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ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT MODEL

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SECTION ONE

LEGISLATIVE DECREE JUNE 8, 2001, No. 231

1. ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY OF ENTITIES

1.1 Legal Framework Governing the Administrative Liability of Legal Entities, Companies and Associations

Legislative Decree No. 231 of June 8, 2001, implementing in part Delegation Law No. 300 of September 29, 2000, introduced for the first time into the Italian legal system and governs the administrative liability of legal entities, companies and associations, including those that lack legal recognition (entities).

Specifically, Law No. 300 of 2000, which, among other matters, ratifies the Convention on the Protection of the European Communities' Financial Interests of July 26, 1995, the E.U. Anti-Corruption Convention of May 26, 1997 and the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions of September 17, 1997, complies with the requirements of the abovementioned international documents. In this respect, the E.U. documents are especially significant because they require the establishment of paradigms of liability for legal entities and a corresponding system of penalties for criminal corporate conduct.

Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 should thus be viewed within the context of an effort to implement international obligations and, consistent with the legislative systems in effect in many European countries, established the

liability of companies, which are viewed "as independent centers of interests

and legally binding relationships, reference points for various types of rules

and matrices of the decisions and activities of the parties who operate in their

name, on their behalf or otherwise in their interest".1.

The establishment of the administrative liability of companies is grounded in

the empirical observation that, frequently, the unlawful conduct that may

occur within a company, far from being the personal initiative of an

individual, is consistent with a pervasive corporate policy and reflects

decisions by the company's top management.

The decision to enact this legislation also reflects the belief that there are

crimes that are more easily carried out, or can have more serious

consequences, when they involve the improper and distorted use of corporate

organizations.

The liability in question is of the criminal-administrative type because, while

it produces administrative penalties, it originates from a crime and can be

punished only if the rights that are guaranteed in criminal proceedings are

provided.

Specifically, Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 establishes a well-constructed

system of penalties that ranges from mild fines to severe interdictive

penalties, including the "capital" penalty of interdiction from continuing to

operate.

The administrative sanction for the company can only be applied by the

criminal court in the guarantor context of the criminal trial if all the objective

and subjective requirements laid down by the legislator are met: the

¹ As stated by the "Grosso Commission" in its report on the preliminary project to reform the Penal Code.

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commission of a specific offence, in the interest or to the advantage of the

company, by qualified persons (senior or subordinate).

Entities are also liable for crimes committed abroad, unless they are

prosecuted by the government of the country where the crime was committed

and provided the specific conditions set forth in Article 4 of Legislative

Decree No. 231/2001.

Administrative liability attaches where a crime has been committed in the

interest or for the benefit of an entity. These are two independent, alternative

requirements, as confirmed by the disjunctive "or". In fact, case law is now

uniform in holding that "the reference to the interest of the entity emphasizes a

subjective view of the unlawful conduct engaged in by the natural person to be

appreciated on an ex ante basis, due to an undue gain imagined, but not

necessarily achieved, as a consequence of the crime; the reference to the

benefit instead emphasizes an objective fact that always requires ex post

verification as to its objective achievement following the commission of the

predicate crime, even where not planned in advance"².

These are thus legally distinct concepts, since it is quite possible for crimes to

be committed by the perpetrator to benefit the entity (and thus in the entity's

interest) while in fact not achieving this result, just as it is possible for crimes

to be committed in pursuit of a personal interest of the perpetrator, while also

allowing the entity to obtain a benefit. In both cases, the legal entity may be

charged with an administrative offense.

The concepts of interest and benefit for the entity have then been adapted in a

peculiar way in case law to negligent predicate crimes, above all for crimes

relating to occupational accident prevention, but also some cases of

environmental offenses. The relevant case law has in fact come to hold that

² Cass., Sect. II, September 29, 2016, no. 52316. Conf. Cass., Sect. IV, May 23, 2018, no. 38363.

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interest and benefit in such cases must be assessed with regard to the conduct

of the actor and not of the crime event, i.e. (in the hypothetical case) of an

accident suffered by a worker. The jurisprudence establishes that "there is an

interest of the entity where the failure to prepare safety systems results in a cost

savings, whereas the benefit requirement is met if failure to comply with

precautionary rules enables increased productivity or even merely a reduction

in working times"3.

As for the parties committing the crime, Article 5 of Legislative Decree No.

231/2001 states that an entity is liable when a crime is committed by:

a) "individuals who act as representatives of or perform administrative

or management functions for an entity or one of its organizational

units that is financially or functionally independent and individuals

who exercise legal or de facto management or control over said

entity or organizational unit" (so-called top management);

b) "individuals who are under the management or supervision of the

parties referred to in Letter a) above" (so-called subordinates).

For the purpose of establishing the liability of an entity, in addition to the

abovementioned requirements for objectively attributing a crime to an entity,

the law also demands the guilt of the entity be ascertained. This subjective

requirement is identified as organizational guilt, which is a violation of

adequate diligence rules voluntarily adopted by the entity specifically to

prevent the risk of the occurrence of a crime.

1.2 Crimes that Cause an Entity to Incur Administrative Liability

³ Cass., Sect. IV, April 29, 2019, no. 43656. Conf. (to cite merely the most recent rulings) Id., November 27, 2019, no. 49775.

7, 2019, 110. 19775.

The crimes that can cause an entity to incur an administrative liability are expressly set forth in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 and in other statutes referenced by Legislative Decree No. 231/2001. They are: crimes against the Public Administration (Article 25) and against property (Article 24); computer crimes (Article 24 bis); crimes involving the counterfeiting of currency, public credit instruments, tax stamps and identification tools or marks (Article 25 bis); crimes against industry and commerce (Article 25 bis.1); crimes by criminal organizations (Article 24 ter); corporate crimes (Article 25 ter); crimes committed in the pursuit of terrorism or subversion of the democratic order (Article 25 quater); crimes committed while engaging in practices involving the mutilation of female genitalia (Article 25 quater. 1); crimes against individuals (Article 25 quinquies); crimes of market abuse (Article 25 sexies); a series of crimes (from criminal conspiracy to drug trafficking and to certain cases of obstruction to justice) upon condition that they are committed by criminal organizations operating on an international scale (so-called transnational crimes); negligent manslaughter and negligent extremely serious injury and serious injury caused by violation of occupational safety laws (Article 25 septies); receiving stolen property and laundering and use of money, assets or benefits of unlawful origin, as well as self-laundering (Article 25 octies); crimes relating to non-cash payment instruments (Article 25 octies. 1); crimes involving the violation of copyrights (Article 25 novies); crimes that involve inducing other parties not to provide statements or provide false statements to the judicial authorities (Article 25 decies); environmental crimes (Article 25 undecies); crime of employing citizens of foreign countries with irregular resident status (Article 25 duodecies); crimes of racism and xenophobia (Article 25 terdecies); fraud in sports competition, unlawful gaming or betting or gambling exercised through any prohibited equipment (Article 25 quaterdecies); tax offences (Article 25 quinquiesdecies); smuggling (Article 25 sexiesdecies) and offences against the cultural and landscape heritage (Articles 25 septies decies and 25 duodevicies).

Legislative Decree No. 231/01 initially covered only the crimes addressed by the provisions of Articles 24 and 25, but subsequent legislation significantly expanded the number of crimes to which the Decree applies. An enumeration of the crimes currently listed in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 as sources of administrative liability for entities is provided below:

- 1) Crimes against the Public Administration and the property of the Public Administration (Articles 24 and 25 of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001):
- Embezzlement of public grants (Article 316 bis of the Penal Code);
- Unlawful collection of public grants (Article 316 ter of the Penal Code);
- Fraud in public supplies (Article 356 of the Penal Code);
- Fraud injuring the government or other public entity (Article 640, Section 2, No. 1, of the Penal Code);
- Aggravated fraud to obtain the disbursement of public funds (Article 640 *bis* of the Penal Code);
- Computer fraud (Article 640 *ter* of the Penal Code);
- Fraud in agriculture (Article 2 of Law No. 898 of 1986);
- where committed injuring the government or another public entity or the European Union; Extortion (Article 317 of the Penal Code);
- Corruption (Articles 318, 319, 319 *bis*, 320, 321 and 322 *bis* of the Penal Code);
- Corruption in judicial acts (Article 319 ter of the Penal Code);
- Unlawful inducement to give or promise benefits (Article 319 *quater* of the Penal Code);
- Facilitating corruption (Article 322 of the Penal Code);
- Illicit traffic of influence (Article 346 *bis* of the Penal Code); and:
- Embezzlement by a public official (Articles 314, Section 1, and 316 of the Penal Code);
- Abuse of office (Article 323 of the Penal Code);

with respect to the latter two offenses, only the fact offends the financial interests of the European Union.

2) **Computer crimes** (Article 24 *bis*):

- Fraud in computer documents (Article 491 bis of the Penal Code);
- Unauthorized access to information or online systems (Article 615 ter of the Penal Code);
- Illegal possession, distribution and installation of equipment and other means of access to computer or telecommunications systems (Article 615 *quarter* of the Penal Code);
- Illegal possession, distribution and installation of equipment, devices or computer software designed to damage or disrupt information or online systems (Article 615 *quinquies* of the Penal Code);
- Unlawful interception, disruption or interruption of communications on information or online systems (Article 617 *quater* of the Penal Code);
- Illegal possession, distribution and installation of equipment and other means of intercepting, impeding or interrupting computer or electronic communications (Article 617 *quinquies* of the Penal Code);
- Damaging of information, data or software on information systems
 (Article 635 bis of the Penal Code);
- Damaging of information, data or software on information systems used by the government, another public entity or otherwise used for the public good (Article 635 *ter* of the Penal Code);
- Damaging of information or online systems (Article 635 quater of the Penal Code);
- Damaging of information or online systems used for the public good (Article 635 quinquies of the Penal Code);
- Computer fraud by the party who provides electronic signature certification services (Article 640 *quinquies* of the Penal Code).

