

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 09 October 2015

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GLOBAL

- IMF publishes full Global Financial Strategy Report

Improved financial [stability](#) in the advanced economies. Risks continue to rotate towards emerging markets in an environment of greater market and liquidity risk.

- IAIS publishes higher loss absorbency requirement for G-SIIs and the FSB endorses this

The International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) concludes the [first version](#) for Global Systemically Important [Insurers](#) (G-SIIs). Application from Jan 2019.

- CPMI issues recommendations and releases consultative report on correspondent banking

[Regarding](#) know-your-customer (KYC) utilities, use of the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), information-sharing mechanisms and payment messages. Deadline: 7 Dec.

EUROPE

- ESAs set out joint work plan and ESMA its individual programme for 2016

i) [Joint](#) priorities: consumer protection and cross-sectoral risk analysis. ii) Priorities for [ESMA](#): supervisory convergence, MiFID/MiFIR and data collection.

- Member states report on banking union and capital markets union (CMU) at ECOFIN

[With regard to](#) transposition of the BRRD and directive on deposit guarantee schemes, and ratification of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) on the single resolution fund. The priority for the CMU is to reach agreement on a position regarding securitisation (expected at the Dec ECOFIN meeting).

- Court of Justice of the EU invalidates the US Safe Harbour decision

On the basis of [inadequate data protection](#) compared to EU regulations. EC will work towards a [new framework](#) and come forward with guidance for national authorities.

- PE approves revised directive on payment services (PSD2)

[To improve](#) consumer protection, innovation, security and cut out extra charges. Next step: approval by the Council and publication in the OJEU.

- ESMA publishes technical advice and a report on credit rating agencies

Regarding: i) [competition](#), choice and conflicts of interest, and ii) reducing reliance on credit ratings in [regulations](#), and iii) a [report](#) on the European rating platform.

- EBA publishes opinion addressed to the EC on mortgage lending value (MLV)

[Expresses](#) concern over the consequences which harmonising the concept of MLV might have on covered bonds and recommends excluding them.

- FIN-FSA notifies the ESRB that it will not impose application of macro-prudential tools

Finland's Financial Supervisory Authority (FIN-FSA) decides not to impose a counter-cyclical buffer requirement or introduce other tools based on [various indicators](#).

- Other ESMA publications on CDSs, alternative performance measures and MiFIR

i) Draft regulatory technical standard (RTS) for [central clearing of CDSs](#); ii) final guidelines on alternative performance measures ([APMs](#)). Will apply to prospectuses issued from 3 Jul 2016, and iii) explains delay to [MiFIR RTS on exchange-traded derivatives](#) to ensure consistency with EMIR RTS on OTC derivatives.

- Council approves political agreement on a directive aimed at cross-border tax

Regulates [automatic exchange](#) of tax information to prevent tax avoidance. Next steps: EP opinion and Council ratification. Applies from 1 Jan 2017.

- EBA on Qualitative Impact Study (QIS) on the definition of default

[Extends](#) the period for comments to 19 Oct 2015. Link to [consultation](#).

SPAIN

- Government cuts out doubling up of charges for withdrawing cash at another bank's ATM

The [ATM-owning bank](#) will not be allowed to charge the customer and will bill the card issuer. The ATM will give prior notification of the maximum fee which the issuer can charge the customer.

- Publication of two Royal Decrees in the Official State Gazette (BOE)

i) [With regard to](#) the legal framework for Central Securities Depositories and central counterparty institutions, as well as transparency requirements for issuers of securities admitted for official secondary market trading.
ii) [Regulations for the reserve fund](#) which certain bank foundations must set up.

UNITED KINGDOM

- [New FCA and PRA publications](#)

i) Call for [inputs](#) on competition in the mortgage market (deadline: 18 Dec); ii) [consultation](#) on strengthening accountability (deadline: 7 Dec), iii) [changes](#) to pension rules to enhance consumer protection, and iv) [rules](#) on whistle-blowing.

- [Treasury on rules to cap credit and debit card fees](#)

Following the public consultation of 27 Jul, it publishes the [final approach](#) to implementation of the Interchange Fee Regulation, including permitted regional discretions.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish)

- [Financial Regulation Outlook](#) October 2015
- [Banking Union](#). what remains to be done?
- [Regulation Flash](#): Setting in motion the Capital Markets Union
- [Regulation Watch](#). BRRD: Overview of the EBA's level 2 regulation
- [Banking Outlook](#). September 2015
- [Digital Economy Outlook](#). September 2015

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