

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 04 september 2015

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EUROPE

• ECON informs on stocktaking and challenges in EU financial services regulation

It <u>recommends</u> that the EC and ESAs should regularly assess the consistency and proportionality of legislative action, as well as the cumulative impact of reforms, every five years.

• ESMA on Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) for MiFID II

<u>Consults</u> on: i) the suspension of trading in financial instruments; ii) notifications required for information service providers, and iii) aggregate weekly derivative positions. Deadline: 31 Oct

ESMA approves Greek HCMC short selling ban

Publishes official <u>opinion</u> on the 30-day restriction imposed by the Hellenic Capital Market Commission (HCMC) on short-selling of shares traded on the Athens Stock Exchange.

• ECB on implementing monetary policy

Publishes <u>guideline</u> amending: i) counterparty eligibility assessment (includes information on capital, liquidity and leverage), and ii) new classes of assets eligible as collateral.

UNITED KINGDOM

PRA publishes three consultations and a supervisory statement on Solvency II

Regarding: i) <u>Implementing Technical Standards (ITS)</u>, governance, and risk analysis and solvency; ii) <u>third-country insurance and pure reinsurance branches</u>, and iii) <u>administration instruments</u> (deadlines: i) and ii) 30 Sep and iii) 11 Sep) and <u>supervisory statement</u> on accounting principles.

FCA regarding changes in Handbook

<u>Consults</u> on: i) rules and guidance to transpose UCITS V Directive (9 Nov), ii) changes to ensure EU Regulation introducing European long-term investment funds operates effectively (5 Oct) iii) updates to rules and guidance for authorised investment funds (7 Dec).

PRA and FCA launch websites for their rulebooks



They contain a complete and consolidated record of their rules and provisions (PRA and FCA).

· UK government consults on effectiveness of rules designed to prevent money-laundering

<u>Requests comments</u> on effectiveness and proportionality of guidance, rules and proof of ID requirements to cut through red tape. Deadline: 23 October.

GLOBAL

BIS / IOSCO on harmonisation of OTC derivative data elements

<u>Consult</u> on key data elements, for consistent and meaningful aggregation regarding derivatives contracts that should be reported to trade repositories. Deadline: 9 Oct

IOSCO publishes final report on peer review regulation of money market funds (MMFs)

The <u>report</u> finds that participating jurisdictions have made progress in introducing implementation measures across the eight reform areas.

IOSCO publishes review of incentive alignment for securitisation

<u>Implementation progress</u> of IOSCO's recommendations (Nov 2012) made in 25 jurisdictions. Only 5 have completed it (China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Turkey) and the EU shows a greater progress than the USA

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish)

- Financial Regulation OutlookSeptember 2015
- Digital Economy Outlook. July-August 2015
- Regulation Flash: The leverage ratio as a macroprudential tool
- Regulation Watch: EU loss-absorbing capacity requirement
- Banks Outlook. Second Quarter 2015

Previous editions of our Weekly Regulation Update in Spanish and English





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