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NOTICE OF DECISION

To: CLAPHAM COMMERCIALS MAXUS YORK LIMITED

FRN: 930538

Dated: 11 Oct 2024

ACTION

1. The Authority has decided to cancel the Firm's Part 4A permission.
2. The Authority has taken this action because, based on the facts and matters set out below, it considers that the Firm is carrying on no regulated activity to which the Firm's Part 4A permission relates.
3. The cancellation takes effect on the date of this Notice of Decision. The effect of the cancellation is that the Firm no longer has permission to carry on any regulated activities.

DEFINITIONS

4. The definitions below are used in this Notice of Decision (and in the Annex):

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

"the Authority" means the Financial Conduct Authority;

"EG" means the Enforcement Guide;

"FDA" means the Firm Details Attestation which Authority-authorized firms are required to submit to the Authority under SUP 16.10;

"the Firm" means CLAPHAM COMMERCIALS MAXUS YORK LIMITED;

“the Firm’s Part 4A permission” means the Part 4A permission granted by the Authority to the Firm;

“the Further Notice” means the Further notice given by the Authority to the Firm dated 20 Jun 2024;

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

“the Notice” means the notice given by the Authority to the Firm dated 27 Feb 2024;

“Part 4A permission” means permission to conduct regulated activities, granted by the Authority under Part 4A of the Act;

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

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

FACTS AND MATTERS

5. The Firm was authorised by the Authority on 28 Nov 2020 and has a Part 4A permission to conduct the following regulated activities in relation to consumer credit business:
 - i. agreeing to carry on a regulated activity
 - ii. credit broking
 - iii. debt adjusting
 - iv. debt-counselling
6. Information submitted to the Authority by the Firm in regulatory returns for the period 1 May 2021 to 30 Apr 2023 shows that the Firm is not carrying on any regulated activities for which it holds a Part 4A permission. There are no other matters that suggest the Firm is carrying on regulated activities.
7. Under SUP 16.10.4R, 16.10.4AR and 16.10.4AAR, the Firm is required to submit the FDA to the Authority by the relevant due date. However, the Firm has failed to submit the FDA to the Authority.
8. On 27 Feb 2024, the Authority gave the Firm the Notice which stated that:
 - (a) it appears to the Authority that the Firm is carrying on no regulated activity to which its Part 4A permission relates; and
 - (b) the Authority may take action to cancel the Firm’s Part 4A permission unless it responds to the Notice in the manner specified in the directions to the Notice.
9. The Firm failed to respond to the Notice.
10. As a result of the matters specified above, on 20 Jun 2024, the Authority gave the Firm the Further Notice which stated that:
 - (a) the Authority considered that the Firm is carrying on no regulated activity to which its Part 4A permission relates; and

- (b) the Authority proposes to cancel the Firm's Part 4A permission unless the Firm takes the steps specified in the directions to the Further Notice.

11. The Firm failed to take the steps specified in the Further Notice.

CANCELLATION OF PART 4A PERMISSION

12. From the facts and matters described above, and having regard to paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 6A to the Act), the Authority considers that the Firm is carrying on no regulated activity to which its Part 4A permission relates. The Authority has therefore decided to cancel the Firm's Part 4A permission. The cancellation of the Firm's Part 4A permission takes effect on the date of this Notice of Decision.

13. The statutory and regulatory provisions relevant to this Notice of Decision are set out in the Annexes.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

14. This Notice of Decision is given to the Firm under paragraph 3 of Schedule 6A to the Act (variation or cancellation of Part 4A permission on initiative of FCA: additional power).

The following paragraphs are important.

Annulment of the Authority's decision

15. If the Firm is aggrieved by the decision to cancel its Part 4A permission as set out in this Notice of Decision, the Firm may make an application for an annulment of the Authority's decision under paragraph 4 of Schedule 6A to the Act.

16. The Firm must submit a completed application for an annulment of the Authority's decision to the Authority by 10 Oct 2025 and in the manner specified by the Authority.

The Tribunal

17. The Firm does not have a right to refer the decision to give this Notice of Decision to the Tribunal.

Publicity

18. The Authority intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Notice of Decision relates as the Authority considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate.

Authority Contact

19. For more information concerning this matter generally, the Firm should contact Shapla Begum (direct line: 020 020 7066 1081).

