

# Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 15 April 2016

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#### **GLOBAL**

BIS publishes tenth progress report on adoption of Basel III regulatory framework

Focuses on the adoption stance of the Basel III framework at the national level according to the internationally agreed timeframes.

BIS consults on prudential treatment of problem assets

Definitions of non-performing loans exposures and forbearance. Seeks to harmonize measurements and applications, promoting consistency. Deadline Jul. 2016.

IMF publications

i) World Economic Outlook: Expected global growth of 3.2% in 2016 and stronger growth in 2017 driven by emerging markets. ii) Global Financial Stability Report: Increased risks and deteriorated outlook in advanced economies. Negative spillovers from emerging markets.

• ISDA on margin requirements for non-cleared derivatives

Document aimed at allowing parties to negotiate collateral terms that comply with variation margin requirements under the new rules.

### **EUROPE**

EC proposes public tax transparency rules for multinationals

Applies to multinationals operating in the EU with global revenues exceeding EUR 750m and includes public reporting requirements regarding where profits are made and taxes are paid.

• EBA on securitisation

Publishes report on risk retention, due diligence and disclosure and identifies best practices to help Competent Authorities in their supervisory assessments of compliance.

• ESMA announces EU-wide stress tests for Central Counterparties (CCPs)

The publication of the final results is scheduled for 29 April 2016. The stress test include clearing member



default scenarios and market price shock scenarios.

• ESAs publish Report on Risks and Vulnerabilities in the EU financial system

Three main risks: i) profitability, ii) interconnectedness of banks and non-bank entities and iii) potential contagion from China and other emerging markets. Proposes actions to address these risks.

• ECB conducts a stocktake on BRRD transposition

The BRRD has now been transposed in all euro area Member States (fully or, in two cases, partially) but a variety of national supervisory approaches remain in some areas.

• EIOPA publishes Preparatory Guidelines on Product Oversight and Governance

Aimed at supporting the implementation of POG, and minimizing the risk of consumers by getting the distributors to align products with the interests of target consumers

• ESAs finalise proposal for RTS on Key Information Documents (KIDs) for PRIIPs

The KIDs for Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products (PRIIPs) provide retail investors with simple and comparable information on investment products.

• ESMA publishes Q&A on CFDs and the responses to a previous discussion paper

i) Q&A addresses the application of MiFID to the marketing and sale of financial contracts for difference (CFDs). ii) ESMA has also published the responses to its discussion paper on benchmark regulation.

EBA notification from the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA)

FMA has notified the application of resolution measures to Heta Asset Resolution AG.

• EBA on customer due diligence measures

Opinion setting out measures for credit and financial institutions when providing asylum seekers from higherrisk jurisdictions with access to basic financial products and services.

· ESMA on national supervision of investment advice to retail clients

Peer review on how national regulators assess compliance with MiFID's suitability requirements when firms provide investment advice to retail clients.

• ESMA publishes opinion on EU framework for loan origination by investment funds





Establishes ESMA's view on elements such as the authorisation of loan-originating funds and their managers, eligible investors, organisational requirements and leverage.

• European parliament issues two reports

i) report on proposal for amending MIFIR and MAR ii) report on proposal for amending MIFID.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

PRA has published its 2015 list of Other Systemically Important Institutions (O-SIIs)

Sixteen firms have been listed as O-SIIs, eight of which have been designated O-SII through EBA's methodology, while the other eight were designated through PRA's supervisory overlay.

BoE to administrate Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) interest rate benchmark

Will assume overall responsibility on the SONIA benchmark, providing oversight and governance, on 25 Apr. Consultation on further SONIA reform in late summer 2016.

## **UNITED STATES**

 The FED proposes amendments to its rules requiring GSIBs to hold additional amounts of risk-based capital

The amendments are aimed to clarify the calculation of surcharges and of the short-term wholesale funding scores. (deadline: May 2016)

• The FED and FDIC publish feedback on resolution plans of eight G-SIBs

Living wills of five banks are determined as non-credible. Deficiencies must be addressed by Oct 2016. Only one bank has passed the scrutiny.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish)

- Presentation. New requirements for loss absorbing capacity: TLAC and MREL
- Financial Regulation Outlook. April 2016.
- Digital Economy Outlook. March 2016
- Regulation Watch. UK proposal on MREL: alignment with TLAC

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