



Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 7 October 2016

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GLOBAL

IOSCO published report on corporate governance framework

Identifies measures and regulatory approaches to strengthen corporate governance in emerging markets. It seeks to align the regulatory framework with international standards.

EUROPE

• ECB changes collateral eligibility criteria and risk control measures for bonds

Affects senior unsecured debt instruments. Eligibility will be subject to additional risk control measures. The usage limit for uncovered bank bonds is reduced.

ESMA consults on product governance guidelines to safeguard investors

It seeks to enhance investors' protection ensuring that firms manufacturing and distributing financial instruments act in the client's best interests. Deadline: 5 Jan 2017.

• ESMA consults on MiFID II guidelines regarding trading halts

Consultation on draft guidelines focusing on the ability to calibrate trading halts if there is a significant price movement during a short period. Deadline: 6 Dec.

• EBA consults on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) risk

Consults on the draft guidelines to assess ICT in the context of SREP. The aim is to promote common procedures and methodologies on the assessment. Deadline: 6 Jan 2017.

• ESMA consults on consolidated tape for non-equity products

Following MiFID II, feedback is sought on draft RTS to create a non-equity tape consolidating data in real-time and making it publicly available. Deadline: 5 Dec.

• ESMA consults on reporting rules for securities financing transactions (SFT)

It aims to increase the transparency of shadow banking activities. It requires financial and non-financial





market participants to report details of their STF. Deadline: 30 Nov.

• ESMA issues final guidelines on commodity derivatives insider information

It aims to clarify the definition of insider information for commodity derivatives using three different criteria. It does not impose additional information disclosure requirements.

- EBA publishes risk dashboard and final guidelines on implicit support for securitisation
- i) Report shows an increase in CET1 ratios and a decrease in NPL ratios. ROE levels remain unchanged, and ii) guidelines aimed at clarifying what constitutes arm's length conditions, specifying when a transaction is not structured to provide support.
- EIOPA publishes technical methodology for risk-free interest rate under Solvency II

It sets out methodology to derive the risk-free interest rate term structure, modifying several areas such as the representative portfolios to estimate volatility adjustments.

· EIOPA sets strategic direction for the next three years

Three main strategic priorities: i) Enhancing supervisory convergence, ii) reinforcing preventive consumer protection, and iii) preserving financial stability.

UNITED KINGDOM

· FCA on transaction cost disclosures

Proposed rules and guidance aimed at standardising the disclosure of the transaction costs incurred by pension investments.

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. July 2016
- Digital Economy Outlook. July 2016

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