Ruth De Asha
Enforcement and Market Oversight Division

**ANNEX ON CANCELLATION OF PART 4A PERMISSION
ON INITIATIVE OF FCA: ADDITIONAL POWER**

RELEVANT STATUTORY PROVISIONS

1. The Authority's operational objectives established in section 1B of the Act include protecting and enhancing the integrity of the UK financial system and securing an appropriate degree of protection for consumers.
2. The Authority is authorised by paragraphs 1(1) and (2) of Schedule 6A to the Act to cancel an Authority-authorized person's Part 4A permission, if it appears to the Authority that the Authority-authorized person is carrying on no regulated activity to which the permission relates.
3. Paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 6A of the Act provides that the circumstances in which the Authority may form the view that an Authority-authorized person is carrying on no regulated activity include (but are not limited to) circumstances where the person fails—
 - (b) to provide such information to the Authority as is required by the Handbook.
4. The Authority must exercise its power to cancel an Authority-authorized person's Part 4A permission using its additional own initiative power in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 6A to the Act.

RELEVANT HANDBOOK PROVISIONS

5. In exercising its power to cancel an Authority-authorized person's Part 4A permission, the Authority must have regard to the regulatory requirements and guidance published in the Handbook and in regulatory guides, such as EG. The main considerations relevant to the action stated in this Notice of Decision are set out below.
6. SUP 16.10.4R specifies that:
 - "(1) Within 60 business days of its accounting reference date, a firm must check the accuracy of its firm details through the relevant section of the Authority website.
 - [...]
 - (3) If any of the details are incorrect, the firm must submit the corrected firm details to the Authority using the appropriate form set out in SUP 15 Ann 3 and in accordance with SUP 16.10.4AR."
7. SUP 16.10.4AR(1) specifies that:
 - "A firm must submit any corrected firm details under SUP 16.10.4R(3) using the appropriate online systems accessible through the Authority's website."
8. SUP 16.10.4AAR, which applies where, in complying with SUP 16.10.4R(1), a firm does not need to submit corrected firm details under SUP 16.10.4R(3), specifies that:

“(2) Within 60 business days of its accounting reference date, a firm must submit a report to the Authority confirming that the firm details which it has checked under SUP 16.10.4R(1) remain accurate, using the appropriate online systems accessible through the Authority’s website.”

Guidance concerning the use of the Authority’s additional power to cancel an authorised firm’s Part 4A permission on its own initiative

9. Guidance on the use of the Authority’s power to cancel an Authority-authorised person’s Part 4A permissions on its own initiative under Schedule 6A to the Act is set out in SUP and EG.
10. EG 8.5.2A states that the Authority may cancel the Part 4A permission of a firm that is an Authority-authorised person, under Schedule 6A of the Act, if:
 - (1) it appears to the Authority that the firm is carrying on no regulated activity to which the permission relates; and
 - (2) the firm has failed to respond as directed by the Authority to notices served by the Authority to the firm under paragraph 2 of Schedule 6A.
11. EG 8.5.2A also states that Schedule 6A specifies that the Authority may form the view that a firm is carrying on no such regulated activity on the basis of its failure to provide information to the Authority, in each case as required by the Handbook.
12. SUP sets out further guidance on the Authority’s power under Schedule 6A of the Act. In particular, SUP 7.2.2AG states that the Authority may decide to cancel an Authority-authorised person’s Part 4A permission using its powers under Schedule 6A of the Act:
 - (1) if that person appears to the Authority not to be carrying on any regulated activity to which the permission relates including, without restriction, if the person has failed to:
 - (b) provide the Authority with information required under the Handbook; and
 - (2) if that person, when served by the Authority with two notices under paragraph 2 of Schedule 6A of the Act, has not:
 - (a) responded in the manner directed, in those notices or otherwise, by the Authority; nor
 - (b) taken other steps as may also be directed by the Authority;

the second of which notices will specify the effective date of the proposed cancellation.
13. SUP 7.2.2CG states that, apart from the circumstances described in SUP 7.2.2AG(1), the Authority may also form the view, under Schedule 6A of the Act, that a firm is no longer conducting any regulated activity to which its permission relates in light of, without restriction: