2), "a payment system registered pursuant to section 57a" shall be amended to: "a registered payment system".

24. In section 57(1) "a payment system covered by section 57a" shall be amended to: "a registered payment system".

25. In section 57(4) "and (3)" shall be omitted.

26. In sections 57a(3), 87(6) and 96(2), "a payment system" shall be amended to: "a registered payment system".

27. In sections 57a(4) and 95(1), "a payment system's" shall be amended to: "a registered payment system's".

28. Section 62 shall be worded as follows:

"62.-(1) Apart from the central securities depository concerned, the following account-holding institutions shall have the right to effect registration with a central securities depository on its behalf and with legal effect pursuant to sections 66-75:

- 1) financial undertakings licensed as banks or investment companies,
- 2) financial undertakings licensed as mortgage-credit institutions or investment management companies to the extent that such undertakings are licensed under section 9(1) of the Financial Business Act,
- 3) undertakings, jointly managed by these financial undertakings for the purpose of managing securities,
- 4) Danmarks Nationalbank (Denmark's central bank)
- 5) the Danish Agency for Governmental Management,
- 6) clearing centres, and
- 7) bond-issuing institutions as regards investment securities issued by the institution in question.

(2) Credit institutions, investment firms and management companies, which have been granted a license in another country within the European Union or a country with which the Community has entered into an agreement for the financial area, shall be authorised to effect registration, cf. subsection (1), if such institution, firm or company legally carries out securities trading either through a branch or by providing services in Denmark, cf. sections 30 and 31 respectively of the Financial Business Act.

(3) Credit institutions and investment companies, which have been granted a license in a country outside the European Union or a country with which the Community has not entered into an agreement for the financial area, shall be authorised to effect registration, cf.

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subsection (1), if such institution or company legally carries out securities trading either through a branch or by providing services in Denmark, cf. sections 1(3) and 33 respectively of the Financial Business Act.

(4) Major clients shall be entitled to procure information concerning their own accounts directly from a central securities depository, to transfer notifications of sale through a central securities depository to the account-holding institution or a clearing centre and to notify registration on own accounts directly to a central securities depository."

29. Section 64(1) shall be worded as follows:

"**64.-(1)** Account-holding institutions, cf. section 62(1) and (2) shall enter into a participation agreement with a central securities depository in order to be entitled to effect registration with the depository in question."

30. In section 64(2) "section 62(2)" shall be amended to: "section 62(4)".

31. Section 64(3) shall be worded as follows:

"**(3)** A central securities depository may, after having been granted a license by the Danish FSA, enter into a participation agreement with a credit institution or investment company as mentioned in section 62(3) that does not carry out securities trading either through a branch or by providing services in Denmark, cf. sections 1(3) and 33 respectively of the Financial Business Act."

32. Section 68(1), 3rd clause shall be worded as follows:

"As far as possible, the person(s) entitled in the register shall be notified of any drawings, alterations or cancellations."

33. Section 68(3), 1st clause shall be worded as follows:

"**(3)** The persons who are so entitled according to the register and the applicants may, in conformity with the central securities depository's rules which shall be approved by the Danish FSA, decide that notices pertaining to drawings or alterations shall be given periodically and may similarly, in whole or in part, choose not to receive any notices of drawings or alterations."

34. After section 82, the following shall be inserted:

"**82a.** The Minister for Finance may, when the central government acts as the account-holding institution, guarantee claims for compensation with regard to incorrect registrations as mentioned in section 81(1), and guarantee the central government's contribution to the total capital resources of a central securities depository, cf. section 82."

35. Section 83a(4) and (5) shall be worded as follows:

"**(4)** The provisions of section 84a(1) and (2) shall apply correspondingly to stock exchanges and to authorised markets that have authorities under subsection (1) respectively.

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(5) The provisions of section 84b(1) and (2), nos. 5, 7 and 8 shall apply correspondingly to the extent that stock exchanges and authorised markets respectively have been granted authorities under subsection (1)."

Subsection (5) shall hereafter become subsection (6).

36. In section 84(1), 1st clause, "section 12(2) and (4)" shall be amended to: "section 12b(1) and (2)".

37. In section 84(2) and 84b(1) "a registered payment system," shall be inserted after: "limited companies covered by section 7,".

38. In section 84(3), 1st clause, "sections 66(4) and 75 of the Financial Business Act" shall be amended to: "sections 346(4) and 356 of the Financial Business Act".

39. Section 84b(1) shall be worded as follows:

"**84b.-(1)** Only limited companies covered by section 7, a registered payment system, the securities dealer, the account-holding institution or the issuer of securities which a decision made by the Danish FSA or the Danish Securities Council concerns, cf. however subsections (2) and (3), shall be considered a party in relation to the Danish FSA or the Danish Securities Council."

40. Section 84b(2), nos. 1 and 2 shall be repealed.

Nos. 3-10 shall hereafter become nos. 1-8.

41. Section 84b(2), nos. 8-10, which become nos. 6-8 shall be worded as follows:

"6) Anyone who brings before the Danish Securities Council a decision made by a stock exchange, an authorised market, a clearing centre or a central securities depository in matters of far-reaching or principle significance, cf. section 88(3), and who the Danish Securities Council considers to be parties to the case, as well as others who the Danish Securities Council considers to be parties to the case.

7) An acquirer as mentioned in sections 31(1) and 32(1) and (2) as well as others that the Danish Securities Council, in special cases, regards as parties to the case.

8) Anyone that the Danish Securities Council, in pursuance of section 33(2), has identified as being covered by said obligation to report."

