Conduct of Business Sourcebook

Chapter 4

Communicating with clients, including financial promotions



4.8 Cold calls and other promotions that are not in writing

Application

- R 4.8.1 This section applies to a *firm* in relation to the communication of a *financial* promotion that is not in writing, but it does not apply:
 - (1) to the extent that the financial promotion is an excluded communication;
 - (2) if the financial promotion is image advertising;
 - (3) if the financial promotion is a non-retail communication;
 - (4) [deleted]
 - (5) to the extent that the *financial promotion* relates to a *pure* protection contract that is a long-term care insurance contract.

Restriction on cold calling

- 4.8.2 A firm must not make a cold call unless:
 - (1) the recipient has an established existing client relationship with the firm and the relationship is such that the recipient envisages receiving cold calls; or
 - (2) the cold call relates to a generally marketable packaged product which is not:
 - (a) a higher volatility fund; or
 - (b) a life policy with a link (including a potential link) to a higher volatility fund; or
 - (3) the cold call relates to a controlled activity to be carried on by an authorised person or exempt person and the only controlled *investments* involved or which reasonably could be involved are:
 - (a) readily realisable securities (other than warrants); and
 - (b) generally marketable non-geared packaged products.

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Promotions that are not in writing

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A firm must not communicate a solicited or unsolicited financial promotion that is not in writing, to a client outside the firm's premises, unless the person communicating it:

- (1) only does so at an appropriate time of the day;
- (2) identifies himself and the *firm* he represents at the outset and makes clear the purpose of the communication;
- (3) clarifies if the *client* would like to continue with or terminate the communication, and terminates the communication at any time that the *client* requests it; and
- (4) gives a contact point to any *client* with whom he arranges an appointment.

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