Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 17 November 2017

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EUROPE

· Council approves final text for IFRS 9, creditor hierarchy and large exposures

Following trialogues, the <u>Council</u> has endorsed the final text for the three issues that were under fast track in the CRD V process. Next steps: final endorsement by the EP on Nov 20.

• EC consults on backstops for insufficient provisions for NPLs

It consults on the <u>introduction</u>, design and calibration of a statutory prudential backstop for insufficient loan loss coverage for new loans that turn non-performing. Deadline: 30 Nov.

• ECB publishes two Opinions regarding the current regulatory reform

i) On <u>amendments</u> to CRR and CRD considering Pillar 2 refinements, IFRS 9, CET 1 deductions, leverage ratio or NSFR, among other issues, and ii) on <u>revisions</u> to the crisis management framework considering TLAC implementation, MREL, early intervention measures, or pre-resolution moratorium tools among other issues.

• ESMA publishes final report on MMF Regulation (MMFR)

<u>Includes</u> final versions of the technical advice, draft ITS, and guidelines on stress test scenarios carried out by MMF managers under the MMFR.

· EC consults on institutional investors and asset managers' duties regarding sustainability

It <u>aims</u> to inform the impact assessment process and will be considered in the EC's 1Q2018 action plan on <u>sustainable finance</u>. Deadline: 22 Jan 2018.

• EBA publishes report on the implementation of its guidelines on O-SIIs

A majority of the authorities comply with the guidelines. It observes <u>some deviating practices</u> in some Member States, and recommends that they be corrected as soon as possible.

• EBA publishes final guideline on connected clients

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It seeks to help firms identify <u>connections</u> among clients to determine whether they can be regarded as a single risk. It is based on economic dependencies and control relationships.

• EC consults on delegated act regarding ESMA's fees

It asks for <u>feedback</u> on a delegated regulation on the fees charged by ESMA to trade repositories (i.e. calculation, payment, and reimbursement among others). Deadline: 14 Dec.

· EBA publishes two reports on the consistency of internal model outcomes

It covers credit risk (<u>Low Default Portfolios</u>) and market risk. The analysis confirms that risk weight variability is mainly caused by fundamentals.

• ESMA consults on calculation of derivative positions

Consults on the future guidelines on the calculation of <u>derivative positions</u> by trade repositories under EMIR. Deadline: 15 Jan 2018.

· ESMA clarifies endorsement regime for third-country credit rating

<u>Clarifies and details</u> changes of the existing guidelines on application of the endorsement regimen under the CRA Regulation.

• EBA updates list of CET1 instruments

It presents the list of <u>capital</u> instruments that competent authorities have classified as common equity tier 1. It includes some new instruments since the May update.

• EBA publishes a corrective update to DPM and XBRL taxonomy 2.7

It corrects <u>technical errors</u> in the taxonomy that Competent Authorities use for the reporting of data under the ITS of supervisory reporting.

• EC issues implementing regulation regarding templates under CRD IV/CRR

It seeks to update the previous <u>implementing</u> regulation specifying the modalities whereby institutions are required to report information. It will be directly applicable from 1 Mar 2018.

• ESMA issues two statements on Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs)

It <u>alerts investors</u> to the high risk of losing all their invested capital due to the high degree of speculation and risk. It also asks firms involved in ICOs to comply with the legislation.

• ESMA registers a new Credit Rating Agency

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It <u>registers</u> Kroll Bond Rating Agency Europe as a CRA under the CRAs regulation. The firm must comply with the corresponding requirements of the regulation.

• ESMA updates Q&A under MiFID II and MiFIR

It updates Q&As on i) <u>trading obligation</u> for shares, ii) <u>commodity derivatives</u>, iii) <u>market structure issues</u>, iv) <u>data reporting</u>, and v) <u>transparency</u>.

SPAIN

• BdE consults on guidelines regarding PAC and PAL

It is <u>applicable</u> only to non-systemic institutions supervised by BdE. Proposes changes to the internal capital (liquidity) adequacy assessment processes (PAC and PAL). Deadline: 1 Dec.

• CNMV authorises the application of the publication's regime under MiFIR

It <u>authorises</u> the applicable regime for the deferred publication of the detail of transactions in non-equity instruments, under Article 11 of MiFIR.

UNITED KINGDOM

• PRA consults on approval for the volatility adjustment under Solvency II

It seeks <u>feedback</u> on proposals to clarify expectations regarding firms that seek approval from the supervisor to apply volatility adjustments. Deadline: 9 Feb 2018.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Regulation Watch. Banking Union: Half way there. November 2017
- Press Article. COP23: time to walk the talk. November 2017
- Financial Regulation Outlook. October 2017
- Regulation Watch. European Commission withdraws Banking Structural Reform proposal. October 2017
- <u>Press Article.</u> Moving towards a more selective and effective international banking regulation. October 2017

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