

# DIRECTIVES

## DIRECTIVE (EU) 2021/2261 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 15 December 2021

amending Directive 2009/65/EC as regards the use of key information documents by management companies of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 53(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee <sup>(1)</sup>,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 78 of Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(3)</sup> requires investment companies and management companies to draw up a short document containing key information about the essential characteristics of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) offered to investors ('key investor information'), so that those investors are reasonably able to understand the nature and the risks of the UCITS that is being offered to them and, consequently, to take investment decisions on an informed basis.
- (2) Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(4)</sup> requires manufacturers of packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs), before making a PRIIP available to retail investors, to draw up and publish a key information document ('KID') for that product in order to enable such retail investors to understand and compare the key features and risks of the PRIIP.
- (3) UCITS also qualify as PRIIPs, for which a KID is required pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014. Article 32(1) of that Regulation, however, exempts management companies as defined in Article 2(1), point (b), of Directive 2009/65/EC, investment companies as referred to in Article 27 of that Directive and persons advising on, or selling, units of UCITS as referred to in Article 1(2) of that Directive from the obligations laid down in that Regulation, and thus from the requirement to produce a KID, until 31 December 2021 ('the transitional arrangement').

<sup>(1)</sup> Opinion of 20 October 2021 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(2)</sup> Position of the European Parliament of 23 November 2021 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and decision of the Council of 9 December 2021.

<sup>(3)</sup> Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) (OJ L 302, 17.11.2009, p. 32).

<sup>(4)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) (OJ L 352, 9.12.2014, p. 1).

- (4) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/653 <sup>(5)</sup> supplements Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 by laying down regulatory technical standards with regard to the presentation, content and standard format of the KID, the methodology for the presentation of risk and reward and for the calculation of costs, the conditions and minimum frequency for reviewing the information contained in the KID, and the conditions for providing the KID to retail investors.
- (5) On 7 September 2021, the Commission adopted a Delegated Regulation amending the regulatory technical standards laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/653 as regards the underpinning methodology and presentation of performance scenarios, the presentation of costs and the methodology for the calculation of summary cost indicators, the presentation and content of information on past performance and the presentation of costs by PRIIPs offering a range of options for investment and alignment of the transitional arrangement for PRIIP manufacturers offering units of funds referred to in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as underlying investment options with the prolonged transitional arrangement laid down in that Article. The date of application of that Delegated Regulation is 1 July 2022, but it is important to reflect the need to give management companies, investment companies and persons advising on, or selling, units of UCITS and non-UCITS sufficient time to prepare for the end of the transitional arrangement and thus for the obligation to produce a KID.
- (6) In order to ensure that the need for sufficient time to prepare for the obligation to produce a KID is met, Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 has been amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/2259 of the European Parliament of the Council <sup>(6)</sup> to extend the transitional arrangement until 31 December 2022.
- (7) The key investor information and the KID cover essentially the same information requirements. It is therefore necessary to ensure that retail investors in PRIIPs interested in acquiring units of UCITS do not receive, from 1 January 2023, both documents for the same financial product. It should therefore be laid down that the KID is to be considered to satisfy the requirements applicable to the key investor information. In addition, for investors other than retail investors, investment companies and management companies should continue to draw up key investor information in accordance with Directive 2009/65/EC, unless they decide to draw up a KID as set out in Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014. In such cases, investment companies and management companies should not be required by competent authorities to provide the key investor information, and only the KID should be provided to those investors.
- (8) Directive 2009/65/EC should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### *Article 1*

In Directive 2009/65/EC, the following article is inserted:

#### *'Article 82a*

1. Member States shall ensure that, where an investment company or, for any of the common funds it manages, a management company draws up, provides, revises and translates a key information document which complies with the requirements for key information documents laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(\*)</sup>, competent authorities consider that key information document to satisfy the requirements applicable to key investor information set out in Articles 78 to 82 and Article 94 of this Directive.

<sup>(5)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/653 of 8 March 2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) by laying down regulatory technical standards with regard to the presentation, content, review and revision of key information documents and the conditions for fulfilling the requirement to provide such documents (OJ L 100, 12.4.2017, p. 1).

<sup>(6)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/2259 of the European Parliament of the Council of 15 December 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as regards the extension of the transitional arrangement for management companies, investment companies and persons on advising on, or selling, units of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) and non-UCITS (See page 1 of this Official Journal).

2. Member States shall ensure that competent authorities do not require an investment company or, for any of the common funds it manages, a management company to draw up key investor information in accordance with Articles 78 to 82 and Article 94 of this Directive where it draws up, provides, revises and translates a key information document which complies with the requirements for key information documents set out in Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014.

(\*) Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) (OJ L 352, 9.12.2014, p. 1).

#### *Article 2*

1. By 30 June 2022, Member States shall adopt and publish the measures necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

They shall apply those measures from 1 January 2023.

When Member States adopt those measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main measures of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

#### *Article 3*

This Directive shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

#### *Article 4*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 15 December 2021.

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*  
D. M. SASSOLI

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
A. LOGAR

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