

The new administrative sanctions regime

Course outline

With the transposition of UCITS V into Luxembourg law, significant changes were made to the administrative sanctions regime applying to breaches of the law by funds, their management companies, their service providers and the respective management teams. The list of wrongdoings potentially giving rise to sanctions has been extended and the types of sanctions revisited so as to inflict harm on potential offenders and deter them from committing the same breaches. Reinforced prevention can avert exposure to a sanctions procedure. Should such a procedure be nevertheless launched against you, certain steps need to be undertaken to avoid or reduce as far as possible the sanctions imposed on you and your organisation.

This 3-hour course gives you more insight into the possible infractions under funds laws as well as the organisations and functions which could be subject to a sanctions procedure. It also details the timeline and steps of a regulatory investigation and provides an analysis of the various processes which can trigger a regulatory investigation giving rise to a sanctions procedure. In addition, the course also maps out the process for responding to the regulator in the context of an administrative procedure as well as the various remedies and options available in the case of such a procedure, including various forms of appeal that can be made against an administrative decision.

Course objectives

- Identify possible infractions under the funds law as well as potential offenders;
- Understand the types of sanctions that can be applied by the regulatory authority;
- Understand the timeline and steps of a regulatory investigation;
- Understand potential causes and triggers for a regulatory investigation potentially giving rise to administrative sanctions;
- Identify appropriate answers to the regulator's questions and requests as well as a list of do's and don'ts in the context of a regulatory investigation;
- Identify key points for a crisis management plan;
- Identify forms of appeal against a decision to sanction an entity or an individual.

Target audience

- Directors and managers of funds, management companies, AIFMs and fund service providers including depositaries
- Compliance officers
- Internal legal advisers
- Lawyers

Our experts



Isabelle LEBBE is a Partner in the Investment Management practice of Arendt & Medernach where she specialises in a wide range of investment funds with a focus on regulated funds.

She advises clients on the corporate, regulatory and tax aspects of the creation, marketing and operation of investment funds and management entities.

Isabelle also works with her colleagues in the litigation team on regulatory complaints and judicial proceedings involving regulated funds or their service providers.

She has been a member of the Luxembourg Bar since 1999.

Isabelle is a regular conference speaker. She is a chairman or member of a number of committees and sub-committees established by the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI) and by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF), the regulatory authority of the financial sector in Luxembourg.

She is the co-author of a book entitled *Collective Investment Schemes in Luxembourg: Law and Practice* (Oxford University Press, 2nd edition, 2014), which first came out in French and was subsequently updated (*Les organismes de placement collectif en droit luxembourgeois*, Larcier, Brussels, 3rd edition, 2014).

Isabelle Lebbe holds a Master's degree in law from the Université de Liège (Belgium).

Programme

14.30	<i>Registration & welcome coffee</i>
14.45	Welcome and Introductions
	Possible infractions and sanctions
	Time line of a regulatory investigation
16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Understand the context of a regulatory investigation – Design of an appropriate answer and crisis management
	Existing litigation procedures and options
18.00	<i>Closing of the course</i>

Practical Information

DATE AND TIME

Wednesday, 7 February 2017
From 14.30 to 18.00

VENUE

Chambre de Commerce
7, rue Alcide de Gasperi
L-2981 Luxembourg
(Parking available at your own expense)

REGISTRATION FEES

- 215.00 € for ILA members (+ VAT 3%)
- 275.00 € for non-members (+ VAT 3%).

The fee covers tuition, handouts, coffee break and lunch.

ILA is authorized as a provider of continuing vocational training by the Ministry of Education (agreement dated 11 October 2011). Fees are eligible for State co-financing.

LANGUAGE

The course is conducted in English.

REGISTRATION

Registration available online via www.ila.lu. A confirmation email will be sent to the participant together with the invoice.

PAYMENT

Payment of the invoice is due upon receipt.

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In case of cancellation received less than 5 working days prior to the event, 100% fee remains due.

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