

Chapter 7A

SFGB levies

7A.1 Application and Purpose

Application

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This chapter applies to the *persons* listed in:

- (1) ■ FEES 1.1.2R(5) in relation to the *SFGB money advice levy* and *SFGB debt advice levy*; and
- (2) ■ FEES 7A.1.2R in relation to the *SFGB pensions guidance levy*.

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The *SFGB pensions guidance levy* applies to a *firm* that:

- (1) has a *Part 4A Permission*
- (2) falls within one or more of the following activity groups listed in Part 1 of ■ FEES 4 Annex 1AR:
 - (a) A.1 Deposit acceptors;
 - (b) A.4 Insurers – life;
 - (c) A.7 Portfolio managers except Class (1)A *firms*;
 - (d) A.9 Managers and depositaries of investment funds, and operators of collective investment schemes or pension schemes; and
 - (e) A.13 Advisors, arrangers, dealers or brokers.

Purpose

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The purpose of this chapter is to set out the requirements on the *persons* listed in ■ FEES 7A.1.1R to fund the Secretary of State costs relating to the *SFGB*, and the related *FCA* collection costs.

Background

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Under section 1375A(1) (Rules to recover expenses relating to the single financial guidance body) of the *Act*, the Secretary of State may, from time to time, notify the *FCA* of the expenses incurred, or expected to be incurred, in connection with the operation of the *SFGB* or under section 12 of the Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018. Expenses arise under section 12 when the Secretary of State:

- (1) pays grants or makes loans, or gives any other form of financial assistance, to meet expenditure in connection with the establishment of the *SFGB*; and

(2) pays grants or makes loans, or gives any other form of financial assistance, to the *SFGB* for the purpose of enabling the *SFGB* to carry out its functions.

7A.1.5 **G** When the Secretary of State has notified the *FCA* under section 137SA(1) , under subsections (2) and (3) the *FCA* must make rules requiring *authorised persons, electronic money issuers or payment service providers* (or any specified class of the same) to pay specified sums, or sums calculated in a specified way to the *FCA* with a view to recovering:

- (1) the amount notified by the Secretary of State; and
- (2) expenses incurred by the *FCA* in connection with its functions under section 137SA of the *Act*.

7A.1.6 **G** This chapter contains the *rules* referred to in ■ FEES 7A.1.4G(2).

7A.1.7 **G** Under section 137SA(8) of the *Act*, the *FCA* must pay to the Secretary of State the amounts that it receives pursuant to the *rules* in this chapter, apart from amounts covering its collection costs (which the *FCA* may keep).

7A.1.8 **G** The total amount raised by the *SFGB* levy may vary from year to year depending on the amount notified to the *FCA* by the Secretary of State.

Exemption

7A.1.9 **R** A firm is not liable to pay a *SFGB* levy in relation to *payment services* or *electronic money* issuance if it is the Bank of England, a government department, a local authority, a municipal bank or the National Savings Bank.

Gibraltar-based firms

7A.1.10 **R** (1) In accordance with ■ GEN 2.3 (General saving of the Handbook for Gibraltar), *rules* or *guidance* in ■ FEES 7A that immediately before *IP completion day* applied in relation to or in connection with Gibraltar will continue to apply after *IP completion day*. The exceptions to this provision are the fee rates set out in Part 1 of ■ FEES 7A Annex 1R , Part 4 of ■ FEES 7A Annex 2R and ■ 7A Annex 3R which may change each *fee year*.

The modifications that will continue to apply to Gibraltar-based firms (as defined in ■ GEN 2.3) in relation to payment of the *SFGB* money advice levy are:

Activity group	Percentage deducted from the tariff payable under FEES 7A Annex 1R applicable to the Gibraltar-based firm
A.1	10%
A.3	10%
A.4	10%
A.7	10%

A.9	10%
A.10	10%
A.13	10%
A.18	10%
A.19	50%
B. MTF and OTF operators	Not applicable
AP.0	100%
G.2	40%
G.3	40%
G.10	40%
Note 1	The modifications to fee tariffs payable by a Gibraltar-based firm apply only in relation to the relevant regulated activities of the firm which are carried on in the <i>United Kingdom</i> .
Note 2	The <i>FCA</i> minimum fees described in FEES 7A Annex 1R apply in full.