

# News release

## 12 September 2022

### Member Severely reprimanded\*

On O2 September 2022 the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member, Mr Stephen Derek Humphreys from Southampton, United Kingdom:

Allegation 1

From 26 June 2017 to 07 January 2022, Mr Stephen Derek Humphreys failed on behalf of the Firms to comply with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 in that he:

- (a) did not conduct a firm-wide risk assessment to identify and assess the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing to which his Firms are subject, contrary to Regulation 18; and
- (b) did not take appropriate measures, with records, to ensure that the Firms' employees were regularly given training in how to recognise and deal with transactions and other activities or situations which may be related to money laundering or terrorist financing, contrary to Regulation 24.

Allegation 2

By reason of the conduct set out in Allegation 1, Mr Stephen Derek Humphreys failed to comply with Section B2 of ACCA's Code of Ethics and Conduct (Anti-Money Laundering) and the Fundamental Principle of Professional Behaviour (as applicable from 2017 to 2022).

# Allegation 3

By reason of the conduct set out at Allegations 1 and 2 above, Mr Stephen Derek Humphreys is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mr Humphreys be severely reprimanded, and pay costs to ACCA in the sum  $\pounds750$  and a fine of  $\pounds5,000$ .

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

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