
FINAL NOTICE

To: **Litaid Limited**

Of: **Fairgate House
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Date: **8 February 2008**

TAKE NOTICE: The Financial Services Authority of 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS ("the FSA") gives you final notice about a decision to cancel the permission granted to Litaid Limited, to carry on regulated activities.

1. THE ACTION

- 1.1 The FSA gave Litaid Limited ("Litaid") a Decision Notice on 2 May 2007 which notified Litaid that pursuant to section 45 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("the Act"), the FSA had decided to cancel the permission granted to Litaid, pursuant to Part IV of the Act ("Litaid's Part IV permission").
- 1.2 On 24 May 2007, Litaid referred that decision to the Financial Services and Markets Tribunal (the "Tribunal"). The Tribunal, in a written decision on 17 January 2008, determined that Litaid's Part IV permission should be cancelled.

2. REASONS FOR THE ACTION

- 2.1 By a First Supervisory Notice dated 21 March 2007 Litaid's Part IV permission was varied by removing all regulated activities with immediate effect and by including a requirement on it to notify all of its clients for regulated activities that it was no longer permitted by the FSA to carry on regulated activities. A copy of the First Supervisory Notice, by which the FSA removed all regulated activities from Litaid's Part IV permission, is displayed on the FSA's web site.

- 2.2 Following a hearing on 17 October 2007, the Tribunal decided that the effect of the First Supervisory Notice should not be suspended (the written decision will be published on the Tribunal's website in due course).
- 2.3 Following a hearing on 10 January 2008, the Tribunal concluded that Litaid was not a fit and proper person to remain authorised because of its failure to maintain adequate Professional Indemnity Insurance and its repeated failure to submit Retail Mediation Activities Returns promptly to the FSA. The Tribunal concluded that the FSA was correct to exercise its powers under section 45 of the Act to vary Litaid's Part IV permission and directed that the permission should be cancelled. A copy of this written decision can also be found on the Tribunal's website.

3. DECISION MAKER

The decision which gave rise to the obligation to issue this Final Notice was taken by the Regulatory Decisions Committee.

4. IMPORTANT

- 4.1 This Final Notice is given to you in accordance with section 390 (2) of the Act.

Publicity

- 4.2 Sections 391(4), 391(6) and 391(7) of the Act apply to the publication of information about the matter to which this Notice relates. Under those provisions, the FSA must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the FSA considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the FSA considers appropriate. However, the FSA may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the FSA, be unfair to you or prejudicial to the interests of consumers.
- 4.3 The FSA intends to publish this Final Notice and such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

FSA contacts

- 4.4 For more information concerning this matter generally, you should contact Lehong Mac at the FSA (direct line: 020 7066 5742/fax: 020 7066 1459).

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