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GLOBAL

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• BIS consults on changes of GSIB assessment methodology

Proposes: removal of cap and changes of weights on substitutability category, expansion of consolidation scope, changes on cross-jurisdictional activity definition, revision to disclosure requirements, guidance on bucket migration, and transition schedule. Deadline: 30 Jun.

• BIS publishes report on implementation of principles for risk data aggregation and reporting

Although some progress has been made, G-SIBs have not completed the implementation of the principles. The Committee considers the level of compliance unsatisfactory.

• BIS publishes disclosure requirements under Pillar 3

Enhancement of Pillar 3 framework to promote market discipline through disclosure requirements. New TLAC disclosure requirements will be binding from 1 Jan 2019 onwards.

• BIS publishes standards on regulatory treatment of accounting provisions

Retains the current regulatory treatment of accounting provisions for an interim period. Sets out principles for transitional arrangements to take effect from 1 Jan 2018.

EUROPE

• ESMA updates Q&A on the application of CRA regulation

Adds a new section on "Disclosure and Presentation of Credit Ratings", and ensures the timely publication of CRAs' ratings and outlooks.

• SSM publishes list of EU supervised entities

Updates list of significant and less significant institutions (as of Jan 2017). Specific grounds and criteria for direct supervision are indicated.

• EC blocks proposed merger between Deutsche Börse and London Stock Exchange

It concluded that a merger could create a monopoly in the markets for clearing fixed income instruments.

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• CNMV publishes measures on the marketing of speculative products to retail investors

Requires brokers to warn their clients of these product's risks, including the possible effect of leverage on losses, and the fact that the CNMV considers them unsuitable for retail clients.

UNITED KINGDOM

• PRA issues letter on stress test model management

It sets the principles to be followed by firms participating in the 2017 exercise. The objective is to develop guidance for banks to improve the standards of stress tests.

• BoE publishes key elements of 2017 stress test explaining the two scenarios

The first assesses whether banks have enough capital to absorb losses and keep lending during an economic shock. The second considers a longer period with intensified stress.

• PRA publishes report on banks' regulatory capital

It presents data from 4Q2016 for the UK banking sector. CET1 capital ratio increased by 0.3 pp on the last quarter. This is due to an increase in CET1 capital and a reduction in RWAs.

• PRA consults on the Internal Ratings Based (IRB) approach

Requests feedback on proposed changes to IRB supervisory statement. The aim is to improve IRB application process, and clarify supervisory expectations. Deadline: 28 Jun.

UNITED STATES

• FED publishes annual financial statements

Releases annual audited financial statements for the combined Federal Reserve Banks, twelve individual FRBs and the board of governors.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Press Article. Creating Green Opportunities. March 2017
- Press Article. Shadow banking: time to step out into the light. March 2017
- Regulation Watch. White Paper on the future of Europe. March 2017

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- Regulation Watch. New package of banking reforms. November 2016
- Financial Regulation Outlook. January 2017
- Digital Economy Outlook. January 2017

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