Conduct of Business Sourcebook

Schedule 1 Record keeping requirements

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The aim of the *guidance* in the following table is to give the reader a quick overall view of the relevant record keeping requirements.

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It is not a complete statement of those requirements and should not be relied on as if it were.

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(1) A MiFID investment firm, third country investment firm or MiFID optional exemption firm should refer to the requirements on record keeping in the MiFID Org Regulation and ■ SYSC 9. In particular, Annex I to the MiFID Org Regulation contains a minimum list of records to be kept by those firms to which it applies.

[Note: article 72 of the MiFID Org Regulation]

(2) An insurance distributor should refer to the requirements on record keeping in the IDD Regulation and in ■ SYSC 3 (for insurers and managing agents) or ■ SYSC 9 (for other firms).

[Note: article 19 of the IDD Regulation]

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Handbook reference	Subject of record	Contents of record	When record must be made	Retention period
COBS 2.3.17R (1)	Information disclosed to the <i>client</i> in accordance with COBS 2.3.1R (2)(b)	The information disclosed	When information is disclosed	5 years from date information is given
COBS 2.3.17R (2)	Each benefit given to another firm which does not have to be disclosed to the client in accord- ance with COBS 2.3.1R (2)(b)(ii)	Each benefit given	When benefit is given	5 years from date of benefit

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COBS 2.3A.19R (5)(f)(iv)	Trial periods of research re- ceived in accord- ance with COBS 2.3A.19R (5)(f).	Dates of any trial periods, and sufficient records to demonstrate compliance with the conditions in COBS 2.3A.19R(5)(f)(i) to (iii).		
COBS 2.3A.32R	Evidence that any fees, commissions and non-monetary benefits paid or received are designed to enhance the quality of the relevant service to the client	(1) List of all fees, commissions and non-monetary benefits received; and (2) record of how any fees, commissions or non-monetary benefits enhance the quality of the services provided and the steps taken in order not to impair compliance with the duty to act honestly, fairly and professionally in the best interests of the client	When the relevant fee, commission or non-monetary benefit is paid or received	Not specified
COBS 2.3B.11R	Audit trail in relation to the operation of any research payment accounts	(1) Payments made to research providers; and(2) how the amounts paid were determined	When a pay- ment for <i>re-</i> <i>search</i> is made	Not specified
COBS 2.3B.20R	Summary details in relation to the operation of a research payment account	A summary of: (1) the providers paid from the account; (2) the total amount paid over a defined period; (3) the benefits and services received; and (4) how the total amount spent compares to the budget	From when the research payment account is established	Not specified

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COBS 3.8.2 R (1)	Standard form notice to <i>clients</i> and agreements under COBS 3	Each standard form notice and agreement	when standard form is first used	Relevant period from when the firm ceases to carry on busi- ness with clients under that standard form (see COBS 3.8.2 R (3))
COBS 3.8.2 R (2)	Client categ- orisation	Client categorisation and supporting information, evidence of dispatch to client of any notice (the notice itself where this differs from standard form) and a copy of any agreement entered into	From time of categorisation	Relevant period from when the firm ceases to carry on busi- ness with or for that client (see COBS 3.8.2 R (3))
COBS 4.11.1R (1)	Financial promotion	A financial promotion communicated, approved or in relation to which the firm has confirmed compliance (subject to exemptions)	When communicated, approved or confirmed	See COBS 4.11.1R (3)
COBS 4.11.1R (2)	Telemarketing scripts	Copy of any script used	Date script used	See COBS 4.11.1R (3)
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COBS 4.11.1R(2B)	Financial pro- motion: com- petence and expertise	Evidence of how the firm has satisfied the competence and expertise re- quirement in COBS 4.10.9AR	When relevant financial pro- motion com- municated or approved, or compliance confirmed	See COBS 4.11.1R(3)
COBS 4.11.2 G	Compliance of financial promotions	Firms encouraged to consider recording why a financial promotion is considered compliant.	Date of assessment of compliance	
COBS 4.11.4R	Non-mass mar- ket investments: certification of compliance	Certification by the person alloc- ated the compli- ance oversight function or em-	Date of certification Date the financial promotion is communic-	5 years

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		ployees of the firm reporting to and supervised by that person confirming that the financial promotion is compliant with the restrictions in section 238 of the Act and COBS 4.12B, as applicable.	ated or approved	
		Which exemption applies and the reason why that exemption applies. Where the exemption requires a certificate, investor statement, warning or indication, a copy of that certificate, investment statement, warning or indication.		
COBS 4.11.5R	Restricted mass market invest- ments: con- sumer journey	Records of the outcomes of the firm's categorisation (COBS 4.12A.21R) of retail clients and in relation to appropriateness assessments undertaken (COBS 4.12A.28R)	Ongoing basis in connection with the communication of financial promotions relating to restricted mass market investments	5 years
COBS 4.12A.44R COBS 4.12B.13R	Risk summaries	Grounds for us- ing an alternat- ive form of risk summary	When alternative form of risk summary for a particular investment is adopted	5 years (COBS 4.11.8R)
COBS 4.12A.11R(5) COBS 4.12B.21R(5)	Protection language	Basis for omit- ting reference to investors be- ing unlikely to be protected in risk warning	When risk warning for a particular investment is adopted	Not specified

