

25 May 2022

Member severely reprimanded*

On 19 May 2022, the Consent Order Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member Mrs Rebekah Haywood from Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom:

Allegations

Mrs Rebekah Haywood, a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ('ACCA') and the Money Laundering Reporting Officer and principal of Dashwood Accountants Ltd ("the Firm"):

Allegation 1

On dates between 01 February 2019 and 11 November 2021, failed on behalf of the Firm, to comply with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 ("the MLRs") namely:

Regulation 18 - Risk assessment by relevant persons: Firm-wide risk assessment,

Regulation 19 - Policies, controls and procedures: AML policy and procedures, Escalation/Internal SAR,

Regulation 21 – Internal controls: MLRO, MCLP, Escalation/Internal SAR; and

Regulation 33-36 – Enhanced customer due diligence: Identifying client risk, EDD.

Allegation 2

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By reason of the conduct set out in Allegation 1, Mrs Rebekah Haywood failed to comply with Section B2 (Anti-Money Laundering) of ACCA's Code of Ethics and Conduct and the Fundamental Principle of Professional Behaviour (as applicable from 2018 to 2021).

Allegation 3

By reason of the conduct set out at allegations 1 and 2 above, Mrs Rebekah Haywood is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mrs Rebekah Haywood be severely reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £727.50 and fined £3000.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Chair's finding and orders by way of a press release, as soon as practicable.

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