
FINAL NOTICE

To: Gareth John Mason (trading as Masons Motor Company)

FRN: 664647

Dated: 31 July 2020

ACTION

1. For the reasons set out in this Final Notice, the Authority hereby takes the following action against Mr Mason.
2. The Authority issued to Mr Mason the Decision Notice which notified him that for the reasons given below and pursuant to section 55J of the Act, the Authority had decided to cancel Mr Mason's Part 4A permission.
3. Mr Mason has not referred the matter to the Tribunal within 28 days of the date on which the Decision Notice was issued to him.
4. Accordingly, the Authority has today cancelled Mr Mason's Part 4A permission.

DEFINITIONS

5. The definitions below are used in this Final Notice:

"the Act" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

"the Authority" means the Financial Conduct Authority;

"the Decision Notice" means the Decision Notice issued to Gareth John Mason dated 17 June 2020;

"the Effective Supervision Threshold Condition" means the Threshold Condition set out in paragraph 2C of Schedule 6 to the Act;

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“EG” means the Authority’s Enforcement Guide;

“the Handbook” means the Authority’s Handbook of rules and guidance;

“Mr Mason’s Part 4A permission” means the permission granted by the Authority to Gareth John Mason pursuant to Part 4A of the Act;

“the Principles” means the Authority’s Principles for Businesses;

“SUP” means the Supervision Manual, part of the Handbook;

“the Threshold Conditions” means the threshold conditions set out in Schedule 6 to the Act;

“the Tribunal” means the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber); and

“the Warning Notice” means the Warning Notice issued to Gareth John Mason on 20 May 2020.

REASONS FOR ACTION

6. On the basis of the facts and matters and conclusions described in the Warning Notice and in the Decision Notice, it appears to the Authority that Mr Mason is failing to satisfy the Effective Supervision Threshold Condition, in that Mr Mason has failed to respond to the Authority’s attempted communications and therefore is not capable of being effectively supervised by the Authority, having regard to all the circumstances.
7. Mr Mason has not provided information to demonstrate that he is ready, willing and organised to comply with the requirements and standards under the regulatory system. Mr Mason is therefore failing to satisfy the Threshold Conditions in relation to the regulated activities for which he was granted a Part 4A permission.

DECISION MAKER

8. The decision which gave rise to the obligation to give this Final Notice was made by the Regulatory Decisions Committee.

IMPORTANT

9. This Final Notice is given to Mr Mason in accordance with section 390(1) of the Act.

Publicity

10. The Authority must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the Authority considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate. However, the Authority may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the Authority, be unfair to Mr Mason or prejudicial to the interest of consumers.
11. The Authority intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

Authority Contact

12. For more information concerning this matter generally, please contact Antonella Pavone at the Authority (direct line: 020 7066 5222).

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Enforcement and Market Oversight Division