42. In section 84b(2) the following shall be inserted as a new no. 9:

"9) Anyone whom the Danish FSA orders to draw up internal rules according to sections 36(2), 37(1) and 37a(1) and (2), or to amend these."

43. In section 85, "part 7 of the Financial Business Act" shall be amended to: "part 22 of the Financial Business Act".

44. In sections 87(1) and 89(1) "payment systems" shall be amended to: "registered payment systems".

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45. Section 90 shall be repealed.

46. In section 92(1), no. 3 "section 93(3)" shall be amended to: "section 93(2)".

47. In section 92(2), "section 62(1), nos. 2-7," shall be amended to: "section 62(1), nos. 2-7 and subsections (2) and (3),".

48. In section 92(3), "a securities broker's, a money-market broker's," shall be omitted.

49. In section 93(1), 1st clause, "section 4(1), section 4a," shall be omitted.

50. In section 93(1), 1st clause, "section 12(1), (2) and (5)-(8)" shall be omitted and replaced with: " sections 12, 12a, 12b(1)-(5) and (8), 12c and section 12d(1), (2), 1st clause and (3), (5) and (6),".

51. Section 93(2) shall be repealed.

Subsections (3)-(6) shall hereafter become subsections (2)-(5).

52. In section 94(2) "section 93(5)" shall be amended to: "section 93(4)".

53. In section 96(1), "a securities broker, a money-market broker, a registered payment system," shall be inserted after: "a central securities depository,".

54. In section 96(2), "the registered payment system," shall be inserted after: "the central securities depository,".

427. In the "lov om et skibsfinansieringsinstitut" (act on a ship financing institution), cf. Consolidated Act no. 684 of 19 August 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. In section 4(3), "part 7a" shall be amended to: "part 22".

2. In section 4a, "section 65(2)" shall be amended to: "section 345(2)".

428. In the Public Companies Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 9 of 9 January 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. Section 59(5) shall be worded as follows:

"(5) The provisions of subsections (1)-(4) shall not apply to financial undertakings."

2. Section 115a(4) shall be worded as follows:

"(4) Section 115(1) and (2) shall not apply to banks or to mortgage-credit loans issued by a mortgage-credit institution."

429. In the "lov om indskud på etableringskonto" (act on deposits in an establishment account), cf. Consolidated Act no. 722 of 27 August 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

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1. In section 4(1) 2nd clause, "section 6a(1)-(4) of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 30(1), (4), (5), (9) and (10) of the Financial Business Act".

430. In the "lov om fusion, spaltning og tilførsel af aktiver m.v." (tax on mergers, demergers and investment of assets, etc.), cf. Consolidated Act no. 944 of 22 November 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. Section 6(5) shall be worded as follows:

"**(5)** In cases of mergers between banks, savings banks, cooperative savings banks and affiliations of cooperative savings banks under sections 89-96 of the Financial Business Act, the documents and information mentioned in subsections (1)-(3) shall be submitted to the Central Customs and Tax Administration no later than one month after the date of approval by the Minister for Economic Affairs of the merger in pursuance of section 204 of the Financial Business Act."

2. In section 14(1), no. 3 "part 4D of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "sections 89-96 of the Financial Business Act".

3. In section 14a(1) "part 12b of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "sections 208-214 of the Financial Business Act".

4. In section 14a(3) "section 52h of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 212 of the Financial Business Act".

5. In section 14a(4) "section 52c of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 208 of the Financial Business Act".

6. Section 14b shall be repealed.

7. In section 14g(1) "part 12c of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 215-217 of the Financial Business Act".

8. In section 14g(3) and (4) "section 52k of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 215 of the Financial Business Act".

431. In the "lov om påligningen af indkomst- og formueskat til staten" (act on the imposition of income and property tax to the state), cf. Consolidated Act no. 791 of 17 September 2002 as amended by section 2 in Act no. 232 of 2 April 2003, the following amendments shall be made:

1. Section 5(4) shall be worded as follows:

"**(4)** The following companies etc. shall distribute interest expenses and interest income in the manner mentioned in subsection (5):

- 1) companies covered by the Act on Commercial Enterprises' Presentation of Financial Statements, etc.,
- 2) banks,
- 3) savings banks,
- 4) insurance companies covered by the Financial Business Act,

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- 5) investment associations liable to pay taxes in pursuance of the regulations in section 1(1), no. 5a of the Corporation Tax Act,
- 6) funds covered by the "lov om erhvervsdrivende fonde" (corporate funds act),
- 7) funds and associations etc., liable to pay taxes in pursuance of the regulations in section 1(1), no. 5b of the Corporation Tax Act, and
- 8) cooperative savings banks and affiliations of cooperative savings banks under sections 89-96 of the Financial Business Act.

The same shall apply to persons who are principal shareholders in companies mentioned in nos. 1-8 having intercompany positions with said companies."

2. Section 15(12) shall be worded as follows:

"**(12)** The limitation of subsection (7), 1st clause, according to which the loss may not reduce the taxable income to an amount smaller than the positive net capital income of said companies, shall not apply to losses pertaining to accounting periods in which the relevant company operated during the entire accounting period as a bank, insurance company, investment association or mortgage-credit institution, or in any other way operated by selling and buying claims or by financing."

3. Section 17E(1) shall be worded as follows:

"**17E.-(1)** Banks, mortgage-credit institutions covered by the Financial Business Act, Kreditforeningen af Kommuner i Danmark (a mortgage-credit institute of local authorities) and Danish Ship Finance shall pay a tax to the Treasury on the basis of the balance of their provisions account as at 1 January of the tax year. The tax year shall be the year in which the tax falls due for payment."

