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GLOBAL

BCBS' statement on capital arbitrage transactions

Banks should not engage in transactions with the aim of offsetting regulatory adjustments. They will be subject to careful supervision in the assessment of capital adequacy.

- IOSCO on Audit Committee oversight of Auditors and on IFRS standards
- i) Report identifies audit committee practices that can improve quality at publicly listed entities, ii) Joint statement with IFRS to promote transparency in capital markets through the development and consistent application of IFRS standards.

EUROPE

EBA publishes decision on data for supervisory benchmarking

Decision on institutions' data and list of institutions that have to submit this information by 30 June 2016.

- ESMA launches two consultations and a discussion paper
- i) On proposed implementing measures for benchmarks regulation. Deadline: 30 Jun; ii) on Central Securities Depositories Directive guidelines on participants default rules. Deadline: 30 Jun) and iii) discussion paper on distributed ledger technologies. Deadline: 2 Sep.
- ESMA launches its opinion on MIFID II standards on ancillary activities

To ensure that non-financial firms are adequately regulated and compete on a level playing field in commodities derivatives trading, ESMA has developed a business activity test.

• ESMA issues a statement on responsibilities when selling bail-in securities

It reminds banks and investment firms of their responsibility of acting in their clients' best interest when selling bail-in-able financial instruments.

• European Council adopts regulation on commodity dealers

It exempts commodity dealers from large exposure requirements and from own funds requirements until 31





Dec 2017, as EC reports on prudential supervision are expected.

· EC adopts Implementing Regulation on the risk-free rate (Solvency II) and issues statement

i) Regulation lays down information to be used for calculating provisions and basic own funds. (Act and Annex) ii) The EU-US statement reflects agreement to improve regulatory and supervisory treatment of the insurance sector.

EIOPA on Solvency II RFR term structures

Updates technical documentation on the methodology for the relevant risk-free interest rate term structures (RFR) under Solvency II.

· EBA and EIB discuss in a seminar the use of synthetic securitisation in the banking sector

Participants expressed a commitment to work together with the aim of establishing a transparent, prudential and predictable operational framework for such instruments.

Joint Committee of ESAs launches website

The new website presents information and news about the cross-sectoral work of the three ESAs (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA).

• EC Delegated Regulations published in the OJEU

i) Regarding the circumstances for the exclusion from bail-in and ii) in relation to standards for non-delta risk of options in the standardised market risk approach.

SPAIN

. CNMV issues statement on Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) and short-selling

In relation to the reporting of reference data on financial instruments under the MAR, and short-selling in connection with market-making activity to foster investor protection.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Regulation Watch. Setting a limit to leverage in banking. May 2016
- · Presentation. New requirements for loss absorbing capacity: TLAC and MREL
- Financial Regulation Outlook. June 2016
- Digital Economy Outlook. May 2016



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