3) Crimes by criminal organizations (Article 24 ter):

- Criminal conspiracy aimed at enslaving people or keeping them enslaved, engaging in the slave trade, buying and selling slaves, and violation of the provisions concerning illegal immigration set forth in Article 12 of Legislative Decree No. 286/1998 (Article 416, Section 6, of the Penal Code);
- Criminal conspiracy aimed at committing crimes of child prostitution, child pornography, possession of pornographic material, virtual pornography, tourism initiatives aimed at exploiting child prostitution, rape, sexual activities with minors, corruption of minors, gang rape and solicitation of minors, when such offences are committed to the detriment of minors (Article 416, Section 7, of the Penal Code);
- Mafia-type conspiracy (Article 416 bis of the Penal Code);
- Political and mafia-related election dealings (Article 416 *ter* of the Penal Code);
- Kidnapping for extortion purposes (Article 630 of the Penal Code);
- Crimes committed by exploiting the conditions provided in Article 416
 bis or for the purpose of facilitating the activities of associations established pursuant to the abovementioned article;
- Criminal conspiracy aimed at the distribution of narcotics or psychotropic substances (Article 74 of the Unified Code referred to in Presidential Decree No. 309 of October 9, 1990);
- Criminal conspiracy (Article 416 of the Penal Code, except for Section 6);
- Crimes that involve producing and trafficking in weapons of war, explosives and clandestine weapons (as set forth in Article 407, Section 2, Letter a), No. 5), of the Penal Procedure Code).
- 4) Crimes involving the counterfeiting of currency, public credit instruments, tax stamps and identification tools or marks (Article 25 bis):

- Counterfeiting currency and spending and introducing counterfeit currency in the country as part of a conspiracy (Article 453 of the Penal Code);
- Forging currency (Article 454 of the Penal Code);
- Counterfeiting watermarked paper used to print public credit instruments and tax stamps (Article 460 of the Penal Code);
- Manufacturing or possession of watermarked paper for the purpose of counterfeiting currency, public credit instruments, tax stamps or watermarked paper (Article 461 of the Penal Code);
- Spending and introducing counterfeit currency in the country absent a conspiracy (Article 455 of the Penal Code);
- Spending of counterfeit currency received in good faith (Article 457 of the Penal Code);
- Using counterfeit or altered tax stamps (Article 464, Sections 1 and 2, of the Penal Code);
- Counterfeiting, introducing into the country, purchasing, possessing or circulating counterfeit tax stamps (Article 459 of the Penal Code);
- Counterfeiting, altering or using distinguishing marks identifying intellectual property or industrial products (Article 473 of the Penal Code);
- Introducing into the country and trading in products with counterfeit marks (Article 474 of the Penal Code).
- 5) Crimes against industry and commerce (Article 25 bis. 1):
- Tampering with the free exercise of industry and commerce (Article 513 of the Penal Code);
- Unlawful competition using threats or violence (Article 513 *bis* of the Penal Code);
- Fraud against national industries (Article 514 of the Penal Code);
- Fraud in the exercise of commerce (Article 515 of the Penal Code);

- Sale of non-genuine food products as genuine products (Article 516 of the Penal Code);
- Sale of industrial products with deceptive marks (Article 517 of the Penal Code);
- Production and distribution of goods manufactured unlawfully exploiting intellectually property rights (Article 517 *ter* of the Penal Code);
- Counterfeiting geographic designation or origin denomination marks of food products (Article 517 *quater* of the Penal Code).

6) Corporate crimes (Article 25 ter):

- False corporate communications (Articles 2621 and 2621 *bis* of the Civil Code);
- False corporate communications of listed companies (Article 2622 of the Civil Code);
- Control obstruction (Article 2625, Section 2, of the Civil Code);
- Fictitious capital formation (Article 2632 of the Civil Code);
- Unlawful repayment of capital contributions (Article 2626 of the Civil Code);
- Unlawful distribution of earnings and reserves (Article 2627 of the Civil Code);
- Unlawful transactions involving shares or capital interests of the company or its parent company (Article 2628 of the Civil Code);
- Transactions that cause injury to creditors (Article 2629 of the Civil Code);
- Unlawful allocation of company assets by liquidators (Article 2633 of the Civil Code);
- Unlawful influence over the Shareholders' Meeting (Article 2636 of the Civil Code);
- Stock manipulation (Article 2637 of the Civil Code);

- Failure to disclose a conflict of interest (Article 2629 *bis* of the Civil Code);
- Obstructing the activities of public regulatory authorities (Article 2638, Sections 1 and 2, of the Civil Code);
- Corruption in transactions between private parties (Article 2635, Section 3, of the Civil Code);
- Incitement to corruption between private parties (Article 2635 *bis* of the Civil Code).
- 7) Crimes committed in the pursuit of terrorism or subversion of the democratic order (Article 25 *quater*).
- 8) Crimes committed while engaging in practices involving the mutilation of female genitalia (Article 25 quarter 1).
- 9) Crimes against individuals (Article 25 quinquies):
- Enslavement or maintaining in slavery or servitude (Article 600 of the Penal Code);
- Person trafficking (Article 601 of the Penal Code);
- Engaging in the slave trade (Article 602 of the Penal Code);
- Unlawful intermediation and exploitation of workers (Article 603 *bis* of the Penal Code);
- Child prostitution (Article 600 bis, Sections 1 and 2, of the Penal Code);
- Child pornography (Article 600 *ter* of the Penal Code);
- Tourism initiatives aimed at exploiting child prostitution (Article 600 *quinquies* of the Penal Code);
- Possession of or access to pornographic material (Article 600 *quater* of the Penal Code);
- Virtual pornography (Article 600-quater. 1);
- Solicitation of minors (Article 609 *undecies* of the Penal Code).

10) Crimes involving market abuse (Article 25 sexies):

- Abuse or unlawful disclosure of inside information. Recommending or inducing others to abuse inside information (Article 184 of the TUF Leg. Dec. No. 58 of February 24, 1998);
- Market manipulation (Article 185 TUF Leg. Dec. No. 58 of February 24, 1998).

11) Crimes concerning occupational health and safety committed in violation of occupational health and safety laws (Article 25 septies):

- Negligent manslaughter (Article 589 of the Penal Code);
- Negligent serious injury and extremely serious injury (Article 590, Section 3 of the Penal Code).

12) Receiving stolen property and laundering and use of assets of unlawful origin, as well as self-laundering (Article 25 octies):

- Receiving stolen property (Article 648 of the Penal Code);
- Money laundering (Article 648 bis of the Penal Code);
- Use of money, assets or benefits of unlawful origin (Article 648 *ter* of the Penal Code);
- Self-money laundering (Article 648 *ter*-1 of the Penal Code).

13) Crimes relating to non-cash payment instruments (Article 25 octies. 1):

- Misuse and falsification of non-cash payment instruments (Article 493 ter of the Penal Code);
- Possession and dissemination of computer equipment or programs aimed at committing offences involving non-cash payment instruments (Article 493 *quater* of the Penal Code);
- Computer fraud (Article 640 ter of the Penal Code) in the hypothesis aggravated by the carrying out of a transfer of money, monetary value or virtual currency;

 Any other offence against public faith, against property or otherwise offending against property provided for in the Penal Code, when it relates to non-cash payment instruments.

14) Transnational crimes (Law No. 146 of March 16, 2006):

- Criminal conspiracy;
- Mafia-type conspiracy;
- Conspiracy to smuggle foreign processed tobacco products;
- Conspiracy to traffic in narcotics;
- Trafficking in migrants;
- Inducement to give false statements to the judicial authorities;
- Personal aiding and abetting.

It is important to note that for the crimes listed in section 13 above, the entity's liability arises only if they are transnational. A crime is transactional when it is committed by an organized criminal group and the following conditions are met:

- the crime was committed in more than one country;
- the crime was committed in one country, but part of its preparation, planning, management or control occurred in another country;
- the crime was committed in one country, but it required the involvement of an organized criminal group engaged in criminal activities in multiple countries;
- the crime was committed in one country, but it had substantial effects in another country.
- If these requirements are not met, the penalties for committing the abovementioned crimes will be imposed only on the individuals who committed them.
- 15) Crimes involving the violation of copyrights (Article 25 *novies*), as set forth in Article 171, Section 1, Letter a) *bis*, and Section 3, Article

171 bis, Article 171 ter, Article 171 septies and Article 171 octies of Law No. 633 of 1941.

16) Crimes that involve inducing other parties not to provide statements or provide false statements to the judicial authorities (Article 25 decies).

17) Environmental crimes (Article 25 undecies):

- Environmental pollution (Article 452 bis of the Penal Code);
- Environmental disaster (Article 452 *quater* of the Penal Code);
- Unintentional environmental offences (Article 452 *quinquies* of the Penal Code);
- Aggravating circumstance of crimes of association (Articles 416 and 416 bis of the Penal Code) where for the purposes of committing one of the environmental crimes provided for in the new Title VI bis of the Penal Code (Article 452 octies of the Penal Code);
- Trafficking and abandonment of highly radioactive material (Article 452 sexies of the Penal Code);
- Killing, destroying, capturing, removing, possessing specimens of protected wild animal or plant species (Article 727 bis of the Penal Code);
- Destroying or degrading habitats within protected sites (Article 733 *bis* of the Penal Code);
- Discharging industrial waste water containing hazardous substances included in the families and groups of substances listed in Tables 5 and 3/A of Annex 5, Part Three, T.U.A. (Article 137, Sections 2, 3 and 5 of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Unlawful dumping into the soil, subsoil and aquifer (Article 137, Section 11, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006, which references Articles 103 and 104 of the same Decree);

- Discharging of banned substance or materials into the sea by ships or aircrafts (Article 137, Section 13, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Collection, transportation, recycling, disposal, commerce and intermediation of waste without the required permit, registration or communication (Article 256, Section 1, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Construction or operation of an unauthorized landfill (Article 256, Section 3, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Comingling of hazardous waste (Article 256, Section 5, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Improper storage at the place of origin of hazardous medical waste (Article 256, Section 6, first sentence, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Polluting the soil, subsoil, surface bodies of water or aquifers in excess of risk threshold concentrations (Article 257, Section 1, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Pollution caused by hazardous substances in the soil, subsoil, surface bodies of water or aquifers in excess of risk threshold concentrations (Article 257, Section 2, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Violations of obligations concerning communications and upkeep of mandatory registers and standard forms (Article 258, Section 4, second sentence, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Unlawful trafficking in waste (Article 259, Section 1, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006);
- Activities organized for the purpose of unlawful trafficking in waste (Article 452 *quaterdecies*, Section 1, of the Penal Code);
- Activities organized for the purpose of unlawful trafficking in highly radioactive waste (Article 452 *quaterdecies*, Section 2, of the Penal Code);
- False information about the nature, composition and chemical-physical characteristics of waste or inclusion of a forged certificate among the

- information supplied for waste traceability purposes (Article 260 bis. Section 6, of Legislative Decree No. 152/2006)⁴;
- Use of a waste analysis certificate containing false information about the nature, composition and chemical-physical characteristic of transported waste (Article 260 bis, Section 7, second and third sentence, and Section 8, first sentence, of Legislative Decree No. 152/06)⁵;
- Fraudulent alteration of a SISTRI AREA handling form by a trucker (Article 260 bis, Section 8, of Legislative Decree No. 152/06)⁶;
- In the operation of an industrial facility, exceeding emission limits and consequently exceeding air quality limits (Article 279, Section 5, of Legislative Decree No. 152/06);
- Importing, exporting or re-exporting specimens of endangered animal or plant species (Annex A to EC Regulation No. 338/97) without the requisite certificate or license or with an invalid certificate or license or failing to comply with provisions designed to ensure the safety of the specimens (Article 1, Sections 1 and 2, of Law No. 150 of February 7, 1992);
- Importing, exporting or re-exporting specimens of endangered animal or plant species (Annexes B and C to EC Regulation No. 338/97) without the requisite certificate or license or with an invalid certificate or license or failing to comply with provisions designed to ensure the safety of the specimens (Article 2, Sections 1 and 2, of Law No. 150 of February 7, 1992);
- Forging or altering certificates, licenses, importation notifications, declarations or communications for the purpose of obtaining a license or certificate (Article 3 bis, Section 1, of Law No. 150 of February 7, 1992);

⁴ In this regard, it should be noted that Article 6 of Law No. 12 of 2019 repealed Article 260 bis of Legislative Decree No. 152 of 2006 as a result of the definitive repeal of SISTRI as of January 1, 2019. However, due to a lack of coordination by the Legislator with the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 231/01, this provision – which has in fact been repealed – is still formally present in Article 25 undecies.

