

Sam Woods Deputy Governor for Prudential Regulation and CEO of the Prudential Regulation Authority

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Dear CEO

TEMPORARY PERMISSIONS REGIME – OPERATIONAL READINESS

This letter is a reminder in relation to your firm's operational preparations for the end of the transition period, which is due to end at 11pm on Thursday 31 December 2020. At this point the Temporary Permissions Regime (TPR) will take immediate effect. Firms that have submitted a valid Notification or submitted a Part 4A application (and not subsequently withdrawn it) will automatically enter the TPR. During the TPR your firm will have a deemed Part 4A permission to carry on your existing activities for up to a maximum of three years from the end of the transition period.¹ If your firm is passporting and already has a top-up permission, you will obtain a deemed variation of that permission.

Given this, it is important that your firm is operationally prepared to enter the TPR and is able to meet the regulatory requirements that will apply once in it.

We acknowledge that the actions firms will need to take to ensure operational preparedness will vary across firms, and have therefore updated the information on EU Withdrawal on our website.² The update summarises our approach to the TPR and highlights the key requirements for branches. For firms in the TPR without a branch in the UK (cross-border service providers) a more limited set of rules will apply. The full requirements and more information can be found on the TPR page on our website.³

We ask you to read the information on our website and take all appropriate actions to ensure that you are fully operationally prepared before entering the TPR. We will continue communicating with you as appropriate in order to understand the progress of your preparations, and you should also engage with us on a proactive basis in the event of problems. If you do not have a named supervisor at the PRA, please email us at <u>PRA.FirmEnquiries@bankofengland.co.uk</u> or call us on 020 3461 7000.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Subject to HM Treasury's power to extend the duration of the regime by increments of twelve months.

² <u>https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/eu-withdrawal</u>.

³ <u>https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/eu-withdrawal/temporary-permissions-regime.</u>