432. In the "lov om skattemæssig behandling af gevinst og tab på fordringer, gæld og finansielle kontrakter" (act on taxation of gains and losses on claims and debt as well as financial contracts), cf. Consolidated Act no. 832 of 3 October 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. Section 9 shall be worded as follows:

"**9.** Mortgage-credit institutions covered by the Financial Business Act, Kreditforeningen af Kommuner i Danmark (a mortgage-credit institute of local authorities) and Danish Ship Finance shall include gains and losses on claims and debt in their calculation of taxable income in pursuance of the general regulations of this Act, except section 7(2), cf. however section 10."

2. In section 10(1) 1st clause, "Mortgage-credit institutions approved under the Mortgage Credit Act" shall be amended to: "Mortgage-credit institutions licensed under the Financial Business Act".

3. Section 38(3), 1st clause shall be worded as follows:

"**(3)** The minimum interest rate shall be 2.5 per cent for index-linked bonds issued by mortgage-credit institutions covered by the Financial Business Act, Kreditforeningen af Kommuner i Danmark (a mortgage-credit institute of local authorities), Kongeriget Danmarks Fiskeribank and FIH - Finance for Danish Industry."

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433. In the "lov om beskatning af visse pensionskapitaler m.v." (act on taxation of pension income), cf. Consolidated Act no. 666 of 31 July 2002 as amended by section 2 in Act no. 1060 of 17 December 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. In section 1(1), no. 10 "part 15 of the Insurance Business Act, part 8 of the Company Pension Funds Act" shall be amended to: "part 17 of the Financial Business Act, part 8 of the Supervision of Company Pension Funds Act".

2. In section 5b(2), "section 6a(5) of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "section 29(2) and (3) in the Financial Business Act".

3. In section 7(7), no. 1 "Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "Financial Business Act".

4. In section 17(1), no. 4, "part 16 of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "sections 233 and 235 of the Financial Business Act".

434. In the "lov om beskatning af pensionsordninger m.v." (act on taxation of pension schemes etc.), cf. Consolidated Act no. 773 of 13 September 2002 as amended by section 3 in Act no. 1066 of 17 December 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. In section 3(1), "the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "the Financial Business Act".

2. In section 4(1), 1st clause and section 8(1), no. 1, 1st clause, "section 211 of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "section 30(1), (4) and (7)-(10) of the Financial Business Act".

3. In section 11A(1), no.1; section 12(1), no. 1, 1st clause and section 13(1), 1st and 2nd clauses, "section 6a(1)-(4) of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc. Act" shall be amended to: "section 30(1), (4), (5), (9) and (10) of the Financial Business Act".

4. In section 12(1), no. 1, 4th clause "part 9a of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "sections 50 and 51 of the Financial Business Act".

435. In the Corporation Tax Act, cf. Consolidated Act no. 736 of 28 August 2002 as amended by Act no. 1042 of 17 December 2002, the following amendments shall be made:

1. Section 1(1), no. 2a shall be worded as follows:

"2a) savings banks, cooperative savings banks and affiliations of cooperative savings banks under sections 89-96 of the Financial Business Act and associations established under section 215 of the Financial Business Act,".

2. In section 1(1), no. 5, "part 21 of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "sections 294-303 of the Financial Business Act".

3. Section 1(1), no. 5b, shall be worded as follows:

"5b) funds and associations as mentioned in section 220 of the Financial Business Act, Kreditforeningen af Kommuner i Danmark (a mortgage-credit institute of local authorities), Danish Ship Finance and Dansk Eksportfinansieringsfond,".

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4. In section 3(1), no. 9 "insurance business" shall be amended to: "financial business".
5. In section 3(1), no. 18, "part 22a of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "section 307 of the Financial Business Act".
6. In section 13(12), "part 15 of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "part 17 of the Financial Business Act".
7. In section 13A, "Institutions approved under the Mortgage Credit Act" shall be amended to: "Institutions licensed as mortgage-credit institutions under the Financial Business Act".
8. In section 31(4), no. 2, "part 4D of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "sections 89-96 of the Financial Business Act".
9. In section 31(4), no. 9, "institutions etc." shall be amended to: "funds and associations etc.".
10. In section 35M, "section 52k of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 215 of the Financial Business Act".
- 436.** In the "lov om skattemyndighedernes organisation og opgaver m.v." (act on organisation and tasks etc. of the tax authorities), cf. Consolidated Act no. 617 of 22 June 2002, the following amendment shall be made:
1. In section 20C(2) "section 48a of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 207 of the Financial Business Act".
- 437.** In the "lov om indkomstbeskatning af selvstændige erhvervsdrivende" (act on income taxation of self-employed persons), cf. Consolidated Act no. 1 of 2 January 2002, as amended by section 5 of Act no. 290 of 15 May 2002, section 8 of Act no. 292 of 15 May 2002, section 15 of Act no. 313 of 21 May of 2002, section 8 of Act no. 394 of 6 June 2002 and section 1 of Act no. 1062 of 17 December, the following amendment shall be made:
1. In section 22b(3), "section 6a(1)-(4) of the Commercial Banks and Savings Banks, etc., Act" shall be amended to: "section 30(1), (4), (5), (9) and (10) in the Financial Business Act".
- 437a.** In the "lov om fremme af privat udlejningsbyggeri" (act no. 1090 of 17 December 2002 on the promotion of private rental housing), the following amendment shall be made:
1. In section 1a(3), "section 6a(5) of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "section 29(2) of the Financial Business Act".
- 437b.** Act no. 349 of 17 May 2000 on flooding and windfall shall be amended as follows:
1. In section 4(2), no. 1, "section 5 of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "section 11 of the Financial Business Act".
2. In section 24(4), "section 210 of the Insurance Business Act" shall be amended to: "section 60(3) of the Financial Business Act".