⁵ Ibidem. 6 Ibidem.

- Possessing live specimens of wild mammals and reptiles and live specimen of mammals and reptiles bred in captivity (Article 6, Section 4, of Law No. 150 of February 7, 1992);
- Intentional discharge into the sea of polluting substance or spilling of such substances by ships (Article 8, Sections 1 and 2, of Legislative Decree No. 202 of November 6, 2007);
- Unintentional discharge into the sea of polluting substance or spilling of such substances by ships (Article 9, Sections 1 and 2, of Legislative Decree No. 202 of November 6, 2007).
- 18) Employing citizens of foreign countries with irregular resident status (Article 25 duodecies).
- 19) Crimes of racism and xenophobia (Article 25 terdecies).
- 20) Fraud in sports competition, unlawful gaming or betting or gambling exercised through prohibited equipment (Article 25 quaterdecies).
- 21) Tax crimes (Article 25 quinquies decies):
- Fraudulent return based on invoices or other documents for non-existent transactions (Article 2, Sections 1 and 2 *bis*, of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);
- Fraudulent return based on other contrivances (Article 3 of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);
- Issue of invoices or other documents for non-existent transactions (Article 8, Sections 1 and 2 *bis*, of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);
- Concealment or destruction of accounting documents (Article 10, Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);
- Fraudulent avoidance of the payment of taxes (Article 11 of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);

and:

- Inaccurate return (Article 4 of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);
- Failure to file a return (Article 5 of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);
- Undue offsetting (Article 10 *quater* of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000);

with respect to the latter three offences only if committed for the purpose of evading value added tax within the framework of cross-border fraudulent schemes connected to the territory of at least one other European Union Member State, from which a total loss of ten million euros or more results or is likely to result.

- 22) **Smuggling** (Article 25 *sexiesdecies*): crimes provided for in Presidential Decree No. 43/1973.
- **23)** Crimes relating to cultural and landscape heritage (Articles 25 *septiesdecies* and 25 *duodevicies*):
 - Article 518 bis: theft of cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 ter: misappropriation of cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 *quater*: receiving of cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 sexies: laundering of cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 octies: forgery of private deed relating to cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 *novies*: violations concerning the disposal of cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 decies: unlawful importation of cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 *undecies*: unlawful removal or export of cultural heritage;
 - Article 518 duodecies: destruction, dispersal, deterioration, defacement, soiling and unlawful use of cultural or landscape heritage;
 - Article 518 *terdecies*: devastation and looting of cultural and landscape heritage;
 - Article 518 quaterdecies: counterfeiting of works of art.

1.3 Exemption from liability: the Organization and Management Model

The Organization and Control Model is a tool to manage the specific risk that

certain crimes will be committed (as per the Naples Preliminary

Investigations Judge, Order dated June 26, 2007, and other pronouncements).

Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 expressly exempts, at Articles 6 and 7, an

entity from administrative liability if it has adopted operational and effective

organization and management models capable of preventing the occurrence

of crimes such as the one that was committed. Therefore, an adequate

organization is the only tool capable of shielding an entity from "culpability"

and, consequently, escaping the imposition of penalties.

Specifically, liability is excluded if an entity can prove that:

a) its governance body adopted and effectively implemented, before

the occurrence of the criminal event, organization and management

models capable of preventing the occurrence of crimes such as the

one that was committed;

b) the task of overseeing the implementation of and compliance with

the models and keeping them up-to-date has been entrusted to an

Organizational Unit of the entity with independent action and control

powers;

c) the individuals who committed the crime did so by fraudulently

circumventing the organization and management models;

d) there was no lack of or insufficient oversight by the Organizational

Unit referred to in Letter b) above.

Therefore, the adoption of the Model satisfies the level of diligence required

by the legislator and provides the entity with a means of avoiding liability.

Specifically with regard to the crimes of negligence, introduced in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 initially by Law No. 123/2007 (which added the crimes of negligent manslaughter and negligent injury caused by violation of occupational safety laws) and later by Legislative Decree No. 121/2011 (which added environmental crimes), it would seem that, in order to be exempted from liability, an entity would have to prove that the negligent violation committed by one of its representatives was carried out despite the preventive adoption by the Company of an effective system to monitor compliance with general and special rules adopted to prevent the risk that such an event would occur.

However, the mere adoption of the Model by the management body - which is to be identified in the body vested with management power: the Board of Directors - does not seem to be a sufficient measure to determine the entity's exemption from liability, since it is rather necessary that the Model is also effective and efficient.

As for the effectiveness of the Model, pursuant to Article 6, Section 2, of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001, the Model must meet the following requirements:

- a) it must identify the activities within which a crime might occur (mapping at-risk activities);
- b) it must establish specific Protocols to plan the development and implementation of the entity's decisions with regard to the crimes that it must prevent;
- c) it must define how the financial resources required to prevent the occurrence of crimes will be managed;
- d) it must establish reporting requirements for the Organizational Unit responsible for overseeing the implementation of and compliance with the Model.

Law No. 179/2017, entitled "Provisions for the protection of persons reporting crimes or irregularities of which they became aware in the course of a public or private work relationship" then broadened the scope of Article 6 of Legislative Decree No. 231/01, with the introduction of a new Section 2 bis pursuant to which the Model shall also provide for:

- a) one or more channels that, to protect the entity's integrity, would enable the parties referred to in Article 5, Section 1, Letters a) and b), to file detailed reports of unlawful conduct, relevant for the purposes of Legislative Decree No. 231/01 and based on precise and consistent elements of fact, or violations of the entity's Organization and Management Model of which they became aware by virtue of the functions they perform; these channels shall guarantee the confidentiality of the whistleblower's identity throughout the violation report's management activity;
- b) at least one alternative whistleblowing channel capable of guaranteeing, with IT modalities, the confidentiality of the whistleblower's identity;
- c) the prohibition of direct or indirect retaliatory or discriminatory acts against the whistleblower for reasons directly or indirectly related to the violation report;
- d) penalties for anyone who violates the whistleblower protection measures and anyone who maliciously or with grievous misconduct files violation reports that turn out to be baseless.

In order to comply with these provisions, Edison S.p.A. updated the Company procedure entitled Whistleblowing Policy, which governs in detail the modalities to execute and manage violations reports, including anonymous reports, while respecting the principles of confidentiality and non-discrimination with regard to the whistleblower, as specified in the abovementioned regulation.

Said procedure, applicable also to Edison S.p.A. subsidiaries, shall be deemed to have been cited here in full and in its parts by reference for the purposes of the Organization Model.

The requirement that the Model be operational has to do with its effective implementation, which, pursuant to Article 7, Section 4, of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001, requires:

- a) a periodic assessment of the Model and its revision when significant violations of the requirements are uncovered or in response to changes in the entity's organization or activity (updating the Model);
- b) an adequate disciplinary system that can be used to punish failures to comply with the Model's requirements.

2. SOURCE OF THE MODEL: CONFINDUSTRIA GUIDELINES

Pursuant to an express statutory requirement (Article 6, Section 3, of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001), the adopted Organization and Management Models must be based on codes of conduct published by the associations that represent the individual entities and communicated to the Ministry of Justice.

Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. is a subsidiary of Edison S.p.A., which is a member of Confindustria.

In June 2021, Confindustria issued an updated version of its "Guidelines for the construction of Organization, Management and Control Models pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/01", approved by the Ministry of Justice on July 21, 2014. In particular, in the General Part of the Guidelines updated to June 8, 2021, the following key elements are outlined in detail: criminal liability, the disciplinary system and the sanctioning mechanisms, the composition and powers of the oversight board, as well as the phenomenon of groups of companies. The Special Part instead examines the predicate offences in depth by providing specific case studies and discusses the most interesting topics that have come to the fore in recent years between 2014 (the year of the previous version of the Guidelines) and 2021 (such as, for example, whistleblowing, integrated compliance and tax offences).

The process recommended by the Confindustria guidelines is summarized below:

- map at-risk areas to identify the areas within the company's operations in which the types of crimes could occur as referred to in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001;
- develop a control system capable of preventing risks through the adoption of special Protocols. The key components of the control system developed by Confindustria are:
 - Code of Ethics;

- organizational system;
- manual and computerized procedures;
- powers to grant authorizations and sign documents on behalf of the entity;
 - control and management systems;
 - personnel communication and training.

The components of the control system must be consistent with the following principles:

- Verifiability, documentability, consistency and suitability of each transaction;
- Adoption of the principle of segregation of functions (no one must be allowed to manage a complete process independently);
- Documentation of controls;
- Adoption of an adequate system to punish violations of the provisions of the Civil Code and of the Model's procedures;
- Establishment of an Oversight Board that satisfies the requirements of autonomy, independence, professionalism and continuity of action, which the various company departments must provide with a flow of information.

Therefore, in developing its Organization and Management Model, Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. expressly took into account:

- The provisions of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001, the accompanying Ministerial Report and Ministry Decree No. 201 of June 26, 2003, which set forth the implementation rules for Legislative Decree No. 231/2001;
- The guidelines provided by Confindustria, updated to June 2021;
- The indications contained in the document drafted in February 2019 by Confindustria, the Italian Banking Association, the National Council of Accountants and Accounting Experts and the CNF, entitled "Consolidated principles for preparing organizational models and the

activity of the oversight board and prospects for revision of Legislative Decree No. 231/01";

- The reference indications provided by the Parent Company;
- The commentary and case law developed thus far.

SECTION TWO

CONTENT OF THE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT MODEL OF EDISON STOCCAGGIO S.P.A.

1. ADOPTION OF THE MODEL

1.1 Objectives of the Model

Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison S.p.A. The decision by the Board of Directors of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. to adopt an organization and management model is part of the company's broader business policy - in line with the indications provided by the parent company, in compliance with unbundling regulations and the management and corporate autonomy of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. - which takes the form of actions and initiatives aimed at raising the awareness of all Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. personnel (from management to employees) as well as all external collaborators and business partners to the transparent and correct management of the company, to compliance with the legal regulations in force and the fundamental principles of business ethics in the pursuit of the corporate purpose.

