

Market Conduct Pillar Definitions

Conduct-related outcomes refers to insurance firms treating consumers fairly by:

• developing, marketing and selling products in a way that pays due regard to the interests and needs of customers;

• providing customers with information before, during and after the point of sale that is accurate, clear, and not misleading;

- minimising the risk of sales which are not appropriate to customers' interests;
- ensuring that any advice given is of a high quality;
- dealing with customer claims, complaints and disputes in a fair and timely manner; and
- protecting the privacy of information obtained from customers.

19.1 Due skill, care and diligence	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to act with due skill, care and diligence when dealing with customers.
19.2 Policies and processes	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to establish and implement policies and processes on the fair treatment of customers, as an integral part of their business culture.
19.3 Conflicts of interest	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to avoid or properly manage any potential conflicts of interest.
19.4 Arrangements between insurers and intermediaries	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to have arrangements in place in dealing with each other to ensure the fair treatment of customers.
19.5 Product suitability	The supervisor requires insurers to take into account the interests of different types of consumers when developing and distributing insurance products.
19.6 Sales and marketing	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to promote products and services in a manner that is clear, fair and not misleading.
19.7 Disclosure	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to provide timely, clear and adequate pre-contractual and contractual information to customers.

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19.8 Advice	Where customers receive advice before concluding an insurance contract the supervisor requires that the advice provided by insurers and intermediaries takes into account the customer's disclosed circumstances.
19.9 Servicing	 The supervisor requires insurers to: service policies appropriately through to the point at which all obligations under the policy have been satisfied; disclose to the policyholder information on any contractual changes during the life of the contract; and disclose to the policyholder further relevant information depending on the type of insurance product.
19.10 Claims	The supervisor requires insurers to handle claims in a timely, fair and transparent manner.
19.11 Complaints	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to handle complaints in a timely and fair manner.
19.12 Data protection	The supervisor requires insurers and intermediaries to have policies and procedures for the protection and use of information on customers.