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## M.7414 - REASSURE / HSBC LIFE UK

## **SECTION 1.2**

## **Description of the concentration**

- 1.1 This notification relates to the acquisition of sole control by ReAssure Limited ("ReAssure") of the UK pensions business of HSBC Life (UK) Limited. The business being acquired comprises various UK personal pension schemes, some executive pension plans and individual buy-out policies together with an associated annuity book and certain other assets, liabilities and employees necessary for the portfolio's underwriting, management and administration.
- 1.2 ReAssure is an indirect subsidiary of Swiss Re Ltd (the holding company of the Swiss Re group of companies (the "Swiss Re Group") and is part of the group's Admin Re business unit. Admin Re is a life and pensions consolidator, whose primary activity is to acquire and manage closed (i.e., no longer open to new business) books of life insurance business. ReAssure is a direct subsidiary of Admin Re UK Limited. The Swiss Re Group is a leading wholesale provider of reinsurance, insurance and other insurance-based forms of risk transfer for both life and non-life products.
- 1.3 HSBC Life (UK) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC Bank plc and provides a range of protection, pensions and investment products in the UK. HSBC is a global banking and financial services organisation.