



Queen Elizabeth II

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The Meetings Industry Association is extremely saddened to hear of the passing of our Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. We offer our deepest condolences to the Royal Family.

As we will enter a period of national mourning, events may be cancelled as a mark of respect. [Government advice](#) is there is no obligation to cancel or postpone events or close entertainment venues during the national mourning period. This is at the discretion of individual organisations. (This advice also answers many other questions that you may have regarding this sad circumstance that we find ourselves in.)

As a mark of respect, organisations might wish to consider cancelling or postponing events or closing venues on the day of the State Funeral. You are under no obligation to do so, and this is entirely at the discretion of individual organisations.

We are therefore advising that you proactively contact your clients offering a solution that gives flexibility. This can either be offering alternative dates or pausing and agreeing to do nothing until the period of mourning has passed. Next, we suggest agreeing a solution for all parties – one that will hopefully see the event take place in the future.

In these sad circumstances, we have been advised by legal experts Mishcon de Reya that the force majeure clause in a contract comes into effect. If any of our members require further or specific guidance, please contact the mia team and we will connect you with Mishcon de Reya immediately.

We will continue to provide further updates as soon as possible.