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438.-(1) This Act shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but may be brought into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively, cf. however subsections (2)-(4).

(2) This Act may not be made effective for the Faroe Islands with regard to insurance business and mortgage-credit business.

(3) This shall apply correspondingly to sections 420 and 421.

(4) Section 419 may not be made effective for the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

Act no. 903 of 17 November 2003 contains the following provisions regarding entry into force:

5.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on the day after notification in the Danish Law Gazette⁶.

(2) (Omitted)

(3) (Omitted)

Act no. 1171 of 19 December 2003 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

6.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2004, cf. however subsections (2) and (3).

(2) (Omitted)

(3) Section 3, nos. 6, 20-23, 27 and 29 shall enter into force on 1 January 2005.

7. (Omitted)

8. (Omitted)

9.-(1) The members of the board of directors who, at the time of entry into force of this Act, have duties or employments covered by the prohibitions in section 98, as stated in section 3, no. 13 of this Act, may continue as members of the board of directors of the investment management company until expiry of the period for which they are elected. After such expiry, they shall not be re-electable.

(2) The members of the board of management and other senior employees who, at the time of entry into force of this Act, are members of a board of directors covered by the prohibitions in section 99(2), as stated in section 3, no. 15 of this Act, may continue as members of said board of directors until expiry of the period for which they are elected. After such expiry, they shall not be re-electable.

(3) The members of the board of management and other senior employees who, at the time of entry into force of this Act, are legally employed in a manner covered by the prohibitions in section 99(2), as stated in section 3, no. 15 of this Act, may continue such employment after notification to the Danish FSA.

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10.-(1) This Act shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but may be brought fully or partially into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively, cf. however subsection (2).

(2) Section 3 of this Act may not be made effective for the Faroe Islands with regard to insurance business and mortgage-credit business.

Act no. 365 of 19 May 2004 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

6.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 July 2004, cf. however subsections (2) and (3).

(2) (Omitted)

(3) Section 1, no. 5 shall enter into force on 8 October 2004.

7. (Omitted)

8.-(1) Sections 1 and 5 shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but may be brought fully or partially into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively, cf. however subsection (2).

(2) Section 1 may not be made effective for the Faroe Islands with regard to insurance business and mortgage-credit business.

(3) (Omitted)

Act no. 490 of 9 June 2004 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

6.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on the day after notification in the Danish Law Gazette⁷, cf. however subsection (2).

(2) (Omitted)

7. (Omitted)

Act no. 491 of 9 June 2004 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

6.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2005, cf. however subsections (2) and (3).

(2) (Omitted)

(3) Section 1, nos. 4, 7-10, 13, 30, 34, 37 and 41; section 2, nos. 1-3, 12 and 13; section 3, nos. 1 and 2; section 4, no. 5; and section 5 shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

(4) This Act shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but may be brought into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation

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necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively.

Act no. 1383 of 20 December 2004 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

17.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2005, cf. however subsections (2)-(4).

(2) Notwithstanding section 1, no. 17, on insurance company may, until 1 July 2005, maintain insurance mediation contracts entered into before 1 January 2005.

(3) Notwithstanding section 1, no. 50^B, a person who, at the time of entry into force of this Act, is legally elected as auditor for a financial undertaking and who is not a state-authorized public accountant or a registered public accountant, may continue as auditor until expiry of the period, for which the relevant auditor is elected.

(4) (Omitted)

18.-(1) This Act shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland, cf. however subsections (2) and (3).

(2) Sections 1, 3 and 4 may, however, be brought fully or partially into force for the Faroe Island and Greenland by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively.

(3) (Omitted)

Act no. 1460 of 22 December 2004 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

3.-(1) (Omitted)

(2) Section 1, nos. 2, 3, 8-12, 14, 18-20, 22-24 and 30, and section 2 shall enter into force on 1 July 2005.

(3) (Omitted)

(4) (Omitted)

4. This Act shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but may be brought fully or partially into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively.

Act no. 387 of 30 May 2005 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

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6. The date of entry into force of this Act shall be laid down by the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs. The Minister may also decide that this Act is to enter into force on different dates.⁹

7. This Act shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but sections 1, 2 and 6 may be brought into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

Act no. 411 of 1 June 2005 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

6.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 July 2005.

(2) (Omitted)

(3) (Omitted)

(4) Section 2, no. 12¹⁰ shall be effective from 1 January 2005.

7. This Act shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but may be brought into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively.

Act no. 431 of 6 June 2005 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

85.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 November 2005, cf. however subsection (2).

(2) (Omitted)

86. (Omitted)

Act no. 1428 of 21 December 2005 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

6. This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2006.

7. (Omitted)

8. (Omitted)

9. (Omitted)

10. This Act shall not extend to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, but sections 1, 3 and 4 may be brought into force by Royal Decree for these parts of the Realm subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively.

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Act no. 116 of 27 February 2006 contains the following entry into force and transitional provisions:

5. This Act shall enter into force on 1 March 2006.

6.-(1) This Act shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland, cf. however subsection (2).

(2) Sections 1 and 2 may by Royal Decree be made effective for the Faroe Islands and Greenland subject to any variations in their operation necessitated by the specific conditions prevailing in Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively.

The Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, 4 April 2006

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Annex 1

Bank activities

- 1) Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds.
- 2) Lending, including
 - consumer credit,
 - mortgage credit,
 - factoring and discounting,
 - commercial credits (including forfaiting),
 - financial leasing.
- 3) Payment services (money transmission services).
- 4) Issue and administration of means of payment (e.g. credit cards, travellers' cheques, and bankers' drafts).
- 5) Guarantees and collateralisation.
- 6) Participation in issuing securities and provision of related services.
- 7) Advice to undertakings on capital structure, industrial strategy and related questions and advice, and services relating to mergers and the acquisition of undertakings.
- 8) Money broking.
- 9) Credit reference service.
- 10) Safe custody services
- 11) Business for own account relating to any of the instruments mentioned in annex 5.
- 12) Safekeeping and administration in relation to one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5, and mortgages.
- 13) Other activities in relation to trade in money and credit instruments.
- 14) Electronic money institutions.

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Annex 2

Credit institution activities

- 1) Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds.
- 2) Lending, including
 - consumer credit,
 - mortgage credit,
 - factoring and discounting,
 - commercial credits (including forfaiting).
- 3) Financial leasing.
- 4) Payment services.
- 5) Issue and administration of means of payment (e.g. credit cards, travellers' cheques, and bankers' drafts).
- 6) Guarantees and collateralisation.
- 7) Trading for own account or for account of customers in
 - a) money market instruments (cheques, bills, certificates of deposit, etc.),
 - b) the foreign exchange market,
 - c) financial futures and options,
 - d) currency and interest rate instruments,
 - e) securities.
- 8) Participation in issuing securities and provision of related services.
- 9) Advice to undertakings on capital structure, industrial strategy and related questions and advice, and services relating to mergers and the acquisition of undertakings.
- 10) Money broking.
- 11) Portfolio management and advice.
- 12) Safekeeping and administration of securities.
- 13) Credit reference service.
- 14) Safe custody services

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Annex 3

Mortgage-credit activities

- 1) Granting of loans against a registered mortgage on real property on the basis of the issue of mortgage-credit bonds or other securities.
- 2) Business for own account relating to any of the instruments mentioned in annex 5.
- 3) Safekeeping and administration of own mortgage-credit bonds and own other securities.

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Annex 4

Securities dealers

Schedule A

- 1)
 - a. Receipt and arrangement for the account of investors of orders in relation to one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5,
 - b. execution of such orders for any third party's account,
 - c. arrangement of contracts between a financial undertaking with a license to carry out securities trading activities and a legal or natural person wishing to purchase or sell one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5, including having a portfolio strategy based on estimates arranged.
- 2) Business for own account relating to any of the instruments mentioned in annex 5.
- 3) Arranging portfolio strategies based on estimates with regard to individual customers' securities equity investments at the directions of investors, if such equity investments include one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5.
- 4) Underwriting in relation to issue of one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5, or placement of such issues.
- 5) Safekeeping and administration in relation to one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5.

Schedule B

- 1) Safe custody services
- 2) Credit or granting of loans to an investor, so that said investor may carry out a transaction with one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5, if the undertaking providing such credit or loan participates in the transaction.
- 3) Advice to undertakings on capital structures, industrial strategy and related questions, and advice and services relating to mergers and acquisition of undertakings.
- 4) Services in relation to underwriting.
- 5) Investment consulting regarding one or more of the instruments mentioned in annex 5.
- 6) Currency transactions when such transactions are related to investment services.

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Annex 5

Instruments

- 1) Shares and other negotiable securities equivalent to these,
- 2) bonds and other negotiable securities equivalent to these,
- 3) any other securities normally dealt in giving the right to acquire such securities as listed in 1) or 2) by subscription or exchange or giving rise to a cash settlement,
- 4) equity investments in investment associations, special-purpose associations, approved restricted associations, hedge associations, foreign investment undertakings and other collective investment schemes covered by the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act,
- 5) money-market instruments listed on a stock exchange as well as certificates of deposit and commercial papers,
- 6) financial-futures contracts and similar instruments,
- 7) Forward Rate Agreements (FRAs),
- 8) interest-rate swaps, currency swaps, equity swaps, and equity-index swaps,
- 9) options to acquire or dispose of any instruments mentioned in 1) to 8) and equity index options, bond index options, currency options and interest-rate options,
- 10) commodity instruments, etc., including similar cash-settled instruments,
- 11) foreign-exchange spot transactions for investment purposes in order to secure a profit in connection with changes in the exchange rate.

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Annex 6

Investment management activities

- 1) Management of investment associations that are approved under the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.
- 2) Management of special-purpose associations that are approved under the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.
- 3) Management of restricted associations that are approved under the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.
- 4) Management of hedge associations that are approved under the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.
- 5) Management of other collective investment schemes that are covered by the Investment Associations and Special-Purpose Associations as well as other Collective Investment Schemes etc. Act.

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Annex 7

Insurance activities - non-life

Classification of risks by means of classes of insurance.

- 1) Accidents (including industrial injuries and occupational illness): fixed pecuniary benefits, benefits in the nature of indemnity, combinations of the two, and passenger transport.
- 2) Sickness: fixed pecuniary benefits, benefits in the nature of indemnity and combinations of the two.
- 3) Fully comprehensive insurance for land vehicles (other than railway rolling stock): all damage to or loss of land motor vehicles and land vehicles other than motor vehicles.
- 4) Fully comprehensive insurance for railway rolling stock: all damage to or loss of railway rolling stock.
- 5) Hull insurance for aircraft: all damage to or loss of aircraft.
- 6) Hull insurance for ships (sea, lake and river and canal vessels): all damage to or loss of sea, lake and river and canal vessels.
- 7) Goods in transit (including merchandise, baggage, and all other goods): all damage to or loss of goods in transit or baggage, irrespective of the form of transport.
- 8) Fire and natural forces: all damage to or loss of property (other than property included in classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) due to fire, explosion, storm, natural forces (other than storm), nuclear energy or land subsidence.
- 9) Other damage to property: all damage to or loss of property (other than property included in classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) due to hail or frost, and any event such as theft, other than those mentioned under 8).
- 10) Third-party liability insurance for motor land vehicles: all liability arising out of the use of motor land vehicles (including carrier's liability).
- 11) Third-party aircraft liability: all liability arising out of the use of aircraft (including carrier's liability).
- 12) Third-party liability for ships (sea, lake and river and canal vessels): all liability arising out of the use of ships, vessels or boats on the sea, lakes, rivers or canals (including carrier's liability).
- 13) General liability: all liability other than those forms mentioned under 10), 11) and 12).
- 14) Credit: insolvency (general), export credit, instalment credit, mortgages and agricultural credit.
- 15) Suretyship: direct suretyship and indirect suretyship.
- 16) Miscellaneous financial loss: employment risks, insufficiency of income (general), bad weather, loss of benefits, continuing general expenses, unforeseen trading expenses, loss of market value, loss of rent or revenue, indirect trading losses other than those mentioned above, other financial loss (non-trading) and other forms of financial loss.
- 17) Legal expenses: legal expenses and costs of litigation.
- 18) Assistance: assistance for persons who get into difficulties while travelling, while away from home or while away from their permanent residence.

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Annex 8

Insurance activities - life

Classification of risks by means of classes of insurance.

I. General life assurance:

- a) Life assurance (that is to say, the class of insurance which comprises, in particular, assurance on survival to a stipulated age only, assurance on death only, assurance on survival to a stipulated age or on earlier death and life assurance with return of premiums),
- b) annuities,
- c) supplementary insurance contracts underwritten in connection with life assurance (in particular, insurance against personal injury including incapacity for employment and insurance against death resulting from an accident or insurance against disability resulting from an accident or sickness).

II. Marriage assurance and birth insurance:

- a) marriage assurance;
- b) birth insurance.

III. Insurance attached to collective investment funds:

- a) life assurance (that is to say, the class of insurance which comprises, in particular, assurance on survival to a stipulated age only, assurance on death only, assurance on survival to a stipulated age or on earlier death, life assurance with return of premiums, marriage assurance and birth insurance),
- b) annuities.

IV. Permanent health insurance (long-term sickness insurance): sickness insurance which is written for a long period and is interminable for the insurance company in the entire period.

V. Tontine: system entailing establishment of member associations with a view to joint capitalisation of contributions and payment of the resulting funds to either the survivors or to the heirs or beneficiaries of deceased members.

VI. Capitalisation: activities based on actuarial calculation which include liabilities with a fixed term and amount against payment of a lump sum or predetermined regular payments.

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Annex 9

This Consolidated Act contains provisions implementing Council Directive 73/183/EEC of 28 June 1973 on the abolition of restrictions on freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of self-employed activities of banks and other financial institutions, Official Journal no. L 194 p. 1, (freedom of establishment); the First Council Directive 73/239/EEC of 24 July 1973 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking-up and pursuit of the business of direct insurance other than life assurance, Official Journal L 228, p. 3 (First Non-Life Assurance Directive); Council Directive 76/580/EEC of 29 June 1976 amending Directive 73/239/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of direct insurance other than life assurance, Official Journal L 189, p. 13 (amendment to the First Non-Life Assurance Directive); the First Council Directive 77/780/EEC of 12 December 1977 on the coordination of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions, Official Journal L 322, p. 30 (First Banking Directive); parts of the Fourth Council Directive 78/660/EEC of 25 July 1978 based on Article 54 (3) (g) of the Treaty on the annual accounts of certain types of companies, Official Journal L 222, p. 11 (Fourth Directive); the First Council Directive 79/267/EEC of 5 March 1979 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of direct life assurance, Official Journal L 063, p. 1 (First Life Assurance Directive); parts of the Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983 based on the Article 54 (3) (g) of the Treaty on consolidated accounts, Official Journal L 193, p. 1 (Seventh Directive); parts of the Eighth Council Directive 84/253/EEC of 10 April 1984 based on Article 54 (3) (g) of the Treaty on the approval of persons responsible for carrying out the statutory audits of accounting documents, Official Journal L 126, p. 20 (Eighth Directive); Council Directive 84/641/EEC of 10 December 1984 amending, particularly as regards tourist assistance, the First Directive (73/239/EEC) on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking-up and pursuit of the business of direct insurance other than life assurance, Official Journal L 339, p. 21 (amendment of the First Non-Life Assurance Directive); parts of Council Directive 85/611/EEC of 20 December 1985 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (collective investment undertakings), Official Journal L 375, p. 3 (UCITS Directive); Council Directive 86/635/EEC of 8 December 1986 on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of banks and other financial institutions, Official Journal L 372, p. 1 (Bank Accounts Directive); the Second Council Directive 88/357/EEC of 22 June 1988 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to direct insurance other than life assurance and laying down provisions to facilitate the effective exercise of freedom to provide services and amending Directive 73/239/EEC, Official Journal L 172, p. 1 (Second Non-Life Assurance Directive); Council Directive 89/117/EEC of 13 February 1989 on the obligations of branches established in a Member State of credit institutions and financial institutions having their head offices outside that Member State regarding the publication of annual accounting documents, Official Journal L 044, p. 40 (publication of annual accounting documents for branches in non-member countries); Council Directive 89/299/EEC of 17 April 1989 on the own funds of credit institutions, Official Journal L 124, p. 16 (the own funds of credit institutions), the Second Council Directive 89/646/EEC of 15 December 1989 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions and amending Directive 77/780/EEC, Official Journal L 386, p. 1 (Second Banking Directive); Council Directive 89/647/EEC of 18 December 1989 on a solvency ratio for credit institutions, Official Journal L 386, p. 14 (Solvency Directive); parts of Council Directive 90/618/EEC of 8 November 1990 amending, particularly as regards motor vehicle liability insurance, Directive 73/239/EEC and Directive 88/357/EEC which concern the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to

