

Book III - Service providers

Title I - Investment services providers

Chapter IV - Conduct of business rules

Section 7 - Inducements and fees

Sub-section 2 - Inducements in respect of investment advice on an independent basis or portfolio management services for third parties

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Article 314-20

Only the following benefits shall qualify as acceptable minor non-monetary benefits:

- information or documentation relating to a financial instrument or an investment service, which is generic in nature or personalised to reflect the circumstances of an individual client;
- 2 written material from a third party:
 - a) that is commissioned and paid for by a corporate issuer or potential issuer to promote a new issuance by the company; or
 - b) where the third party firm is contractually engaged and paid by the issuer to produce such material on an ongoing basis;

provided that the material:

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- a) clearly discloses the relationship between the issuer and the third party; and
- b) is made available at the same time to any investment services provider wishing to receive it or to the general public;
- **3** participation in conferences, seminars and other training or information events on the benefits and features of a specific financial instrument or an investment service;
- 4 hospitality of a reasonable de minimis value, such as food and drink during a business meeting or a conference, seminar or other training or information events mentioned under point 3° of this article; and
- 5 other minor non-monetary benefits which the AMF deems:
 - a) capable of enhancing the quality of service provided to a client; and
 - b) having regard to the total level of benefits provided by one entity or group of entities, to be of a scale and nature that are unlikely to impair compliance with the service provider's duty to act in the best interest of the client.

Acceptable minor non-monetary benefits shall be reasonable and proportionate and of such a scale that they are unlikely to influence the service provider's behaviour in any way that is detrimental to the interests of the relevant client.

Disclosure of minor non-monetary benefits shall be made prior to the provision of the relevant investment or ancillary services to clients.

In accordance with Article 314-17(1), minor non-monetary benefits may be described in a generic way.

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