

SHORT SELLING RULES SOURCEBOOK (ADMINISTRATION) INSTRUMENT 2026

Powers exercised

- A. The Financial Conduct Authority (“the FCA”) makes this instrument in the exercise of the following powers and related provisions in or under:
- (1) the following sections of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“the Act”):
 - (a) section 137A (The FCA’s general rules); and
 - (b) section 137T (General supplementary powers); and
 - (2) the following provisions of the Short Selling Regulations 2025 (SI 2025/29):
 - (a) regulation 5 (FCA rules relating to short selling of admitted shares and related transactions); and
 - (b) regulation 6 (FCA rules requiring notification of a significant net short position in the issued share capital of a company).
- B. The rule-making powers listed above are specified for the purpose of section 138G(2) (Rule-making instruments) of the Act.

Commencement

- C. This instrument comes into force on 13 July 2026, except for Part 2 of Annex A, which comes into force on 1 January 2027.

Amendments to the Handbook

- D. The Glossary of definitions is amended in accordance with Annex A to this instrument.
- E. The Short Selling Rules sourcebook (SSR) is amended in accordance with Annex B to this instrument.

Notes

- F. In Annexes to this instrument, the notes (indicated by “*Editor’s note:*”) are included for the convenience of readers but do not form part of the legislative text.

Citation

- G. This instrument may be cited as the Short Selling Rules Sourcebook (Administration) Instrument 2026.

By order of the Board
28 May 2026

Annex A

Amendments to the Glossary of definitions

In this Annex, underling indicates new text and striking through indicates deleted text, unless otherwise stated.

Part 1: Comes into force on 13 July 2026

[*Editor's note:* further amendments to the definition of 'market maker' take place on 1 January 2027. See FCA 2025/61.]

market maker (1) (except in ~~COBS~~2, ~~and DTR~~ and SSR) (in relation to an *investment*) a *person* who (otherwise than in ~~his~~ their capacity as the *operator* of a *regulated collective investment scheme*) holds ~~himself~~ themselves out as able and willing to enter into transactions of sale and purchase in *investments* of that description at prices determined by ~~him~~ them generally and continuously rather than in respect of each particular transaction.

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net short position (1) (except in *IPRU(INV)* 13 and SSR) a net short position which gives rise to an economic exposure to the issued *share* capital of a company. Any calculation of whether a *person* has a short position must take account of any form of economic interest in the *shares* of the company.

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[*Editor's note:* The following text takes account of and consolidates the amendments to this definition set out in FCA 2025/55 and FCA 2026/16. FCA 2026/16 did not take into account the amendments to the definition made by FCA 2025/55. Amendments to the definition beyond what was set out in those instruments are shown using strikethrough and underlining.]

trading venue (1) (except in SSR and MAR 11A) a *regulated market*, an *EU regulated market*, an *MTF* or an *OTF*.

(2) (in *SSR*) in accordance with article 2(1)(16) of *MiFIR*, a regulated market as defined in article 2(1)(13) of *MiFIR*, a multilateral trading facility as defined in article 2(1)(14) of *MiFIR* or an organised trading facility as defined in article 2(1)(15) of *MiFIR*.

(3) (in *MAR* 11A) a *UK RIE*, an *EU regulated market*, a third country trading venue that performs a similar function to a *UK RIE*, an *MTF* or an *OTF*.

Part 2: Comes into force on 1 January 2027

[*Editor's note:* The following text takes account of and consolidates the amendments to this definition set out in FCA 2025/55, FCA 2025/61 and FCA 2026/16. FCA 2026/16 did not take into account the amendments made by FCA 2025/55 or the amendments to the definition made by FCA 2025/61 which come into force on 1 January 2027.]

Replace the definition of 'trading venue' with the following. The text is not underlined.

- trading venue*
- (1) (except in *SSR*, *MAR 10A* and *MAR 11A*) a *regulated market*, an *EU regulated market*, an *MTF* or an *OTF*.
 - (2) (in *SSR*) in accordance with article 2(1)(16) of *MiFIR*, a regulated market as defined in article 2(1)(13) of *MiFIR*, a multilateral trading facility as defined in article 2(1)(14) of *MiFIR* or an organised trading facility as defined in article 2(1)(15) of *MiFIR*.
 - (3) (in *MAR 10A* and *MAR 11A*) a *UK RIE*, an *EU regulated market*, a third country trading venue that performs a similar function to a *UK RIE*, an *MTF* or an *OTF*.

Annex B

Amendments to the Short Selling Rules Sourcebook (SSR)

In this Annex, underlining indicates new text and striking through indicates deleted text.

2 **Position reporting**

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2.9 **Timing for the calculation of a net short position**

2.9.1 R A *person* must calculate their *net short position* as it is held at midnight on the *working day* on which the *person* holds the relevant position, accounting for:

- (1) all transactions that occurred ~~on that~~ since the last working day, irrespective of whether the transactions have taken place during normal trading hours; and

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TP 1 **Transitional provisions: position reporting**

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Notifying the FCA when a net short position is established immediately before 13 July 2026

TP 1.3 R Where a *person* established a *net short position* in the *issued share capital* of a *company* with *admitted shares* on the ~~day~~ working day immediately before 13 July 2026, that *net short position* must be notified to the *FCA*, for the purposes of *SSR 2.3.1R*, *SSR 2.16.2R*, *SSR 2.16.3R* or *SSR 2.16.5R*, as appropriate, and in accordance with *SSR 2.7.1R*, by 23:59 on 13 July 2026 notwithstanding that the position is established under predecessor legislation.