Chapter 10

Appropriateness (for non-advised services) (non-MiFID and non-insurance-based investment products provisions)



10.1 **Application**

- 10.1.1 [deleted]
- R 10.1.2 (1) This chapter applies to a firm which:
 - (a) arranges or deals in relation to a:
 - (i) non-readily realisable security;
 - (ii) speculative illiquid security;
 - (iii) derivative;
 - (iv) warrant; or
 - (v) unit in a long-term asset fund,

with or for a retail client, other than in the course of MiFID or equivalent third country business;

- (b) facilitates a retail client becoming a lender under a P2P agreement;
- (c) issues a unit in a long-term asset fund to a retail client; or
- (d) transacts in a qualifying cryptoasset with or for a retail client, and the firm is aware, or ought reasonably to be aware, that the application or order is in response to a direct offer financial promotion.
- (2) The rules in this chapter also apply to:
 - a TP firm (to the extent that the rule does not already apply to such a TP firm as a result of ■ GEN 2.2.26R); and
 - a Gibraltar-based firm to the extent that the rule does not already apply to such a Gibraltar-based firm as a result of ■ GEN 2.3.1R).
- (3) (a) This chapter also applies to a registered person which transacts in qualifying cryptoassets with or for a retail client where the registered person is aware, or ought reasonably to be aware, that the application or order is in response to a direct offer financial promotion, as it applies to an authorised person.
 - (b) For the purpose of (3)(a), in this chapter, relevant references to a firm include reference to a registered person.
- 10.1.3 [deleted]

Related rules

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A *firm* that is carrying on a *regulated activity* on a non-advised basis, whether or not the *rules* in this chapter apply to its activities, should also consider whether other *rules* in *COBS* apply.

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