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direct insurance other than life assurance, Official Journal L 330, p. 44 (amendment of the First and Second Non-Life Assurance Directives); Second Council Directive 90/619/EEC of 8 November 1990 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to direct life assurance, laying down provisions to facilitate the effective exercise of freedom to provide services and amending Directive 79/267/EEC, Official Journal L 330, p. 50 (Second Life Assurance Directive); Council Directive 91/674/EEC of 19 December 1991 on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of insurance undertakings, Official Journal L 374, p. 7 (Insurance Accounts Directive); Council Directive 92/30/EEC of 6 April 1992 on the supervision of credit institutions on a consolidated basis, Official Journal L 110, p. 52 (supervision on a consolidated basis); Council Directive 92/49/EEC of 18 June 1992 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to direct insurance other than life assurance and amending Directives 73/239/EEC and 88/357/EEC, Official Journal L 228, p. 1 (Third Non-Life Assurance Directive); Council Directive 92/96/EEC of 10 November 1992 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to direct life assurance and amending Directives 79/267/EEC and 90/619/EEC, Official Journal L 360, p. 1 (Third Life Assurance Directive); Council Directive 92/121/EEC of 21 December 1992 on the monitoring and control of large exposures of credit institutions, Official Journal L 029, p. 1 (large exposures); Council Directive 93/6/EEC of 15 March 1993 on the capital adequacy of investments firms and credit institutions, Official Journal L 141, p. 1 (Capital Adequacy Directive); Council Directive 93/22/EEC of 10 May 1993 on investment services in the securities field, Official Journal L 141, p. 27 (Investment Services Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 95/26/EC of 29 June 1995 amending Directives 77/780/EEC and 89/646/EEC in the field of credit institutions, Directives 73/239/EEC and 92/49/EEC in the field of non-life assurance, Directives 79/267/EEC and 92/96/EEC in the field of life assurance, Directive 93/22/EEC in the field of investment firms and Directive 85/611/EEC in the field of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS), with a view to reinforcing prudential supervision, Official Journal L 168 of 18/07/1995, p. 7 (BCCI Directive); Directive 98/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 amending Council Directive 93/6/EEC on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions, Official Journal L 204, p. 13 (amendment to the Capital Adequacy Directive); Directive 98/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 amending Article 12 of Council Directive 77/780/EEC on the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions, Articles 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 of and Annexes II and III to Council Directive 89/647/EEC on a solvency ratio for credit institutions and Article 2 of and Annex II to Council Directive 93/6/EEC on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions, Official Journal L 204, p. 29; Directive 98/78/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on the supplementary supervision of insurance undertakings in an insurance group, Official Journal L 330, p. 1 (Insurance Group Directive); the directives 73/183, 77/780, 89/299, 89/646, 89/647, 92/30, 92/121 and parts of 95/26 and 98/33, which are now consolidated in Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions, Official Journal L 126, p. 1 (Credit Institutions Directive); parts of Directive 2000/26/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 May 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles and amending Council Directives 73/239/EEC and 88/357/EEC, Official Journal L 181, p. 65 (Fourth Motor Insurance Directive); Directive 2000/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2000 on the taking up, pursuit of and prudential supervision of the business of electronic money institutions, Official Journal L 275, p. 39 (E-money); Directive 2000/64/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 November 2000 amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC, 92/49/EEC, 92/96/EEC and 93/22/EEC as regards exchange of information with third countries, Official Journal L 290, p. 27 (exchange of information); Directive 2001/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March

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2001 on the reorganisation and winding-up of insurance undertakings, Official Journal L 110, p. 28 (Insurers Reorganisation and Winding-Up Directive); Directive 2001/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 April 2001 on the reorganisation and winding up of credit institutions, Official Journal L 125, p. 15 (Winding-Up of Credit Institutions Directive); Directive 2001/107/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 January 2002 amending Council Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) with a view to regulating management companies and simplified prospectuses, Official Journal L 041, p. 20 (Service Providers' Directive); Directive 2002/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 March 2002 amending Council Directive 73/239/EEC as regards the solvency margin requirements for non-life assurance undertakings, Official Journal L 077, p. 17 (Solvency 1 Directive); and the directives 79/267, 90/619, 92/96 and 2002/12, which are now consolidated in Directive 2002/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002 concerning life assurance, Official Journal L 345, p. 1 (Life Assurance Directive).

