

Funeral Plan: Conduct of Business sourcebook

Chapter 13

Cancellation



13.2 The right to cancel

- 13.2.1** **R** A customer has a right within the longer of:

 - (1) 30 days; or
 - (2) 7 days of being notified of the appointed funeral services provider (■ FPCOB 10.1.4R); or in the case of an *instalment payment funeral plan contract*, 30 days or the *moratorium period*, whichever is longer; or
 - (3) in the case of an *instalment payment funeral plan contract*, the *moratorium period*,

to cancel the *funeral plan contract*, without giving any reason and without being required to pay any amount to do so.
- 13.2.2** **R** The following events in relation to an *instalment payment funeral plan contract* must, for the purposes of this chapter, be taken to be a cancellation:

 - (1) the death of the *covered individual* (other than as a result of an accident) within the *moratorium period*;
 - (2) the cancellation by the *firm*, having complied with the payment shortfall rules (■ FPCOB 2.3), of the *funeral plan* due to the *customer's* failure to settle a *payment shortfall*.
- 13.2.3** **R** ■ FPCOB 13.2.2R does not apply where the *customer* and *firm* have agreed that any party may pay sums outstanding under the *instalment payment funeral plan* and the *funeral plan* be redeemed.
- 13.2.4** **G** A *firm* may provide longer or additional cancellation rights voluntarily, but if it does these should be on terms at least as favourable to the *customer* as those in this chapter, and any differences should be clearly explained.
- 13.2.5** **R** **Exception to the right to cancel**
 The right to cancel does not apply to a *funeral plan contract* under which a redemption request has been made or the funeral has been provided.

Start of the cancellation period

- 13.2.6 **R** The cancellation period begins either:
- (1) from the *day* the *customer* is informed that the contract has been concluded; or
 - (2) from the *day* on which the *customer* receives the contractual terms and conditions and any other pre-contractual information required under this sourcebook, if that is later than the date referred to above.

Exercising a right to cancel

- 13.2.7 **R** If a *customer* exercises the right to cancel:
- (1) they must notify this to the *firm* before the expiry of the relevant deadline;
 - (2) a *firm* must enable a *customer* to make the notification via the same medium by which the *customer* purchased the *funeral plan contract*; and
 - (3) the deadline shall be deemed to have been observed if the notification, if on paper or another *durable medium*, is dispatched before the deadline expires.

- 13.2.8 **G** A *firm* may provide additional methods by which the *customer* can make a notification of cancellation to the *firm*.