

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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Highlights

- 1. EC report on the macroprudential review
- 2. FSB sets out 2024 work program
- 3. EBA publishes its heatmap following the scrutiny of the interest rate risk in the banking book
- 4. PRA publishes review of ring-fencing rules
- 5. FRB issues statement on the BTFP

Global

- FSB sets out 2024 work program
 - <u>Priority areas</u> are: i) global cooperation on financial stability; ii) completing resolution reforms; iii) NBFI resilience; vi) cross-border payments; v) digital innovation; vi) addressing financial risks from climate change.
- BIS issues statement on future innovation projects regarding the 2024 work program
 It announced the first batch of six new projects in its 2024 Innovation Hub work program, including experimentations on cyber security, fighting financial crime, CBDCs and green finance.

Europe

- EC report on the macroprudential review
 - It <u>emphasizes</u> the need for a revised macroprudential framework for banks and NBFIs, acknowledging the vulnerabilities exposed during the global financial crisis and the challenges in addressing systemic risks.
- EBA publishes its heatmap following the scrutiny of the interest rate risk in the banking book
 It discloses <u>policy</u> aspects that will be subject to further scrutiny and corresponding actions in the short to medium term (2024-2025) and in the long term, beyond 2025.
- EIOPA releases its Consumer Trends Report 2023
 - It <u>reveals</u> that the ongoing cost-of-living crisis is affecting insurance and pension consumers and their relationship with financial products and services.
- EIOPA presents study on diversification modeling in the internal models used by insurers
 It provides an overview of current modeling approaches and equips NCAs with a European sector-wide comparison as well as various diversification indicators to monitor the on-going compliance of internal models.

United Kingdom



• PRA publishes review of ring-fencing rules

It <u>considers</u> that most rules are performing satisfactorily. They remain an important support for the statutory regime, they discharge the legislative intentions and they operate effectively.

PRA consults on solvent exit planning for insurers

It aims to <u>ensure</u> that firms can exit the market with minimal disruption, in an orderly way and without having to rely on the backstop of an insolvency or resolution process. Deadline: April 26, 2024.

United States

FRB issues statement on the BTFP

It announces that the Bank Term Funding Program (BTFP) will cease making <u>new loans</u> as scheduled on March 11. Until that date, it will continue to make loans and will be an available source of liquidity for banks.

- FRB extends comment period on its interchange fee proposal
 - Proposal to lower the <u>maximum interchange</u> fee that a large debit card issuer can receive for a debit card transaction. New deadline: May 12, 2024.
- CFTC consults on proposal regarding substituted compliance application for swap dealers
 Proposed comparability determination to allow certain nonbank swap dealers in UK to satisfy capital and financial reporting requirements by being subject to comparable requirements in UK. Deadline: Mar 24, 2024.
- CFPB consults on rule to stop certain fees on bank accounts

The proposal would <u>prohibit</u> non-sufficient funds fees on transactions that financial institutions decline in real time. Deadline: Mar 25, 2024.

• SEC adopts rules on investor protection relating to SPACs, shell companies, and projections
It requires, among other things, enhanced disclosures about conflicts of interest, special purpose acquisition companies (SPAC) sponsor compensation, dilution, and other information that is important to investors.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Press Article. Keys to digital and banking regulation for 2024 (Spanish only). January 2024.
- Press Article. Global regulatory standards in a fragmenting financial system. November 2023
- Press Article. Lessons from the latest financial turmoil (Spanish only). September 2023.
- Press Article. Madrid, European capital against money laundering: benefits and opportunities (Spanish only).
 July 2023.

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