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COBS 6.1A.5AR (2)(e)(vi)(D)	Trial periods of research re- ceived in accord- ance with COBS 6.1A.5AR(2)(e)(vi)	Dates of any trial periods, and sufficient records to dem- onstrate com- pliance with the conditions in COBS 6.1A.5AR(- 2)(e)(vi)(A) to (C)	When the trial period is received	
COBS 6.1A.27 R	Adviser char- ging and remu- neration	(1) the <i>firm</i> 's charging structure;	(1) when the charging structure is first	See COBS 6.1A.27R (1) to (3)
		(2) the total adviser charge payable by each retail client; (3) if the total adviser charge paid by a retail client has varied materially from the charge indicated for that service in the firm's charging structure, the reasons for that difference.	used; (2) from the date of dis- closure; (3) from the date of dis- closure;	
COBS 6.1C.21 R	Consultancy charging and remuneration	(1) the firm's charging structure;	(1) when the charging struc- ture is first used;	See COBS 6.1C.21 R
		(2) the total consultancy charge payable by each employer.	(2) from the date of disclosure;	
		(3) if the total consultancy charge for a particular service has varied materially from that indicated in the firm's charging structure, the reasons for that difference.		
COBS 8.1.4 R	Client agree- ments (non-Mi- FID provisions)	Documents set- ting out rights and obligations of the <i>firm</i> and the <i>client</i>	From date of agreement	At least the duration of the relationship with the client unless the record relates to a pension transfer, pension conversion, pension

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				opt-out or FSAVC in which case it must be retained in- definitely
COBS 8A.1.9R	Client agree- ments (MiFID provisions)	Documents set- ting out rights and obligations of the <i>firm</i> and the <i>client</i>	From date of agreement	At least the duration of the relationship with the <i>client</i>
COBS 9.2.9 R	Recommenda- tions on friendly society life policies.	Why the recom- mendation is considered suitable	Date of recommendation.	5 years.
COBS 9.5.1 G	Suitability (non- MiFID provisions)	Client informa- tion for suitabil- ity report	From date of suitability report	See COBS 9.5.2 R.
COBS 9.6.19 R	Basic advice	Decision to give basic advice, range used and basic advice summary prepared for retail client	Date on which basic advice given	5 years
COBS 9.6.20 R	Scope of basic advice (stake- holder products)	Scope of basic advice and its range (or ranges) of stake- holder products	Date on which the scope and range becomes relevant	5 years from the date replaced by more up-to- date record
COBS 9A.4.1G	Suitability (Mi- FID provisions)	Client informa- tion for suitabil- ity report	From date of suitability report	At least 5 years
COBS 9A.4.3R	Suitability (insurance-based investment products)	Client information for suitability report - details in COBS 9A.4.3R and COBS 9A.4.4R	From date of suitability report	For whichever is the longer of 5 years or the duration of the relationship with the <i>client</i>
COBS 10.7.1 G	Appropriateness (non-MiFID provisions)	Client informa- tion obtained in making assess- ment of appro- priateness and the appropri- ateness as- sessment	Date of assessment	At least 5 years
COBS 10A.7.2UK	Appropriateness (MiFID provisions)	Records of appropriateness assessments including the results of such assessments and any warnings given to clients	Date of assessment	At least 5 years

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COBS 10A.7.2AR	Appropriateness (insurance- based invest- ment products)	Records of appropriateness assessments including the results of such assessments and any warnings given to clients - details in COBS 10A.7.2AR	Date of assessment	For whichever is the longer of 5 years or the duration of the relationship with the <i>client</i>
COBS 11.5A.4UK	Client orders	Initial orders from <i>clients</i> and decisions to deal	Immediately	At least 5 years
COBS 11.5A.5UK	Client orders	Transactions and order processing	Immediately	At least 5 years
COBS 11.7.4 R	Personal ac- count dealing	Notifications by outsourcing provider and authorisation or prohibition.	Date of notification or decision.	5 years
COBS 11.7A.5UK	Personal ac- count dealing (MiFID provisions)	A record of any personal transaction notified or identified, including any authorisation or prohibition	Date of notifica- tion, identifica- tion or decision	At least 5 years
COBS 11A.1.4BR(3)(c)	The firm's assessment under COBS 11A.1.4BR(3)(a)	1) The firm's process for conducting the assessment and reaching the opinion under COBS 11A.1.4BR (3)(a); (2) the firm's	Once the firm has formed its opinion under COBS 11A.1.4BR (3)(a)	5 years
		staff that were involved in re- aching that opinion; and		
		(3) an explanation of the firm's consideration of the number and expertise of the unconnected analysts included in the range.		

