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Recommendation to Obtain Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)

ACT by 5 December 2014

1. On 29 January 2014, the European Banking Authority (EBA) published a recommendation on the use of the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) ([EBA/REC/2014/01](#)) (the "LEI Recommendation"). The LEI is an important global initiative which the PRA thinks will make a significant contribution to the stability of the financial system, as well as improving firms' risk management capabilities. The purpose of this letter is to make clear what the PRA requires your firm to do as a result of the LEI Recommendation.
2. The LEI Recommendation requires you to obtain an LEI code(s) for your firm or group by 31 December 2014 at the latest. If you report as a consolidated group, the LEI Recommendation requires you to obtain LEI codes for all entities within your group on which information is required under your Capital Requirements Regulation (EU No 575/2013) reporting obligations. This includes the relevant parent entity regardless of whether it is an institution or a holding company. Please refer to [EBA/REC/2014/01](#) for specific details on where to obtain LEIs from and on which entities you are required to obtain them for. **If you are unable to comply with this recommendation, please notify the PRA by Friday 5 December 2014** by emailing both your usual supervisory contact and the Regulatory Data Group at regulatorydataqueries@bankofengland.co.uk.
3. You may wish to consider whether, in order to meet the LEI Recommendation, you should obtain LEIs for Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) solo-regulated entities within your group. Appendix 1 to this letter provides technical details about how to incorporate LEIs in your regulatory reporting submissions.

Appendix 1: Instructions for the consistent use of LEIs

1. Where to use the LEI in your regulatory reporting

You will need to obtain LEIs for each entity that you will be reporting in C 06.00 of Own Funds (the Group Solvency template).

For reporting COREP and FINREP, you should use LEIs in accordance with the relevant reporting instructions to complete:

- Column 025 in C 06.00 (Group Solvency)
- Column 030 in C 27.00 (LE1, Identification of the counterparty)
- Column 010 in F 40.1 (Group structure: entity-by-entity)
- Column 030 in F 40.2 (Group structure: instrument-by- instrument)

2. Using LEIs to identify your counterparties

The large exposures template (C27.00) requires firms to record the LEIs (column 30) for each counterparty. Some of your counterparties may not have obtained LEIs in time and in such a situation you will not be able to report such counterparties by their LEI. You should, however, continue to report a code for the counterparty in column 010. To be clear the PRA does not expect you to report an LEI where your counterparty does not have one.