



Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 15 July 2016

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GLOBAL

• BIS revises simple, transparent and comparable (STC) securitisation framework

It includes additional criteria for <u>differentiating</u> the capital treatment for STC securitisations versus those with higher-risk underlying exposures.

EUROPE

• EBA updates on monitoring of Additional Tier 1 instruments

Includes new <u>provisions</u> on triggers, calls/repurchases/redemptions and write-down mechanisms. Also updates proposed draft standardised templates for AT1 instruments.

EC on venture capital

Proposes <u>amendments</u> to the European Venture Capital Funds and the European Social Entrepreneurship Funds regulations to boost venture capital and social projects investments.

• ECB publishes guide on institutional protection schemes (IPSs)

<u>Assesses</u> the eligibility of IPSs to ensure coherence, effectiveness and transparency regarding the supervisory policy that will be applied.

- ESMA on central clearing delay for small counterparties and review of CRAs methodologies
- i) <u>Proposes</u> a two-year extension to the phase-in period for central clearing of OTC derivatives for counterparties with limited volumes of derivatives and ii) <u>consults</u> on guidelines to validate and review Credit Rating Agencies' methodologies.
- EBA and ESMA update their respective risk dashboards

EBA <u>released</u> the results of a risk assessment questionnaire. <u>ESMA</u> explains that its outlook has changed due to the result of the Brexit referendum.





• ESMA issues guidelines on implementation of MAR and cross-selling practices

i) Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) guidelines <u>clarify</u> its implementation for persons receiving market soundings and on delayed disclosure of inside information, and ii) releases <u>translations</u> of the guidelines on cross-selling practices.

• EBA publishes second annual report on convergence of supervisory practices across EU

<u>Highlights</u> additional progress on convergence of supervisory practices, but identifies differences in additional capital requirements and their legal nature.

- ECOFIN conclusions on Basel reforms and tax avoidance rules
- i) Council <u>notes</u> that they should not significantly increase capital requirements, and ii) new <u>rules</u> have been adopted to reduce disparities among national tax systems. Deadline for transposition: 31 Dec 2018.
- EC launches EU-US Privacy Shield on protection for transatlantic data flows

<u>Sets</u> out obligations for companies handling data, safeguards and transparency obligations on US government access to data, as well as mechanisms to protect individual rights.

EIOPA announces final update of the XBRL reporting tool

The <u>update</u> aims to support reporting of small and medium sized companies and to ease the transition to market solutions. Schedule for Oct 2016.

• SRB publishes first Annual Report

<u>Outlines</u> SRB achievements mainly on resolution-related activities (e.g. draft resolution planning manual) and working arrangements (e.g. MoU with ECB).

EBA publishes report on benchmarking of diversity practices

The representation of women within management bodies remains very low. In spite of the CRD IV's requiring <u>diversity</u> policies, only a limited number of institutions have adopted them.

UNITED KINGDOM

• FCA publishes annual report, competition report and consultation on crowdfunding





i) Overview of <u>work</u> done in key areas such as MiFID, MAD/MAR and the Senior Managers and Certification Regime; ii) summary of <u>activities</u> undertaken to promote competition, iii) <u>call for input</u> on areas to be considered in the review of crowdfunding rules.

SPAIN

• CNMV on communicating abusive practices and suspicious orders and transactions

Issues a <u>statement</u> on electronic means to be used for reporting such practices, orders and transactions, and has enabled two ways to do it: Cifradoc and open zone.

UNITED STATES

Federal Reserve extends for one year implementation of parts of the Volcker Rule

<u>Insured depositary institutions</u> are allowed to gradually divest prohibited investments such as hedge funds and private equity funds until 21 July 2017. This is the last extension.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

Flash. EBA clarifies use of 2016 EU-wide stress test results in the SREP process

Regulation Watch. Setting a limit to leverage in banking. May 2016

Financial Regulation Outlook. June 2016.

Digital Economy Outlook. July 2016

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