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COBS 11A.1.4CR	Restrictions on unconnected analysts	Any restrictions that would be imposed on each unconnected analyst that accepts the opportunity under COBS 11A.1.4BR(2)	When the op- portunity is communicated to the range of unconnected analysts	5 years
COBS 11A.1.4ER	Information given by the issuer team dur- ing the relevant period under COBS 11A.1.4BR(2)(b)(iv)	(1) The information on the issuer or the relevant securities that is given by the issuer team to the firm's analysts during the relevant period under COBS 11A.1.4BR(2)(b)(iv); and (2) the informa-	At the end of the relevant period under COBS 11A.1.4BR(2)(b)(iv)	5 years
		tion on the issuer or the relevant securities that is given by the issuer team to each of the range of unconnected analysts during the same period.		
COBS 11A.1.9UK	Underwriting and placing	Content and timing of instructions received from clients and allocation decisions	Date of receipt of instructions or of allocation decision	5 years
COBS 15.3.4 R	Cancellation: exercise of right	Exercise of the right to cancel or withdraw	Date of exercise	As specified in COBS 15.3.4 R(1), (2) and (3)
COBS 16.2.7 R	Confirmation to clients (non-Mi-FID provisions)	Copy of a con- firmation	From date of despatch to client	At least 3 years
COBS 16.3.11 R	Periodic state- ments (non-Mi- FID provisions)	A copy of a peri- odic statement sent to a client	From date of despatch to client	At least 3 years
COBS 16A.3.1UK	Confirmation to clients (MiFID provisions)	A copy of a con- firmation	From date of despatch to client	At least 5 years
COBS 16A.4.1UK	Periodic state- ments (MiFID provisions)	A copy of a peri- odic statement sent to a client	From date of despatch to client	At least 5 years

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COBS 16A.4.2AR	Periodic state- ments (insur- ance-based in- vestment products)	A copy of a peri- odic statement sent to a client	From date of despatch to client	At least 5 years
COBS 16.6.6 R	Life insurance contracts	Information to be provided dur- ing the terms of the contract	When informa- tion is given	5 years after in- formation given
COBS 18.5.14 R	Residual CIS op- erators and small au- thorised UK AIFMs of an un- authorised AIF	Periodic state- ment to be pro- vided to par- ticipants	When provided	3 years
COBS 18 Annex 2 2.1R	Client orders and decisions to deal in portfo- lio management	Orders received from <i>clients</i> and decisions taken - details in COBS 18 Annex 2 2.1R(2)	Immediately	5 years
COBS 18 Annex 2 3.1R	Client orders	Execution of orders	Immediately after executing a client order, or, in the case of firms that transmit orders to another person for execution, immediately after receiving confirmation that an order has been executed	5 years
COBS 18 Annex 2 3.2R	Client orders	Transmission details (see COBS 18 Annex 2 3.2R)	Immediately on transmitting an order to an- other person for execution	5 years
COBS 19.1.7CR	Execution only pension transfer or opt out	That no per- sonal recom- mendation was given to the client	Date of transaction	Indefinitely
COBS 19.2.3 R	Promotion of personal pen- sion scheme	Why the promotion was justified	When promoted	5 years
COBS 20.2.34AR (1)(a)(i)	Support assets outside the with-profits fund	Precise terms and conditions on which sup- port assets oper- ate and are available in- cluding whether and when they are repayable	When a firm first has support assets outside the with-profits fund	Until the firm ceases to use support assets outside the with-profits fund

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COBS 20.2.36A R	strategic in- vestments	A description of the strategic purpose for which a stra- tegic investment has been pur- chased or retained	Before making a strategic in- vestment or when reviewing whether to re- tain a strategic investment	Until the firm ceases to hold the strategic investment in question
COBS 20.3.1 R	PPFMs	Each version of the <i>PPFM</i>	Date on which the <i>PPFM</i> is relevant	5 years
COBS 22.2.6 R	Retail distribu- tion of mutual society shares	Information and evidence dem- onstrating com- pliance with the requirements of COBS 22.2	At or near the time of the sale to a retail client	5 years for Mi- FID or equiva- lent third coun- try business and 3 years for other business
COBS 22.3.5 R	Retail distribution of contingent convertible instruments and CoCo funds	Information and evidence dem- onstrating com- pliance with the restrictions in COBS 22.3	At or near the time of the sale or communication or approval of a promotion to a retail client	5 years for Mi- FID or equiva- lent third coun- try business and 3 years for other business
COBS TP 1	Client categoris- ation transitional	Categorisation or re-categoris- ation under TP1	Date of categ- orisation/ re-cat- egorisation	See COBS 3.8.2 R (2)
COBS TP 2	Investment research transitional	Election to comply with COBS 12.2 - COBS 12.3 sooner than 1 May 2008	Date of decision and date from which election is to be effective	5 years
COBS TP 2	Specialist regimes	Election to comply with COBS 18 sooner than 1 May 2008	Date of decision and date from which election is to be effective	5 years