The Organizational and Management Model of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. was adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors on May 24, 2005, and was subject to subsequent updates, in consideration of the legislative changes that have taken place over the years, as well as the organizational and operational changes that have affected some of the company structures. Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. decided to proceed with the preparation of a new and more updated Model, thus adopting the present version - which, while representing its evolution, fully replaces the previous one - by resolution of the Board of Directors of May 31, 2023.

Specifically, by adopting this Model, the Board of Directors of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. intends to achieve the following objectives:

- Make it clear to all employees of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. and to all parties who collaborate or execute business transactions with the company that the company condemns in the strongest possible terms any conduct that is contrary to laws, regulations, oversight standards or is otherwise carried out in violation of internal regulations and the principles of sound and transparent management that the Company abides by in the conduct of its business operations;
- Inform all Company employees and its external associates and partners of the severe administrative penalties that could be imposed on the Company if crimes are committed;
- Prevent as much as possible the occurrence of criminal and other violations within the Company by: i) continuous monitoring of all at-risk areas of activity; ii) training employees in the correct performance of their tasks; and iii) establishing a system to punish violations of this Model.

1.2 Preconditions of the Model: the Integrated System of Internal Controls

The Internal Control and Risk Management System of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., also as a result of the implementation and adaptation to the recommendations and standards contained in the new Corporate Governance Code for Listed Companies, approved in July 2015 by the Corporate Governance Committee of Borsa Italiana (as a 100% subsidiary of a listed company), is a comprehensive and organic system of activities, procedures, rules of conduct, service communications and organizational units that is present throughout the organization and involves different parties.

The primary function of the Company's Internal Control and Risk Management System is to ensure with reasonable certainty the achievement of strategic, operational and internal and market reporting objectives, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations:

- The operational objective of the Internal Control and Risk Management System concerns the Company's ability to effectively and efficiently use its resources, protect itself from losses and safeguard its assets. In this respect, the internal control system is designed to ensure that employees throughout the organization strive to achieve the Company's objectives and do not place the interest of other parties before that of the Company;
- The reporting objective is pursued through the preparation of timely and reliable reports for use in the decision making process within the organization and addresses the need to produce reliable documents for external distribution, while complying with the obligation to protect the confidentiality of the Company's information assets;
- The compliance objective is to ensure that all transactions are executed in accordance with laws and regulations and are consistent with the principles of prudent management and the relevant internal procedures.

The Internal Control and Risk Management System affects every area of the Company's business operations by requiring that operating tasks be kept separate from control tasks and minimizing as much as reasonably possible the impact of all potential conflicts of interest.

Specifically, the Company's Internal Control and Risk Management System is based on the following key elements:

- Code of Ethics of the Parent Company that Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. has adopted (excluding all those parts that refer only to the Parent Company)

- An officially established organizational system with clearly attributed responsibilities;
- A system of policies, procedures and organizational communications;
- A sustainable development policy;
- Information systems already designed for the segregation of functions and governed by internal procedures that guarantee security, privacy and proper utilization by users;
- Administrative-accounting manual;
- Integrated quality, environment and safety management system developed, respectively, in accordance with the ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 standards and the OHSAS 18001:2007 international regulation;
- Panning, management control and reporting system;
- Antitrust Code of Edison S.p.A.;
- Powers to grant authorizations and sign documents on behalf of the
 Company allocated consistent with assigned responsibilities;
- Internal communication system and personnel training;
- Functions responsible for handling external communications in a structured and controlled fashion;
- Tax Control Framework: operational application methods;
- Group Tax Policy;
- System of penalties.

This system of controls is underpinned by the following general principles:

- Each undertaking, transaction or action must be verifiable, documented and consistent;
- No one must be allowed to manage a complete process independently (segregation of functions);
- The System of Internal Controls must be able to document that the controls, including those of a supervisory nature, were in fact performed.

The controls involve, with different roles, the Board of Directors and the

Board of Statutory Auditors of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., as well as the

Internal Audit Privacy & Ethics Department of the Parent Company on the

basis of a specific service contract, within the framework of the provisions of

the laws, regulations and codes of conduct in force.

Each organizational unit is responsible for ensuring that the Internal Control

and Risk Management System is functioning correctly with respect to

processes over which it has operational jurisdiction.

Structurally, a breakdown of control by type is as follows:

• Line controls, which the individual operating units apply to the processes

over which they have operational jurisdiction to ensure that transactions are

correctly carried out;

• Monitoring activity, which is carried out by the owner of each process to

ensure that the underlying activities are being correctly carried out, based on

hierarchical controls;

• Internal Auditing, which is designed to assess the overall adequacy of the

System of Internal Controls. It is carried out by an organization separate from

the operational units, which monitors the existing risks and line controls. This

activity is applied to all corporate processes and areas and includes the

monitoring of both financial and operating risks.

Even though the current Internal Control and Risk Management System

contains elements that qualify it as a tool for preventing the crimes referred

to in the Decree, the Board of Directors, responding to the need to ensure that

the Company's businesses and activities are carried out fairly and

transparently in order to safeguard the Company's position and reputation,

meet the expectations of its shareholders and protect the jobs of its employees,

agreed to submit to new examination its organizational, management and

control tools. The purpose of this analysis is to determine whether the principles of conduct and the procedures adopted by the Company are consistent with the objectives of the abovementioned Decree, as amended in recent years and, if necessary, revise them to make them compliant with the abovementioned purposes.

It should also be added that Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A.'s internal control and risk management system benefits from the broader set of principles, rules and procedures set up for Edison S.p.A. and for the other companies controlled by it and that, in particular, the Organizational Model is one of the main tools for monitoring compliance objectives.

1.3 Identifying At-risk Activities and Defining Protocols

Article 6, Section II, Letter a), of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 expressly states that the organization and management model adopted by an entity must "identify those activities within which crimes could be committed". Therefore, mapping the corporate processes that are "exposed" to the occurrence of the violations referred to in the abovementioned article was the starting point for the definition of the Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. Model. Accordingly, the activities carried out by the Company and its organizational units were carefully surveyed to identify the "crime risks" that could arise in the various areas of business.

This process was designed to customize the Model based on the specific areas of operation and organizational units of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., as it applies to crime risks the occurrence of which is a concrete possibility.

The development of the Model included several phases, which were carried out complying with the fundamental requirements that activities must be documented and verifiable, so as to make it possible to understand and reconstruct the entire development process and determine compliance with the requirements of Legislative Decree 231/2001.

The Model was designed, developed and later updated by an internal multifunctional work group, supported by top external consultants.

Phase I: Collecting and Analysing All Relevant Documents

The first step involved collecting all official documents useful for analysis performance purposes that were available within the Company, including:

- Organization charts and function charts;
- Control card:
- Service orders;
- Organizational arrangements;
- Delegation of authority documents and powers of attorney;
- Published operating regulations and procedures;
- Information about disciplinary actions allowed under the existing national collective bargaining agreements;
- Code of Ethics of the Parent Company;
- Significant contracts.

The documents listed above were then reviewed to develop an information platform about the Company's organization and operations and the allocation of powers and responsibilities.

Phase II: Identifying At-risk Activities

A mapping of all the company's activities was carried out, structured on the basis of the processes and sub-processes of each Company Function.

The next step was a detailed analysis of each individual activity, specifically carried out to determine their actual content and operating modalities, the

allocation of tasks and whether any of the potential crimes could or could not

occur as listed in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001.

Because of the type of activities carried out by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., a

decision was made to devote greater attention to determining whether or not

risk profiles existed with regard to certain types of crimes, such as: crimes

against the public administration, crimes against the property of the

government or other public entities, corporate crimes, tax crimes, illicit

intermediation and labor exploitation, money laundering and self-laundering

crimes, occupational safety crimes, computer crimes, organized crime and

environmental crimes.

It was also considered that the safeguards identified in this Model to prevent

the commission of the aforementioned offences are also suitable for the

prevention of offences relating to terrorism and subversion of the democratic

order, contemplated in Article 25 quater of the same article.

On the other hand, with regard to the remaining alleged offences it was

considered that the specific activity performed by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A.

does not present risk profiles such as to reasonably justify the possibility of

their being committed in the interest or to the advantage of the same.

Consequently, the reference made to the principles contained in this Model

and in the Code of Ethics was deemed to be sufficient, because the Model and

the Code of Ethics require that corporate officers, employees and commercial

partners respect the values of solidarity, individual rights, fairness, morality

and respect for the laws and the pronouncements of public authorities (and of

the courts above all).

In addition to taking into account the recommendations provided in the

Confindustria guidelines, the work carried out during this phase included

reviewing the case law developed in recent years, thanks to the increasingly

numerous pronouncement by the courts on the merit and the law concerning the liability of entities.

The identification of areas of risk for the occurrence of crimes that are relevant pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 was carried out by means of interviews conducted by multiple interviewers, with different competencies, in order to allow a joint analysis of the responses provided by the interviewees, who were the managers in charge of each Function of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. and, as such, the persons best informed about the operations carried out in each area. The results of these meetings were documented in detailed minutes and summarized in descriptive forms that were then used to develop the Model and are being kept on file by the Oversight Board.

In addition to illustrating the contents and operating procedures of each organisational unit, these forms represent the concrete risk profiles of the commission of the offences identified by Legislative Decree No. 231/2001. For each activity, the reason for the existence or non-existence of each risk profile was indicated.

To verify further the substance and accuracy of the remarks contained in the forms and of the information provided in the minutes of the meetings, these documents were reviewed by the Managers of all the Functions.

The categories of activities that were found to present the risk that crimes of the types referred to in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 may occur are listed below:

- a) Management of commercial activities (activity regulated by the legislator and the Energy, Networks and Environment Regulatory Authority and described in part in the Storage Code)
- b) Planning and implementation of investments and management of real estate assets and real rights

- c) Determining the tariff and preparing the unbundling budget
- d) Relations and compliance with the Public Administration and Supervisory Authorities, which in turn can be subdivided into the following risk activities:
 - i. Management of authorizations, permits and concessions
 - ii. Relationships with Regulatory Authorities
 - iii. Inspections
 - iv. Agreements and contracts with public entities
- e) Relationships with the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Independent Auditors
- f) Accounting and financial reporting
- g) Taxation
- h) Settlement agreements and disputes
- i) Merger & Acquisitions (only Joint Ventures Partnerships) (area partially managed in service by Edison S.p.A.)
- j) Management of grants and subsidised loans (area managed in service by Edison S.p.A.)
- *k)* Occupational health and safety
- l) Information Systems Management
- m) Handling of insider information
- n) Environmental matrices
- o) Management of intra-group relations (including intra-group gas sales)

Also identified have been "instrumental" areas in which, in principle, the conditions or tools for the commission of certain types of crimes could develop:

- p) Finance and treasury management (area managed in service by Edison S.p.A.)
- q) Sponsorships
- r) Managing gifts and gratuities
- s) Entertainment expenses
- t) Personnel selection and recruitment management (area managed in service by Edison S.p.A.)

