



QFCRA SEEKS COMMENT ON PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

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The Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority (QFCRA) has published a Consultation Paper and accompanying draft rules containing miscellaneous amendments to the existing rulebooks. The proposed rules are available in full on the QFCRA website.

The amendments deal with time periods, foreign funds, classification of clients, market counterparties and customers, appointment of auditors, payment of insurance money by non-QFC intermediaries and authorised representatives, and various amendments to the Interpretation and Application Rulebook including changes to a number of definitions.

The consultation period for responses is open until 10 November 2009.

The Consultation Paper, draft rules and details for the submission of comments can be found on the QFCRA website at:

http://www.qfcra.com/publication/Consultation_Papers.php

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About the QFC Regulatory Authority

The QFC Regulatory Authority is an independent regulatory body established by Article 8 of the QFC Law. It regulates firms that conduct financial services in or from the QFC. It has a broad range of regulatory powers to authorise, supervise and, when necessary, discipline firms and individuals. The QFC Regulatory Authority regulates firms using principle-based legislation of international standard, modeled closely on that used in London and other major financial centres. Further details are available on the website, www.qfcra.com

About the Qatar Financial Centre

The Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) is a financial and business centre established by the Government of Qatar and located in Doha. It has been designed to attract international financial services institutions and major multi-national corporations and to encourage participation in the growing market for financial services in Qatar and elsewhere in the region. The QFC operates to international standards and provides a first class legal and business infrastructure for those doing business within the QFC. The QFC was created by QFC Law No.(7) of Qatar and has been open for business since 1 May 2005.

About the QFC Authority

The QFC Authority is the commercial, administrative and legislative body responsible for driving the commercial strategy of the QFC and for developing relationships with the global corporate community and other key institutions both within and outside of Qatar. More information on the QFC Authority is available at www.qfc.com.qa

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