



The Investors
Compensation
Scheme

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Compensation Scheme Declares Eight Firms in Default

The Investors Compensation Scheme Limited (ICS) made its final eight declarations of default at the end of November.

The ICS, which provided a valuable 'safety net' for consumers who had claims against regulated firms, was replaced by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), on the 1st December 2001. The declaration of default - which will now be handled by FSCS - is the final part of a process whereby a regulated firm (usually an independent financial adviser) has been deemed unable to pay claims for compensation because it has insufficient assets, for example, when a company ceases trading or goes into liquidation.

Declaring investment firms in default opens the way for anyone who has lost money, as a result of dealings with these firms, to make a claim for compensation. The limit for investment compensation is £48,000.

A list of the eight firms declared in default is attached. Clients who have had dealings with any of these firms, and believe they may have lost money as a result, should contact the Helpline on: 020 7892 7300.

FSCS is the new one-stop scheme covering investments, savings and bank deposits, and became responsible for paying compensation for investment business (previously handled by the Investors Compensation Scheme) from 1 February 2001.

Eight compensation schemes were replaced by the FSCS from midnight on 30th November 2001, when the Financial Services and Markets Act came into force. In addition to the Investors Compensation Scheme and Deposit Protection Scheme they were: Building Societies Investor Protection Scheme, the Friendly Societies Protection Scheme, Policyholders Protection Scheme, the PIA Indemnity Scheme, the Section 43 Scheme, and the ABI voluntary arrangement for widows, widowers and dependents of deceased persons (pension review).

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ICS DEFAULT DECLARATIONS

South England

G N Bishop Financial Services Limited - Halden House, High Halden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3BT

East England

Glenny Financial Services Limited – 2nd Floor, 138 South Street, Romford, Essex RM1 1TE (not Glenny (Financial Services) Limited of 56 Longbridge Road, Barking, Essex IG11 8RW)

Sellnote Limited trading as Rush Green Insurance Services – 178 Rush Green Road, Rush Green, Romford, Essex RM7 0JU

Spalding Insurance Services (Life Pensions & Investment) – 15 Surfleet Road, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 4AG

Sweet Life and Mortgage Limited (In Liquidation) – 2 Earls Hall Parade, Victoria Avenue, Southend-On-Sea, Essex SS2 6NW

West England

Malachy John O’Neill (deceased) – 61 Wynyards Close, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 5QZ

Melville & Co (Newbury) Limited (formerly Melville J Burbage & Associates (Life & Pensions) Limited) – 31 Bartholomew Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5LL

Midlands

Kevin Carroll (Inter-National) Insurance Broker (formerly trading as Kevin Carroll International Insurance Broker & Financial Adviser) – Stainbeck House, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 3PR