

Chapter 6

Cancellation

6.1 The right to cancel

Introduction

6.1.1 **R** Except as provided for in **BCOBS 6.1.2 R**, a *banking customer* has a right to cancel a contract for a *retail banking service* (including a *cash deposit ISA* but excluding a *cash-only lifetime ISA*) without penalty and without giving any reason, within 14 calendar days.

[**Note:** article 6(1) of the *Distance Marketing Directive* in relation to *distance contracts*]

6.1.2 **R** There is no right to cancel:

- (1) a contract (other than a *cash deposit ISA*) where the rate or rates of interest payable on the *deposit* are fixed for a period of time following conclusion of the contract;
- (2) a contract whose price depends on fluctuations in the financial market outside the *firm's* control that may occur during the cancellation period; or
- (3) a *cash deposit CTF* (other than a *distance contract*).

6.1.3 **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 *banking customer* as those in this chapter, unless the differences are clearly explained.

6.1.3A **G** *Firms* are reminded that the cancellation *rules* in **COBS 15** apply to the cancellation by a *banking customer* of a *cash-only lifetime ISA*.

Beginning of cancellation period

6.1.4 **R** The cancellation period begins:

- (1) either from the day of the conclusion of the contract for the *retail banking service*; or
- (2) from the day on which the *banking customer* receives the contractual terms and conditions of the *retail banking service* and any other pre-contractual information required under this sourcebook, if that is later than the date referred to in (1) above.

[Note: article 6(1) of the *Distance Marketing Directive* in relation to *distance contracts*]

Disclosing the right to cancel

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- (1) The *firm* must disclose to a *banking customer* in good time or, if that is not possible, immediately after the *banking customer* is bound by a contract for a *retail banking service*, and in a *durable medium*, the existence of the right to cancel, its duration and the conditions for exercising it including information on the amount which the *banking customer* may be required to pay, the consequences of not exercising it and practical instructions for exercising it, indicating the address to which the notification of cancellation should be sent.
- (2) This *rule* applies only where a *banking customer* would not otherwise receive the information referred to in (1) under a *rule* in this sourcebook from the *firm* (such as under ■ BCOBS 3.1.2 R to ■ 3.1.5 R (the distance marketing disclosure rules)).

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