

a dealer to pay the attorney's fees of the manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch related to disputes involving the franchise.

(G) (1) (I) IF THE DEALER IS AN ENTITY OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL, THE DEALER SHALL DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO REPRESENT THE DEALER TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR FACTORY BRANCH.

(II) APPROVAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE WITHHELD BY THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR FACTORY BRANCH UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNFIT DUE TO LACK OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER OR FAILS TO MEET REASONABLE GENERAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS.

(2) A DEALER SHALL HAVE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO:

(I) DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE OR A SUCCESSOR IF A CHANGE IS REQUIRED FOR ANY REASON; AND

(II) OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OR SUCCESSOR DESIGNATED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, INCLUDING TIME FOR A HEARING, IN THE EVENT OF ANY OBJECTION BY THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR FACTORY BRANCH.

(3) AT A HEARING RESULTING FROM AN OBJECTION TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL, THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR FACTORY BRANCH HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT THE DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL IS NOT OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER OR FAILS TO MEET REASONABLE GENERAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS.

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(a) A manufacturer may not terminate, cancel, or fail to renew the franchise of a dealer, notwithstanding any term or provision of the franchise, unless:

(1) The dealer has failed to comply substantially with the reasonable requirements of the franchise; and

(2) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (d) of this section, the manufacturer:

(i) Gives the dealer at least 90 days' prior written notice of the termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal and of the specific grounds for the action; and

(ii) Provides the Administration with a copy of that notice.

(b) A distributor may not terminate, cancel, or fail to renew the franchise of a dealer, notwithstanding any term or provision of the franchise, unless:

(1) The dealer has failed to comply substantially with the reasonable requirements of the franchise; and

(2) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (d) of this section, the distributor: