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Government Releases Draft FOFA Regulations for Stockbroking

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The Government has released draft regulations that aim to minimise the impact of the Future of Financial Advice (FOFA) ban on conflicted remuneration in relation to stockbroking activities.

As with many policy changes, the practical effects of FOFA on the industry, and in particular on remuneration structures going forward, will become apparent over time as broking firms implement the FOFA changes in their businesses. For this reason, AFMA is minded to recommend that the effect of regulations should be reviewed by the Government after they have operated for a period of time, so that any unanticipated consequences of the reforms can be addressed. A review after two years is likely to be an appropriate period.

In the meantime, AFMA will continue to work with Treasury to align the detail of the draft regulations with current industry practice.

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