

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 16 February 2018

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GLOBAL

- [IOSCO issues report on policy measures to protect investors of OTC leveraged products](#)

Proposes [new policy measures](#) and guidance to regulators. Aims to protect retail investors who are offered leveraged products (Rolling FX contracts, CFDs and binary options).

EUROPE

- [ESRB publishes recommendations on leverage and liquidity in investment funds](#)

[Recommends](#) additional liquidity management tools, further supervisory requirements, tighter liquidity stress tests, limits on leverage and a harmonised reporting framework.

- [ESAs issue a warning on the risks involved in buying virtual currencies \(VC\)](#)

Warn about the [main risks](#) of investing in VC: high price volatility, and VC exchange platforms with operational problems making accounts subject to cyber-attacks.

- [EIOPA publishes a new set of Q&A on regulation](#)

Two [new Q&As](#): i) On Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35, and ii) on the templates for the submission of information to the supervisory authorities.

- [EBA publishes corrective update of XBRL taxonomy 2.6](#)

Corrects a [technical error](#) in the XBRL table for remittance of the benchmarking exercise that competent authorities must use.

SPAIN

- [CNMV presents 2018 action plan](#)

It [establishes](#) a new strategic line regarding tech development in financial markets. It includes a set of 50 initiatives and objectives for the year.

UNITED KINGDOM

- [PRA and FCA issue consultation and report on Algorithmic Trading](#)

i) PRA [consults](#) on the governance and risk management of algorithmic trading activities in firms. Deadline: 7 May. ii) FCA issues [report](#) on algorithmic trading in wholesale markets. It focuses on 5 key areas including risk controls and market conduct.

UNITED STATES

- [CFPB consults on the supervision process and presents new strategic plan](#)

i) Requests [information](#) to assess the efficiency of its supervision programme, and whether changes are appropriate. Deadline: 90 days after publication (expected 20 Feb). ii) Strategic plan that [outlines](#) 3 main

goals, describing objectives and strategies.

- [CFTC issues advice regarding virtual currencies](#)

It warns [consumers](#) to avoid pump-and-dump schemes that might occur in traded virtual currencies, tokens or digital coins.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- [Financial Regulation Outlook](#). January 2018
- [Regulation Watch](#). Financial Regulation | Basel III End Game. December 2017
- [Regulation Watch](#). Global | 2017 G-SIBs List. November 2017
- [Press Article](#). 2018: a key year for progress toward banking union. January 2018
- [Press Article](#). Towards more selective and enforceable international regulatory standards. December 2017

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