

Bulletin 2016-12

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Revised AUC Rule 001: *Rules of Practice* reflecting changes to Section 13

The Commission has revised and approved changes to Rule 001: *Rules of Practice* incorporating an update to Section 13 which now sets out a standard form for confidential undertakings and includes a statutory declaration for the treatment and destruction of confidential information. This amendment reflects the input received from stakeholders and is effective as of May 1, 2016.

The Commission thanks stakeholders for their participation in the process to review changes to Rule 001 that was initiated on March 24, 2016, when the AUC issued Bulletin 2016-06 inviting stakeholders to participate in a consultation process. The AUC asked for feedback so that it could standardize the process for the treatment of confidential undertakings and to set out a statutory declaration for the treatment and destruction of confidential information. Stakeholders provided written comments on April 15, 2016, and a consultation meeting was held on April 26, 2016.

At the April 26, 2016 meeting, Commission staff described how a motion requesting confidentiality will be managed by the AUC under the updated Section 13. When a request for confidential treatment of information is filed, the requesting party must provide the AUC with one confidential, unredacted copy of the document that includes the information for which confidentiality is requested. The unredacted document must, unless otherwise directed by the Commission, be filed by locating it on a USB stick or other media device, rather than a hard copy. The revised procedure detailed in Section 13 of Rule 001: *Rules of Practice*, is effective immediately and applies to proceedings that are in progress.

The Commission has also amended Section 19 of Rule 001 to correct a reference error.

This bulletin along with the final rule and AUC responses to stakeholder comments will be posted on the AUC website under the Rule Development Section, on the Rule 001 - Confidential undertakings page.

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