- u) Consulting engagements/Provision of services by outsiders
- v) Purchasing of goods and services

It should also be pointed out that Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., which does not have any internal company functions, has signed service contracts with its parent company Edison S.p.A. under which the parent company undertakes to provide Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. with certain administrative, technical and IT services, as indicated in more detail in the *Protocol for the management of infra-group relations* annexed to the Model.

For the sake of completeness, it should be noted here that Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. sells gas to its parent company Edison S.p.A. This is a residual activity that is carried out according to transparent and marketable characteristics and prices, with absolute traceability of each stage of the relevant process.

Consequently, with reference to the abovementioned risk areas, it should be recalled that - for all the activities carried out by the Functions of the Parent Company Edison S.p.A. on behalf of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. - the validity of the safeguards is measured, on the one hand, by the effectiveness of the Organizational Model or of the specific procedures adopted by the Parent Company; on the other hand, through the supervision by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. that, in the activities carried out by the Parent Company, these procedures are complied with in terms of the scope of application directly referable to the activity of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A.

In this regard, it should also be noted that service contracts, which regulate intra-group services, have also been assessed as an area of risk with reference to possible significant offences pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001 that could be committed through them. Consequently, special attention was paid to the motives for the abovementioned contracts, the stipulated consideration and the control systems established downstream of contract execution.

Also for the purposes of identifying the risk of commission of certain specific

offences provided for in Legislative Decree 231/2001, we finally proceeded

to verify the cases in which Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. company

representatives could be identified as persons in charge of a public service.

Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. carries out natural gas storage and production

activities.

The far-reaching changes that have taken place in recent years, at Community

and national level, in the field of regulation and management of services,

notwithstanding the traditional lack of unambiguous guidance from criminal

and administrative jurisprudence in identifying the subjective qualification

required to constitute such offences against the public administration in

certain 'grey' sectors such as those of the energy sector, do not allow certain

conclusions to be reached as to the existence of the qualification of 'public

service' in relation to the activities carried out by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A.

In view of the considerable margins of uncertainty mentioned above, and on

the understanding that - in order to be relevant for the purposes of Legislative

Decree 231 - offences must be committed in the interest of and to the benefit,

at least in part, of the entity, the Company has nevertheless prudently decided

to carry out a risk assessment also for the purposes of the offences of extortion

and passive bribery in respect of its own representatives.

To this end, the existing safeguards have been reviewed and, where necessary,

adjusted; in particular, the Company has provided, both in the Code of Ethics

and in the overall system of procedures, as a good management rule, specific

rules that protect against the risk of its employees receiving money or other

benefits from private third parties in order to favor them in relation to the

Company's activities for which they are responsible.

Phase III: Identification and Analysis of Existing Risk Prevention Systems

In the areas at risk, the parties responsible for managing area activities were asked to explain the operating procedures and the controls actually in effect that can qualify as suitable for preventing a specific identified risk. The result of this activity was documented on forms and documents prepared by the parties involved. These forms and documents contributed to the development of the Model and are being kept on file by the Company.

Phase IV: Gap Analysis

The risk status and the corresponding prevention mechanisms listed in the abovementioned forms was compared with the needs and requirements that arise from Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 in order to identify any existing system shortcomings. When at-risk activities that lacked adequate risk prevention mechanisms were identified, actions that were best suited to prevent in practical terms the identified potential risks were developed, working with the support of the manager of the affected activities, taking also into account any operating rules already in effect or rules that were merely followed in operating practices. In this phase, special attention was paid to identify and regulate the processes for managing and controlling financial resources in those activities that were deemed to be prone to the occurrence of violations relevant pursuant to the abovementioned Legislative Decree.

Phase V: Defining the Protocols

An Action Protocol was therefore defined for each area in which a hypothesis of risk had been recognized as existing and a sufficient control safeguard had not been identified, as well as in the activities in which adequate safeguards have been identified, in order to highlight the principles and general rules of these safeguards. The Protocols set forth the regulations that are best suited to control the corresponding risk profiles and constitute a set of rules

generated through a detailed analysis of each individual activity and the

corresponding risk prevention system.

The Protocols were submitted for review and approval to the parties

responsible for managing at-risk activities.

Moreover, the Protocols were designed consistent with the rule that the phases

of the decision-making process must be documented and verifiable, in order

to allow retracing of the reasons that motivated the decision.

Each Action Protocol was codified in a Service Communication addressed to

the corresponding operating unit, thereby making the rules of conduct

contained therein official and binding on anyone engaged in activities within

which a risk profile was identified.

An effective system of Protocols must necessarily take into account the status

of the system used to grant powers of attorney and delegate authority, in order

to determine whether authority and powers are allocated consistent with the

decision-making processes governed by the Protocols.

To this end, Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. intends to adhere to the principle

whereby only persons with formal and specific powers can take on

commitments towards third parties in the name and on behalf of the company

they belong to, within a general system that attributes to each person (either

with real proxies, or even only with internal powers of attorney) powers

corresponding to the hierarchical position held.

The objective that we intend to achieve is to respect the criterion by which

Powers of Attorney and Proxies are conferred, consistently with the

requirements of the Functional Unbundling regulations and adopted in the

corporate structure of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., within the organizational

responsibilities and powers of the figures in charge of managing the Company.

The powers conveyed by a Power of Attorney/Proxy must be defined in accordance with:

- the provisions of any applicable laws;
- the powers and relative limits assigned to the Chair and the Independent Manager/General Manager of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A.;
- the position within the organization of the person receiving the power of attorney;
- the management assessments, from time to time, carried out by the General Manager/Independent Manager of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., according to the responsibilities, skills and level of experience of the recipient of the Power of Attorney and the specific context in which the powers contained in the Power of Attorney must be exercised.

The Power of Attorney is conferred by the Independent Manager/General Manager of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. or by other Powers of Attorney of the Company (where the power of attorney assigns them the power to grant proxies), within the limits of the powers in turn assigned.

Suitable methods to manage the financial resources designed to prevent the crimes have been identified by setting up an expenditure regulation – Annexed to the Model – (which also takes into account the identified risks of committing alleged crimes), expressly approved by the Board of Directors.

In particular, the expenditure regulation is a document that summarizes both the monetary and financial flows within the company and of persons holding handling and expenditure powers involving the financial resources, in compliance with principles of transparency, accountability and pertinence to the company business.

The definition of the protocols is completed and integrated with the Code of Ethics that the company has adopted by making its own that of the Parent

Company (for all the parts that are not the sole responsibility of the latter) and

that the Parent Company itself periodically revises and updates, adapting it to

the requirements of Legislative Decree 231/2001.

1.4 Structure of the Model: Section One, Section Two and Annexes

Consistent with the characteristics described above, this Model is comprised

of two sections. The first section, general in nature, explains the Model's

purpose and principles and the provisions of Legislative Decree 231/2001 and

other significant reference statutes.

The second section is the key part of the Model, explaining what the Model

is about: from its adoption to the identification of at-risk activities, the

definition of protocols, the characteristics and modus operandi of the

Oversight Board, the information flows, the training and information

activities, the penalty system and Model updates.

The Model is completed by its annexes, which are an integral part of the 231

Model itself:

1. the Code of Ethics

2. the decision Protocols (for controlling the risk profiles identified

within each operating unit)

3. Expense Regulations

4. the Code of Conduct for personnel involved in natural gas storage

activities.

1.5 Parties to Whom the Model Applies

As explained earlier in this document, this Model applies to anyone who

operates in the name and on behalf of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., with special

emphasis on employees who perform activities identified as being at risk.

Compliance with the Model's provisions is required of all Directors, Statutory

Auditors, managers and other employees, who must be provided with

adequate training and information about the Model's content in the manner

described in Section 2, Chapter 5, below.

Compliance with the Model is also demanded by including in contracts

clauses that require independent contractors, consultants and business

partners to comply with the principles of the Code of Ethics and with the

Protocols that specifically apply to the activities in question, with a failure to

do so empowering Edison Stoccaggio to cancel or terminate the contract.

In dealings with joint venture partners or transactions governed by other

contractual relationships with Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., the Code of Ethics

requires the company to carry out an adequate due diligence activity before

agreeing to be bound by contractual obligations vis-à-vis third parties.

1.6 Adoption of the model by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A.

Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. is an operating company wholly owned by Edison

S.p.A. whose core business is natural gas storage and production. The General

Manager of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. also acts as "Independent Manager" for

gas storage activities.

As already mentioned, for the areas of activity not managed internally, Edison

Stoccaggio makes use of the services provided by Edison S.p.A. and other

subsidiaries of Edison S.p.A. under service contracts drawn up and managed

for this purpose.

The Organizational Model of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. - as mentioned a

wholly-owned subsidiary of the listed Edison S.p.A. - can therefore obviously

not disregard coordination with the Organizational Model of its Parent

Company. Without prejudice to its full autonomy, it therefore intends to base

its Organizational Model on the criteria indicated by the Parent Company.

It is also noted that the company - a subsidiary of Edison S.p.A. - transposes and applies the provisions relating to administrative, accounting and functional unbundling obligations set out in the Integrated Functional Unbundling Text (the so-called T.I.U.F.) and the Integrated Accounting Unbundling Text (T.I.U.C.), issued by the Autorità di Regolazione per Energia Reti e Ambiente (Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and the Environment).

In this regard, although the areas of application are different, the Code of Conduct for Personnel involved in natural gas storage activities is also included in the annexes to the Model.

2. OVERSIGHT BOARD

2.1 Structure and Composition of the Oversight Board

For exemption from administrative liability — as governed by article 6, paragraph 1 Legislative Decree 231/2001 — an entity is required to establish an internal Oversight Board (OB) provided with independent control authority (sufficiently broad to enable it to constantly monitor how the Model is functioning and if it is being complied with) and autonomous decision-making powers to ensure that the Model is being kept up to date.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Confindustria guidelines and the practice developed in the years following the decree's enactment, the use of a board with multiple members to perform this function appears to offer the best assurance that it will discharge its statutory duties.

Another characteristic of the OB is the requirement that its members have a thorough understanding of the company's activities and, at the same time, are sufficiently influential and independent to lend credibility and authority to the OB and its activities.

