CONDUCT OF BUSINESS SOURCEBOOK (ABOLITION OF CONTRACTING OUT FOR DEFINED CONTRIBUTION SCHEMES) INSTRUMENT 2010

Powers exercised

- A. The Financial Services Authority makes this instrument in the exercise of:
 - (1) the following powers and related provisions in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("the Act"):
 - (a) section 138 (General rule-making power); and
 - (b) section 156 (General supplementary powers); and
 - (2) the other powers and related provisions listed in Schedule 4 (Powers exercised) to the General Provisions of the Handbook.
- B. The rule-making powers referred to above are specified for the purpose of section 153(2) (Rule-making instruments) of the Act.

Commencement

C. This instrument comes into force on 24 November 2010.

Amendments to the Handbook

- D. The Glossary of definitions is amended in accordance with Annex A to this instrument.
- E. The Conduct of Business sourcebook (COBS) is amended in accordance with Annex B to this instrument.

Citation

F. This instrument may be cited as the Conduct of Business Sourcebook (Abolition of Contracting Out for Defined Contribution Schemes) Instrument 2010.

By order of the Board 10 November 2010

Annex A

Amendments to the Glossary of definitions

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contracting out comparison

a description of:

- (a) the benefits that minimum contributions would secure if a *retail client* did not contract out of the State Second Pension; and
- (b) the material differences between the anticipated position if a *retail client* remains contracted into the State Second Pension and the anticipated position of that *client* contracts out;

which is calculated to the *client's* state retirement age using the *lower* and *higher rates of return* and aggregate contributions for the current <u>tax year</u> and <u>the next two tax years</u> any future tax years in the period ending 5 April 2012.

Annex B

Amendments to the Conduct of Business sourcebook (COBS)

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13 Annex 2 Projections

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4	How to calculate a projection for an appropriate personal pension
4.1	(If a <i>client</i> is considering whether to contract out), a <i>projection</i> for an <i>appropriate personal pension</i> must include or be accompanied by
	(1) a contracting out comparison providing a description of:
	(a) the benefits that minimum contributions would secure if a <i>retail client</i> did not contract out of the State Second Pension; and
	(b) the material differences between the anticipated position if a <i>retail client</i> remains contracted into the State Second pension and the anticipated position if that <i>client</i> contracts out;
	which is calculated to the <i>client's</i> state retirement age using the lower and higher rates of return in 4.2R and aggregate contributions for the current <u>tax year</u> and <u>the next two tax years</u> any future tax years in the period ending 5 April 2012;-
	(2) an explanation that the figures in the comparison are intended to illustrate:
	(a) the amount of pension that <u>the</u> <i>client</i> might get compared with the benefit to be given up under the State Second Pension; and
	(b) what might happen if the lower and higher rates of return were achieved each year.