

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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Highlights

1. EC publishes its strategy for the Savings and Investments Union (SIU)
2. EBA updates ITS on the joint decision process for internal model authorization
3. SRB consults its operational guidelines on resolvability testing for banks
4. EBA consults on prudential requirements of CSDs providing 'banking-type ancillary services'
5. OCC issues statement on examinations for reputation risk

Global

- **IAIS issues consultation on structural shifts in the life insurance sector**
It [explores](#) emerging trends, provides a framework for macroprudential and financial stability implications and identifies potential areas for enhancement in the IAIS supervisory material. Deadline: April 3, 2025

Europe

- **EC publishes its strategy for the Savings and Investments Union (SIU)**
It [sets](#) out legislative and non-legislative measures underpinned by the need to improve the capital union and to finalize the banking union.
- **EBA updates ITS on the joint decision process for internal model authorization**
The amendments [include](#) a revised scope for the use of internal models for regulatory purposes under CRR III and reflect changes in the revised supervisory colleges regulatory framework.
- **SRB consults its operational guidelines on resolvability testing for banks**
It seeks to ensure that banks regularly test their [capabilities](#) to handle a crisis and to implement a resolution action. Deadline: May 5, 2025.
- **EBA consults on prudential requirements of CSDs providing 'banking-type ancillary services'**
It [aims](#) to allow CSDs to do more settlement of foreign currency in commercial bank money without increasing the risk in CSDs or the overall financial system. Deadline: Jun 16, 2025.
- **ESMA extends recognition of UK CCPs**
It temporarily extends the [application](#) of the recognition decision under EMIR for three CCPs established in the UK (two as Tier 2 and one as Tier 1) until June 30, 2028.

- **EBA publishes its Q4 2024 risk dashboard**
Main [findings](#): i) higher RoE and RoA, ii) Net Interest Margin decreased, iii) stable asset quality (with lower NPLs), iv) strong capitalization (16% CET1 fully loaded); v) minor adjustments in LCR and NSRF.
- **ESMA and BoE conclude MoU regarding UK-based CCPs under EMIR**
Revised MoU on [cooperation](#) and information exchange concerning the three CCPs established in the UK and recognized by ESMA.
- **EC consults on the EU follow-on prospectus and the EU growth issuance prospectus**
Its [objective](#) is to reduce regulatory and compliance costs and to enhance legal clarity with a view to facilitate listing by companies on EU public markets while allowing flexibility where necessary. Deadline: May 2, 2025
- **ESMA publishes statement on the treatment of settlement fails with respect to the CSDR**
It [clarifies](#) that National Competent Authorities (NCAs) do not expect CSDs to apply cash penalties in relation to settlement fails occurring on 27 and 28 of February 2025.

Spain

- **CNMV issues circular to improve information from investment funds and other firms**
It [amends](#) previous Circulars regarding investment fund performance management fees and the information provided by venture capital entities and depositories.

United Kingdom

- **PRA issues consultation on recognized exchanges policy and transfer of main indices**
It sets out the [conditions](#) an investment exchange must meet to be a 'recognized exchange'. It also proposes to restate the list of 'main indices' in the PRA Rulebook without any policy changes. Deadline: Jun 18, 2025.
- **FCA consults on removing limits to contactless payments**
It seeks to remove or [increase](#) the contactless limit, currently set at £100, in order to provide greater choice, flexibility and smoother purchases. Deadline: May 9, 2025.

United States

- **OCC issues statement on examinations for reputation risk**
It announces that it will no longer examine its regulated institutions for [reputation risk](#), and that it is removing references to reputation risk from its Comptroller's Handbook booklets and guidance issuances.
- **SEC extends compliance date for amendments to Investment Company Names rule**
It announces a [six-month extension](#) of the compliance dates for amendments to the Investment Company Act "Names Rule," which addresses fund names likely to mislead investors about a fund's investments and risks.
- **CFTC issues interpretation on financial reporting requirements for Japanese non-bank swap dealers**
It clarifies that they may satisfy the [condition](#) 9 of the Comparability Order by filing certain enumerated schedules of the Annual Business Report, subject to translation, US dollar conversion, and required deadline.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- [Press Article](#). *Achievements and challenges following a decade of European resolution*. February 2025
- [Press Article](#). *What we ask from Von der Leyen's Omnibus initiative*. February 2025
- [Press Article](#). *Less bureaucracy and regulation to boost European sustainability* (Spanish only). January 2025
- [Press Article](#). *The role of tokenization in the financial system of the future* (Spanish only). January 2025

Previous edition of our Weekly Financial Regulation Update in [English](#).

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