The characteristics of the OB, which are essential for effectively and efficiently implementing the Model, are explained below in greater detail:

- Autonomy and independence: they are essential to ensure that the OB has no involvement in the operating activities over which it has oversight authority. Accordingly, the OB must be hierarchically independent. This is achieved by treating it as a staff unit placed in the upper echelons of the corporate organization. To protect its independence and as evidence of the high level of the function it performs, the OB reports directly to the Board of Directors. Moreover, the members serving on the OB and their qualifications must be such to guarantee, both objectively and subjectively, the absolute autonomy of the OB's assessments and determinations.
- *Professionalism*: it is necessary to perform the delicate and incisive functions assigned to the OB;
- *Consistent with this characteristic*, the OB must:
 - work incessantly to monitor compliance with the Model, using the necessary investigative powers;
 - o ensure that the Model is implemented and constantly updated;
 - o represent a constant reference point for all Company employees;

The most recent version of the Confindustria Guidelines published in June 2021 provided additional clarifications and suggestions on characters and composition of the OB, focusing on the requirements of autonomy and independence and on continuity of action.

More specifically, with regard to the former requirements, Confindustria recommends to avoid situations of conflicts of interest – which could arise in the event of overlap between the controlling and the controlled parties – thereby keeping the position of the supervised entity separate with respect to the OB member, as well as providing grounds for ineligibility or disqualification of OB members.

With regard to continuity of action, Confindustria suggests, in the alternative,

the presence of persons internal to the company within the OB or of a

technical secretariat that coordinates the OB's activity.

The Board of Directors of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. therefore decided to opt

for a solution that enhances the profiles of independence and continuity for

the purposes of effective implementation of the Model: specifically, it

appointed a body with a bi-subjective composition made up of a member of

the Board of Statutory Auditors and an external consultant, expert in risk

analysis and control systems.

The choice of an auditor is explained by the need for a person who is both

better able to know the company's specific business reality and better able to

perform the supervisory duties imposed by the regulations due to the related

specific skills and, at the same time, the position of autonomy and

independence that characterise the related qualities. The Confindustria

Guidelines recognize to this profile, for the same tasks that the law attributes

to it, the adequate professionalism required to perform the task of supervising

the Model.

Lastly, the choice of an external professional, specialized in matters related

to the regulations set forth in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 and, at the

same time, free from economic or professional ties with the company, ensures

the necessary competence, not to be separated from full independence.

It is precisely with reference to this last requirement that it is important to

emphasize how, by virtue of the aforementioned solution, the members of the

OB are therefore extraneous to any operational function.

The Company believes that the benefits provided by an OB such as the one described above include an in-depth understanding of the Company's activities and continuity with the activity of the previous OB.

Candidates for appointment to the OB, as well as those who may replace them in the future, must meet the requirements of integrity and absence of conflicts of interest and must not be related to members of the Company's top management. The possession and retention of these qualifications shall be ascertained both upon appointment and, from time to time, while members of the OB are in office, by means of certification made through the periodic reports, referred to in paragraph 2.3 below.

If the Board of Directors fails to address the appointment of the OB's Chair in the resolution by which it adopts the Model or re-elects the OB, the OB members will elect their Chair when they are convened for their first meeting.

Grounds for ineligibility and/or disqualification of OB members are:

- Sentencing (even non-final) for one of the crimes laid down by Legislative Decree No. 231/01;
- Sentencing (even non-final) to a punishment that involves interdiction, albeit temporary, from public offices or temporary interdiction from the directive offices of legal entities and enterprises.

In order to allow the OB to fully perform its function, it has been provided with the option to use internal and outside consultants. More specifically:

- The OB may make use of the specific competences of the internal functions of the company;
- The OB may also use outside consultants who possess specific competencies that it may find useful;

In the performance of its activities, the OB may avail itself of the support of the staff of the Internal Auditing, Privacy & Ethics Department of the Parent Company, selecting employees whom it will ask from time to time to perform specific assignments or tasks, in accordance with OB regulations that the OB itself is required to adopt.

In order to gain a thorough understanding of how the Model is being deployed, of its effectiveness and implementation at the operating level and of its updating requirements, it is essential for the OB to operate at all times in close coordination with the Company's operating units.

In order to guarantee a more concrete and therefore effective implementation of the Model, the Company's General Manager has been identified as the company contact person of the OB, as an effective operational and informative link with the heads of each sector of activity in which it has been recognized, at present, that there is a risk of commission of the offences identified by the law. The General Manager is also the person who has contributed to defining the protocols suitable for preventing the risks of commission of the offences identified by the legislation and who can best provide effective assistance in fulfilling the supervisory obligation, since it is the person who is most familiar with the concrete operations and current functioning of the company activities.

The General Manager of the Company is therefore required to report to the OB in order to better allow the OB itself to respect and fulfill its duty to supervise the functioning and observance of the Model.

As a further means of safeguarding the independence and impartiality of the OB, Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. defined general rules that govern and protect its operating processes.

In particular, the term of office of the members of the OB is established by the Board of Directors at the time of appointment, or, in the absence of determination, is set at three years; members may be re-elected.

During their term of office, the compensations of the OB members, which must be approved by the Board of Directors, may not be modified except for adjustments required by changes in statutory indices. The dismissal of any member of the OB, which is allowed exclusively for significant failures to perform the assigned tasks, requires the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors and must be communicated in advance to the Board of Statutory Auditors and, subsequently, to the Shareholders' Meeting.

For all other organizational issues, the OB will adopt a series of internal rules and regulations designed to optimize its performance.

2.2 Definition of the Tasks and Powers of the Oversight Board

The tasks of the OB are expressly defined by Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 in its Article 6, section 1, letter b) as follows:

- It shall supervise the functioning and observance of the model;
- and keep it up-to-date.

In performing the first of these two tasks, the OB is required to carry out the following activities:

- It shall develop an annual audit plan to assess the Model's adequacy and effective implementation;
- It shall regulate the manner and timing of the collection of information by the General Manager of the Company;
- As part of its annual plan, it shall monitor on an ongoing basis activities and transactions carried out within at-risk

- areas, in order to assess the compliance with and implementation of the Model;
- It shall conduct reviews that target specific transactions or actions carried out within at-risk areas;
- It shall review the semi-annual reports provided by the General Manager of the Company, to identify any shortcomings in the implementation of the Model and/or potential Model violations;
- It shall collect, process and store information relevant to compliance with the Model;
- It shall promote appropriate programs to support awareness and understanding of the Model;
- It shall evaluate reports of potential violations of the Model and/or instances of non-compliance with the Model and the Code of Ethics and of events that constitute one of the crimes subject of Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001;
- Together with the Internal Auditing Department of Edison S.p.A., it shall conduct investigations to confirm potential violations of the Model's requirements or events that constitute one of the crimes subject of Decree 231;
- It shall report established violations to the competent body for the initiation of disciplinary proceedings;
- with regard to violation reports found to be well-founded, it shall recommend to senior management and the relevant Company functions the adoption of an action plan and/or activity that could include, if applicable, reporting to the judicial authorities unlawful criminal, civil and/or administrative activities and possibly imposing penalties on the reported violator and/or any parties who are the perpetrators of the unlawful conduct and/or the reported violations;

- It shall promote all programs necessary to implement any adjustment to the Model and Company practices required by the reported violations;
- It shall verify that Model violations were in fact adequately punished;
- In order to guarantee the Model's continued effectiveness, it shall ensure that the system used to grant powers of attorney and delegate authority is adequate. Consequently, the OB shall also perform crosschecks to ascertain whether the activities actually carried out by representatives of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. are in fact consistent with the powers formally conveyed by the existing powers of attorney.

For all the activities carried out by the Parent Company and by the other subsidiaries of Edison S.p.A. by virtue of the service contracts mentioned above, the OB may address its requests and carry out the in-depth analyses deemed appropriate directly to the Heads of the Operating Units of the Companies concerned, from whom it will also receive - through the corporate structures - the six-monthly information flow and any other communication envisaged by this Model.

As for the obligation to keep the Model up to date, it is important to note that jurisdiction over the adoption of amendments to the Model rests with the Company's primary governance body (the Board of Directors, which may delegate this task to the General Manager), which, pursuant to Article 6, Section 1, Letter a), of the Decree is directly responsible for adopting and effectively implementing the Model.

With regard to the obligation to keep the model up to date, the OB is required to carry out the following activities:

• It must monitor changes in the relevant laws and regulations;

- It must adopt appropriate measures to keep the map of atrisk areas up to date in a manner consistent with the methods and principles applied when this Model was adopted, establishing rules for the communication process;
- It must ensure that Protocols are adequate and kept up to date for crime prevention purposes and verify if every Model component is and continues to be suitable and adequate for the purpose of achieving the Model's objectives pursuant to law;
- In response to the actual occurrence of crimes or serious Model violations, it must determine whether the adoption of amendments to the Model are necessary;
- It must recommend amendments to the Model to the Board of Directors;
- It must verify the effectiveness and functionality of any amendments to the Model adopted by the Board of Directors.

It is important to note that, in order to enable it to pursue its activities effectively, the OB has unfettered access to all corporate documents that may be relevant for the purpose of determining whether the Model is being correctly implemented.

To ensure that the OB is able to fully and independently perform its assigned tasks, the OB is provided with an adequate annual budget, determined by a resolution approved by the Board of Directors. The budget must be sufficient to allow the OB to perform its function with full autonomy and without limitations caused by insufficient financial resources.

As for the scope of implementation of the OB's control powers, while, obviously, Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 cannot amend the current

provisions of corporate law or those of the Bylaws adopted by the Company in the exercise of its organizational autonomy through the establishments of an entity that hierarchically supersede the Board of Directors, types of actions must be devised that ensure, also and in particular with regard to parties who perform representation and management functions (namely the members of the Board of Directors), effective compliance with the Model's preventive measures and rules.

If a conflict of interest should arise - in relation to the hypothesis of the company taking legal action in accordance with the express provisions of Article 39 of Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001 - between the legal representative-defendant of the offence on which the administrative offence depends and the company, the competent corporate bodies shall proceed to appoint, in full autonomy, a "special power of attorney ad litem" or a "pro tempore legal representative" with the power of representation limited to the criminal proceedings in progress to ascertain the administrative liability of the entity.

The Oversight Board is thus responsible for taking action with regard to the abovementioned parties—which may include exercising the penalty imposing powers discussed in detail below, obviously notwithstanding any further and more severe determination by the Shareholders' Meeting regarding the termination of the fiduciary relationship with regard to one or more members of the Board of Directors—should said parties engage in activities or conduct in violation of the requirements set forth or referenced in this Organizational Model.

The Oversight Board of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. may also dialog and exchange information with the OBs of the Parent Company and of the other companies controlled by Edison S.p.A., in order to obtain a comprehensive view of the effectiveness of the Internal Control and Risk Management System and of how crime risks are being monitored, without infringing on the

exclusive right of the OB of Edison Stoccaggio to investigate and take action

in response to violations of the Company's Model.

2.3 Reporting by the Oversight Board

As explained earlier in this document, in order to enable it to perform its

activities with full autonomy and independence, the OB reports directly to:

• the Company's Board of Directors

Board of Statutory Auditors

The obligation to report to the abovementioned governance bodies,

empowered to convene Shareholders' Meetings, also constitutes the best

guarantee of ultimate control over the activities of the Directors, which,

pursuant to law and the Bylaws, is a prerogative of the shareholders.

Specifically, concurrently with the approval of the annual financial

statements and the semiannual report, the OB provides the Board of Directors

and the Board of Statutory Auditors with the following information:

• A written report on the Model implementation status,

focusing on the results of oversight activities carried out

during the previous six months and listing appropriate

actions for the Model's implementation;

• A semi-annual audit plan for the subsequent six months.

The OB may request a meeting with the Board of Directors whenever it

believes that a review or decision by the Board of Directors concerning issues

that have a bearing on the Model's functionality and effective

implementation would be advisable.

To guarantee an accurate and effective flow of information and in order to

fully and correctly exercising its powers, the OB may request clarifications

or information directly from the General Manager and other members of the

senior management team.

Conversely, the OB may be summoned at any time by the Board of Directors

and other corporate governance bodies to report on events or situations that

affect the implementation of and compliance with the Model.

The OB shall report to the Board of Directors only in the manner described

above and its report shall always be provided by the members of the OB

acting jointly.

2.4 Information Flows to the Oversight Board

Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 also states, among the requirements that the

Model must satisfy, the establishment of information obligations towards the

OB.

The information flows must include all of the information and documents

that must be brought to the OB's attention in accordance with the provisions

of Protocols and of each of the Model's components.

The following obligations have therefore been established, incumbent on the

corporate bodies, and on the General Manager, as well as on all Edison

Stoccaggio S.p.A. personnel, in the manner detailed below.

Specifically, the governance bodies must communicate to the OB any

information that may be relevant to compliance with the Model and its

implementation.

Employees and independent contractors must report any information

concerning conduct in violation of the Model's regulations or concerning the

occurrence of crimes.

For this purpose, the Company established multiple communication channels

(e-mail, regular mail and web platform) to report possible violations. The

channels and the violation reporting modalities are described in the

Whistleblowing Policy of the Parent Company, which should be consulted

for more information. All of the modalities for filing violation reports

guarantee confidentiality for the whistleblowers, so as to avoid retaliatory

and/or discriminatory acts against them.

The OB, jointly with the Internal Auditing, Privacy & Ethics Department of

Edison S.p.A., shall evaluate these reports. If it deems it necessary, it may

question the alleged perpetrator of the violation and carry out all of the

inquiries and investigations that may be required to determine what did in fact

occur.

If the report is received anonymously, the OB - again jointly with the Internal

Audit, Privacy & Ethics Department of Edison S.p.A. - assesses whether it is

appropriate to proceed with investigations, provided that the report contains

sufficiently specific references to carry out the appropriate investigations.

The OB must specify in its operating regulations the methods that must be

followed to interact with the various governance bodies, consistent with the

general objective of obtaining information relevant to the OB's tasks and

objectives.

In addition to the abovementioned reports, including those submitted through

unofficial channels, the Model requires that the OB be provided with

information about:

- actions taken and/or news concerning the existence of criminal proceedings, including proceedings against unknown parties, that involve events of interest to the Company;
- actions taken and/or news concerning the existence of administrative proceedings or significant civil law disputes that arise from demands or actions of independent authorities, the tax administration, the Ministry of the Environment, local governments, contracts with the public administration and applications for and/or the management of government financing facilities;
- requests for legal assistance that the Company received from employees who are defendants in criminal or civil proceedings;
- reports prepared by managers of company functions as part of the control activities they are required to perform, when such reports contain evidence pointing to the existence of risk profiles that are relevant for Model compliance purposes.

A functional reporting obligation is also established for the General Manager. In particular, such manager must report to the OB:

- every six months on the work performed (controls performed, modifications suggested in response to changes in activities or operating procedures, mention of any new activities or operating methods that could offer opportunities for committing the types of crimes covered by Legislative Decree 231/2001), by means of a written report;
- promptly any serious anomalies in how the Model is functioning or violations of the Model requirements.

The OB may regulate more in detail the methods and timing of the flow of information that the General Manager is required to provide to the OB.

When submitting their semi-annual reports, the General Manager of the Company must also provide a written declaration stating to be familiar with

the Model rules and undertaking to comply with those rules and discharge

faithfully the related supervision and control obligations.

In view of the complexity of its activities, it appointed the Unbundling and

Compliance function as a focal point to support it in fulfilling its

responsibilities with regard to the implementation of model 231.

Lastly, a constant reporting channel to the OB has been established by the

Internal Audit, Privacy & Ethics Department and by the Unbundling and

Compliance Function (focal point 231) - which will have to provide

information aimed at reporting any anomalies or atypical occurrences found

in the context of its verification activities.

When exercising its investigative powers, the OB shall have unfettered access

to all corporate sources of information and may examine documents and

consult any data concerning the Company.

The OB is responsible for keeping on file and safeguarding all of the

information, documents and reports of violations it obtained in the

performance of its assigned duties, making sure that the confidentiality of the

abovementioned documents and information is protected and that the relevant

provisions of the privacy laws are being complied with.

3. DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

As part of the process of assessing the Model's effectiveness and suitability

for the purpose of preventing the crimes covered by Legislative Decree No.

231/2001, it must identify and punish conduct that make it possible for crimes

to be committed.

This is because Article 6, Section 2, of such Decree, when listing the

components that must be included in any model prepared by a company,

expressly states, under Letter e), that a company must "introduce an adequate

disciplinary system that can be used to punish failures to comply with the

Model provisions".

Accordingly, the Parent Company Edison S.p.A. established a disciplinary

system specifically designed to punish all conduct that constitutes a violation

of the Model.

In order to better comply with the regulatory precept, Edison S.p.A. has

decided to develop a system that respects the principle of mandatory nature,

so as to be able to clearly identify in advance both the rules of conduct and

the penalties for violating them that can be connected; it has therefore

proceeded to adopt a Disciplinary System, which summarizes all the rules of

conduct established by each protocol.

Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. believes that it adopts this Disciplinary System, the

approach and application of which it agrees with, accepting its contents in

full, obviously for all the parts (i.e. essentially for the protocols and relative

rules of conduct) of specific interest to it.

The penalties, which are described below, were determined taking into

account both the provisions of labour laws and the principles and

requirements of the Organizational Model referred to in Legislative Decree

No. 231/01 and in the updated Confindustria Guidelines.

3.1. Parties to Whom the System Applies and Definitions

The following are required to comply with the Model and the Code of Ethics

and are, therefore, the recipients of this disciplinary system: persons who,

within the Company, hold positions of representation, administration or

management of the entity or of one of its organizational units with financial

and functional autonomy as well as persons who exercise, even de facto, the

management and control thereof (the so-called senior persons); people subject

to the management or supervision of one of the subjects in a senior position, i.e. the employees of the Company, including managers as well as people utilized by Edison Stoccaggio in the context of the provision of labor, service contracts and home workers (so-called Subordinate workers); statutory auditors; coordinated and continuous collaborators, including project and program, holders of agency and commercial representation relations, as well as self-employed workers as per articles 2222 and following of the Civil Code (Self-employed workers), who collaborate with Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. and, in general, external consultants, business partners (individual businesses and/or Companies) and all those who have contractual relations with the Company for the performance of any kind of work, including employment agencies and service contractors as per articles 4, 20 and 29 of legislative decree no. 276/2003.

3.2. Conditions for Implementation

The disciplinary system applies to all relevant parties, as defined above, whenever the existence of activities in violation of the requirements and procedures of the Model or the Code of Ethics is ascertained, whether or not an administrative and/or criminal proceedings involving the author of the violation has been instituted and irrespective of the outcome of the proceedings.

Specifically, the following shall constitute a disciplinary violation:

- a) A violation of the rules of conduct set forth in the Code of Ethics;
- b) A violation of the provisions set forth in the General Part of the Model;
- c) A violation of the procedures and protocols set forth in the Special Part of the Model;
- d) A violation of the reporting obligations towards the Oversight Board;
- e) Actions to hinder controls and unjustified refusal to allow access to information and documents opposed to parties responsible for controlling the procedures and the Oversight Board, as well as other types of conduct aimed

at violating or eluding the Model's control systems;

f) Violation of the safeguards established to protect whistleblowers or the filing with malice or grievous misconduct of reports that turn out to be baseless (Article 6, Section 2.bis, Letter d), of Legislative Decree No. 231/01).

At all times, the Company shall always have the right to seek compensation for damages caused by a violation of the Model.

3.3. Types of Penalties

3.3.1 Penalties Imposed on Subordinated Workers Classified as Factory Staff, Office Staff or Middle Managers

Violations committed by Company factory staff, office staff or middle managers and, more in general, the pursuit of conduct that could cause the Company to become the target of the enforcement actions provided in Legislative Decree No. 231 of June 8, 2001 may result in the imposition of the following penalties, within the limits set forth in the applicable collective bargaining agreements:

- (a) Written reprimand;
- (b) Fine;
- (c) Suspension;
- (d) Dismissal with or without notice.

The penalties referred to in Letters (a), (b) and (c) above will be imposed in response to violations that, in view of the specific circumstances in which they arose, are not serious enough to require the imposition of a different penalty.

The penalty referred to in Letter (d) may be imposed on employees who are guilty of violations serious enough to make the continuation of the employment relationship impossible or who are guilty of repeated violations requiring the imposition of the penalties referred to in Letters (a), (b) and (c), in the manner and with the timing required by the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or, when the purpose of the conduct is to obtain a

personal benefit, irrespective of the seriousness of the violation.

The imposition of penalties will be carried out consistent with the principle of proportionality and, in general, the provisions of collective bargaining agreements and of the applicable labor laws. In accordance with the principle of the right to be heard, the involvement of the interested party will always be ensured: once the allegations have been notified – in a timely and specific manner – the interested person will always be able to justify his/her actions.

3.3.2 Penalties Imposed on Subordinated Workers Classified as Executives Violations by Company executives and, more in general, the pursuit by the abovementioned executives of conduct that could cause the Company to become the target of the enforcement actions provided in Legislative Decree No. 231 of June 8, 2001 may result, consistent with the conditions set forth in Section 2.2 above, in the imposition of the penalties provided under the terms of the collective bargaining agreements for other classes of employees, consistent with the abovementioned principle of proportionality and of the right to be heard, in general, the provisions of collective bargaining agreements and of the applicable labor laws.

3.3.3 Precautionary Suspension

Confirmation that violations such as those referred to in Section 3.3.2 above have occurred and confirmation of failures to promptly inform the relevant governance body of violations committed by subordinates may result, consistent with the conditions set forth in Section 3.2 above, in the imposition against employees classified as executives of a precautionary job suspension, without prejudice to their right of the affected executive to receive his/her salary, and of the obligation, also on a temporary and precautionary basis for a period of up to three months, to forfeit other positions, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2103 of the Civil Code.

3.3.4 Penalties Imposed on Directors

The act of engaging in actions or conduct in violation of the provisions and

procedures set forth or referenced in the Model by a Director shall be punished with the following disciplinary actions, depending on the seriousness of the violation and the specific nature of the relationship:

- (a) Suspension from the office held for a period from one to six months;
- (b) Revocation of powers delegated to the Director;
- (c) Reduction of the fees for a Director without delegated powers;
- (c) Convening of a Shareholders' Meeting to adopt a dismissal motion pursuant to Article 2383 of the Civil Code (i.e., the dismissal).

More specifically, the following provisions shall apply:

- ➤ The Board of Directors, depending on the seriousness of the violation, shall order the suspension from the office held (for a period from one to six months) or the revocation of delegated powers (with the corresponding fee reduction) for a Director with delegated powers who:
- = violates company procedures and/or engages in conduct inconsistent with the Model and the Code of Ethics, performing actions that are or could be injurious to the Company, exposing it to an objectively dangerous situation regarding the integrity of its assets;
- = in the performance of at-risk activities engages in conduct that is in contrast with the provisions and procedures set forth or referenced in the Model or with the Code of Ethics and is exclusively aimed at perpetrating one of the crimes punishable pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/2001.
- ➤ The Board of Directors, depending on the seriousness of the violation, shall order the suspension from the office held (for a period from one to six months) or reduce the fees for a Director without delegated powers who:
- = violates company procedures and/or engages in conduct inconsistent with the Model and the Code of Ethics, performing actions that are or could injurious to the Company, exposing it to an objectively dangerous situation regarding the integrity of its assets;
- = in the performance of activities in at-risk areas engages in conduct that is in contrast with the provisions and procedures set forth or referenced in the Model or with the Code of Ethics and is exclusively aimed at perpetrating

one of the crimes punishable pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/2001.

➤ The Shareholders' Meeting shall adopt a dismissal motion pursuant to Article 2383 of the Civil Code for a Director who:

= in the performance of activities in at-risk areas engages in conduct clearly in violation of the provisions and procedures set forth or referenced in the Model or with the Code of Ethics and capable of triggering the actual imposition upon the Company of the penalties set forth in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001.

The imposition of the penalties described above shall not affect the Company's ability to file a liability action against its Directors pursuant to Article 2393 of the Civil Code.

Moreover, should a Director also hold a power of attorney enabling him/her to represent the Company vis-à-vis outsiders, the imposition of a penalty shall entail the automatic revocation of the power of attorney.

3.3.5 Penalties Imposed on Statutory Auditors

The act of engaging in actions or conduct in violation of the provisions and procedures set forth or referenced in the Model by a Statutory Auditor shall be punished with the following disciplinary actions, depending on the seriousness of the violation and the specific nature of the relationship:

- (a) Warning to comply faithfully with the provisions;
- (b) Suspension from the office held for a period from one to six months;
- (c) Convening of a Shareholders' Meeting to adopt a dismissal motion pursuant to Article 2400 of the Civil Code (revocation), which must subsequently be approved by decree by the Court, after hearing the Auditor.

More specifically, the following provisions shall apply:

➤ The Board of Directors, depending on the seriousness of the violation, shall issue a warning to comply faithfully with the provisions or shall suspend

from the office held (for a period from one to six months) a Statutory Auditor who:

- = violates company procedures and/or engages in conduct inconsistent with the Model and the Code of Ethics, performing actions that are or could be injurious to the Company, exposing it to an objectively dangerous situation regarding the integrity of its assets;
- = in the performance of at-risk activities engages in conduct that is in contrast with the provisions and procedures set forth or referenced in the Model or with the Code of Ethics and is exclusively aimed at perpetrating one of the crimes punishable pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/2001.
 - ➤ The Shareholders' Meeting shall adopt a dismissal motion pursuant to Article 2400 of the Civil Code for a Statutory Auditor who:
- = in the performance of activities in at-risk areas engages in conduct clearly in violation of the provisions and procedures set forth or referenced in the Model or with the Code of Ethics and capable of triggering the actual imposition upon the Company of the penalties set forth in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001.

The imposition of the penalties described above shall not affect the Company's ability to file a liability action against its Statutory Auditors pursuant to Article 2407, Section 3, of the Civil Code.

3.3.6 Penalties Imposed on Independent Workers, Outside Consultants and Business Partners.

Contracts that Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. executes with Independent Workers, outside consultants and business partners must include a declaration by which Edison's counterparty specifically acknowledges being cognizant of the content of the of the Model adopted by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 and of the obligation to comply with their requirements or, if the counterparty is a foreign national, of the obligation to comply with international and local laws designed to prevent risks that could ultimately result in the occurrence of crimes for which Edison Stoccaggio

S.p.A. could be held liable.

Contracts with such parties must contain a special cancellation and/or termination clause activated by a failure to comply with the abovementioned obligations, with Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. reserving the right to recover any damages that it may have incurred as a result of the conduct described above, including damages caused by a judge applying the enforcement actions provided by Legislative Decree June 8, 2001 No. 231.

3.3.7 Inclusion of Shield Clauses in Contracts Involving Independent Workers, Outside Consultants and Business Partners

Contracts with the abovementioned temporary employment agencies and service subcontractors, outside consultants and business partners must include special clauses requiring the Company's counterparties to make employees who are being utilized by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. or are performing their services at a location or for the benefit of the latter aware of risks that could cause Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. to be held administratively liable and inform them of the existence of the Code of Ethics and the Protocols of Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. and of the obligation to comply with the provisions thereof. Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. shall establish separate and effective penalties for violations of the Code of Ethics and the abovementioned Protocols by the abovementioned parties and shall include express termination and/or cancellation clauses specifically related to the said information obligation. Contracts for the provision of labor shall include, in addition to the abovementioned clauses, the express obligation of temporary employment agencies to enforce the penalties described above against any employees they provided to Edison who is guilty of a violation.

3.4 Responsibilities of Company Departments

The Company Department that avails itself of the services of the parties described in Section 3.3.6 above or which is the owner of the process that encompasses the activities of the abovementioned parties shall record all data and information useful for understanding and assessing their conduct. These

data must be provided to the Oversight Board upon request, should the OB

need them to perform its duties.

3.5 Department Responsible for Imposing Penalties

After the OB reported a violation of the Model, the Human Resources & ICT

Division of the Parent Company (which acts on behalf of Edison Stoccaggio

under a specific service contract) initiates disciplinary proceedings and

conducts an investigation, in accordance with standard statutory procedures.

The investigative phase, aimed at determining whether a violation did in fact

occur, based on the findings developed by the OB, is carried out as quickly as

possible by the abovementioned company function.

If the evidence shows that no violation occurred, the entities responsible for

the investigation, acting consistent with the respective jurisdictional authority,

shall close the case issuing a reasoned report that shall be kept on file at the

Company and communicated to the OB.

The phase involving the issuance of charges and the imposition of a penalty,

in accordance with the laws and regulations in effect (Civil Code, Workers'

Charter and Collective Bargaining Agreements) is carried out:

= by the Human Resources & ICT Division of the Parent Company for

violation committed by employees (i.e., production and office staff, middle

managers and executives), independent contractors, external consultants and

business partners;

= by the Board of Directors or the Shareholders' Meeting, as applicable, for

violations committed by members of the Board of Directors or the Board of

Statutory Auditors.

4. UPDATING THE MODEL

Pursuant to an express requirement of the relevant Decree, responsibility for

adoption and effective implementation of the Model rests with the Board of

Directors.

Consequently, the power to update the Model, which is an expression of the

Model's effective implementation, falls within the purview of the Board of

Directors, which can either exercise this power directly by means of a

resolution or delegate it to the General Manager, in accordance with the

provisions that govern adoption of the Model.

The updating process, which may involve expanding or amending the Model,

is designed to ensure that the Model is adequate and suitable for performing

the function of preventing the occurrence of the crimes covered by Legislative

Decree No. 231/2001.

The Oversight Board is responsible for undertaking the updating of the

Model, in accordance with the provisions of this Model, and for submitting

Model updating recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Because the evolving trends that characterize the pursuit of the Company's

business activities could require a partial or full revision of the existing

Protocols or the adoption of new Protocols in response to organizational or

operational changes, the General Manager is empowered issue a service order

adopting the new rules, which must later be submitted to the Board of

Directors for final approval.

5. PERSONNEL TRAINING AND INFORMATION.

DISSEMINATION OF THE MODEL

Adequate personnel training and the ongoing provision of information about

the principles and requirements contained in the Model are factors of

paramount importance for the correct and effective implementation of a

corporate prevention system.

Because its human resources are an indispensable component for the

existence, growth and success of a company, respect for adequate fairness,

honesty and transparency criteria in the recruiting employees and outside

associates is a prerequisite for the delivery of effective training and

information programs

All parties who work within the Company and business partners and outside

associates are required to have a thorough understanding of the objectives of

fairness and transparency that are being pursued with this Model and of the

manner in which the Company intends to pursue them by establishing an

adequate system of procedures and controls.

5.1 Personnel Training and Information

Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A., as required by Legislative Decree No. 231/2001,

defined a special communication and training program designed to

communicate and explain the Model to all of its employees. This plan is

managed by the relevant organizational units, working in coordination with

the OB.

Specifically, the **communication** activities that are being planned include:

*Posting the Model on the Company Intranet and e-mailing a copy of the

Model to each employee;

*Giving to the members of corporate governance bodies and parties

empowered to represent the Company hard copies of the Model and Code of

Ethics when they agree to serve in the office offered to them;

* Giving or e-mailing to newly hired employees, as part of the documents that

they receive upon joining the Company, an information kit containing the 231

Model, which they can use to obtain information of primary importance;

*Posting on the Company website a page devoted to this topic, accessible also

by external associates and business partners.

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Initiatives in the **training** area will include diversified programs developed for different targets, with the objective of offering customized training paths that truly address the needs of different organizational units and resources. Consequently, the program will include both general training modules and more in-depth training modules specifically targeted for each at-risk area.

More specifically, the training program includes the following:

- Basic training (delivered also in e-learning mode) that allows the
 prompt and widespread dissemination of topics applicable to all
 employees reference statutes (Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 and
 presumed crimes), the Model and its implementation, content of the
 Code of Ethics delivered together with self-assessment and learning
 test. Newly hired employees shall be automatically enrolled in training
 courses delivered in e-learning mode;
- Specific classroom courses for persons who operate in organizational units at greater risk of unlawful conduct, during which specific Protocols are explained;
- More in-depth learning modules in connection with updates to legislation or internal procedures.

Employee attendance of the training programs described above shall be officially recorded, using the applicable modalities based on the type of training being provided and appropriately documented to the Oversight Board.