

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 19 February 2016

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EUROPE

• EP proposes one-year postponement to national transposition of MiFID II, to 3 July 2017

Following the Commission's announcement of a one-year extension, to 3 Jan 2018, of its coming into force, the EP proposes to postpone its transposition, since the implementing legislation is not yet available.

• EBA publishes guidelines on cooperation agreements between DGSs

They cover: i) payments to depositors by the local DGS at branches of banks based in other EU Member States, ii) transfers of contributions between DGSs when a bank covered by the scheme moves its headquarters and iii) loans between DGSs.

EBA publishes implementing technical standards

On the correspondence between credit ratings and the various credit quality steps [of the RBM] for a correct allocation of risk weightings to securitisation positions.

ESMA consults on the application of the benchmarks regulation

It introduces changes to improve the administration and control of the benchmarking process while ensuring its reliability and the protection of users. It seeks the opinions of interested parties to feed into future proposals for drafting regulatory technical standards.

• ESMA publishes peer review of guidelines on money market funds

In order to further increase convergence. Some competent national authorities have taken steps to correct the deficiencies identified in the previous review (Apr 2013).

EIOPA publishes priorities for 2016 and report on methodology for retail risk indicators

i) It seeks, among other things: greater transparency, accessibility and simplicity for consumers and better quality and more efficient supervision. ii) It aims to improve monitoring of the insurance market so as to identify new risks in good time.

· EU and US exchange views on financial regulatory developments

Discussion centred on banking, resolution (including of CCPs), derivatives, funds, auditing, insurance and benchmarks.



· Publications in the OJEU

i) Implementing technical standards on disclosure of the leverage ratio (in force: 17 Feb 2016). ii) ECB Decision on access to services of the SSM and its use (in force: 15 Feb 2016).

• ECON issues two reports

i) On the proposal for a directive on the supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision and ii) on a proposed regulation amending the CRR as regards exemptions for commodity dealers.

UNITED KINGDOM

• FCA calls for input on review of retained provisions of the Consumer Credit Act

To make sure that regulation remains appropriate in light of the fast-changing nature of this market. It invites input from consumer groups, trade bodies and firms. Deadline: 18 May

UNITED STATES

• SEC and FDIC propose rules for orderly liquidation of brokers and dealers

They propose the implementation of specific provisions for this purpose. Deadline: 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

• FDIC approves proposal on record-keeping to facilitate access to deposits

It applies to institutions with more than two million deposit accounts. They will have to calculate the amount insured for each depositor within 24 hours of a bank failure.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish)

- <u>Digital Economy Outlook</u>. February 2016
- Regulation Watch. UK's MREL proposal: alignment with TLAC in one ratio
- Press article. Sovereign Debt: a risk-free asset?
- Financial Regulation Outlook. February 2016
- Regulation Watch. Resolution regimes in Latin America

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