¹⁾ This Consolidated Act contains provisions that implement the First Council Directive no. 73/239/EEC, of 24 July 1973, Official Journal no. L 228, p. 3 (First Non-Life Insurance Directive); Council Directive 76/580/EEC of 29 June 1976, Official Journal L 189, p. 13 (amendment to the First Non-Life Insurance Directive); parts of the Fourth Council Directive 78/660/EEC of 25 July 1978, Official Journal L 222, p. 11 (Fourth Directive); parts of the Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983 (Seventh Directive); parts of the Eighth Council Directive 84/253/EEC of 10 April 1984, Official Journal L 126, p. 20 (Eighth Directive); Council Directive 84/641/EEC of 10 December 1984, Official Journal L 339, p. 21 (amendment of the First Non-Life Assurance Insurance Directive); parts of Council Directive 85/611/EEC of 20 December 1985, Official Journal L 375, p. 3 (UCITS Directive); Council Directive 86/635/EEC of 8 December 1986, Official Journal L 372, p. 1 (Bank Accounts Directive); the Second Council Directive 88/357/EEC of 22 June 1988, Official Journal L 172, p. 1 (Second Non-Life Insurance Directive); Council Directive 89/117/EEC of 13 February 1989, Official Journal L 44, p. 40 (publication of annual accounting documents for branches in non-member countries); parts of Council Directive 90/618/EEC of 8 November 1990, Official Journal L 330, p. 44 (amendment of the First and Second Non-Life Insurance Directives); Council Directive 91/674/EEC of 19 December 1991, Official Journal L 374, p. 7 (Insurance Accounts Directive); Council Directive 92/49/EEC of 18 June 1992, Official Journal L 228, p. 1 (Third Non-Life Insurance Directive); Council Directive 93/6/EEC of 15 March 1993, Official Journal L 141, p. 1 (Capital Adequacy Directive); Council Directive 93/22/EEC of 10 May 1993, Official Journal L 141, p. 27 (Investment Services Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 95/26/EC of 29 June 1995, Official Journal L 168, p. 7 (BCCI Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 98/31/EC of 22 June 1998, Official Journal L 204, p. 13 (amendment to the Capital Adequacy Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 98/33/EC of 22 June 1998, Official Journal L 204, p. 29; Council Directive 98/49/EC of 29 June 1998, Official Journal L 209, p. 46; European Parliament and Council Directive 98/78/EC of 27 October 1998, Official Journal L 330, p. 1 (Insurance Group Directive); the directives 73/183, 77/780, 89/299, 89/646, 89/647, 92/30, 92/121 and parts of 95/26 and 98/33, which are now consolidated in Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000, Official Journal L 126, p. 1 (Credit Institutions Directive); parts of the European Parliament and Council Directive 2000/26/EC of 16 May 2000, Official Journal L 181, p. 65 (Fourth Motor Insurance Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 2000/46/EC of 18 September 2000, Official Journal L 275, p. 39 (E-money); European Parliament and Council Directive 2000/64/EC of 7 November 2000, Official Journal L 290, p. 27 (exchange of

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information); European Parliament and Council Directive 2001/17/EC of 19 March 2001, Official Journal L 110, p. 28 (Insurers Reorganisation and Winding-Up Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 2001/24/EC of 4 April 2001, Official Journal L 125, p. 15 (Winding-Up of Credit Institutions Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 2001/107/EC of 21 January 2002, Official Journal L 41, p. 20 (Service Providers' Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 2002/13/EC of 5 March 2002, Official Journal L 77, p. 17 (Solvency 1 Directive); and the directives 79/267, 90/619, 92/96 and 2002/12, which are now consolidated in the European Parliament and Council Directive 2002/83/EC of 5 November 2002, Official Journal L 345, p. 1 (Life -Assurance Directive); European Parliament and Council Directive 2002/87/EC of 16 December 2002, (Official Journal 2003 L 35, p. 1) (Financial Conglomerates Directive); parts of European Parliament and Council Directive 2002/92/EC of 9 December 2002, Official Journal 2003 L 9, p. 3 (Directive on Insurance Mediations).

See also Annex 9.

² Pursuant to section 85 of Act no. 431 of 6 June 2005, the amendment of this provision shall enter into force on 1 November 2005.

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⁶ The Act was published in the Danish Law Gazette A on 18 November 2003.

⁷ The Act was published in the Danish Law Gazette A on 10 June 2004.

⁸ Section 1, no. 50 of Act no. 1383 of 20 December 2004 deals with section 199(1), 2nd clause of the Financial Business Act.

⁹ By virtue of Executive Order no. 391 of 30 May 2005 on the entry into force of Act. no. 387 of 30 May 2005 on the amendment of the "lov om et skibsfinansieringsinstitut" (act on a ship financing institution), the Financial Business Act, the "lov om fusion, spaltning og tilførsel af aktiver m.v." (tax on mergers, demergers and investment of assets, etc.), the "lov om skattemæssig behandling af gevinst og tab på fordringer og gæld og finansielle kontrakter" (act on taxation of gains and losses on claims and debt as well as financial contracts) and the "lov om indkomstbeskatning af aktieselskaber m.v. (act on taxation of income of limited companies, etc.), the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs stipulated that this Act entered into force on 1 June 2005.

¹⁰ Section 2, no. 12 of Act no. 411 of 1 June 2005 deals with sections 384 and 385 of the Financial Business Act.