

# **Regulation Round Up**

Regulatory & Compliance on September 2024

Welcome to the UK Regulation Round Up, a regular bulletin highlighting the latest developments in UK and EU financial services regulation.

Key developments in September 2024:

#### 30 September:

**Digital Securities Sandbox:** The Bank of England and the Financial Conduct Authority ("**FCA**") published a <u>joint policy statement</u> (PS24/12), <u>final guidance</u> and other materials setting out their approach to implementing and operating the Digital Securities Sandbox. Please refer to the Digital Securities Sandbox Rules <u>here</u>.

**EBA Work Programme:** The European Banking Authority ("**EBA**") published its <u>work programme</u> (EBA/REP/2024/20) for 2025.

**Consolidated Tape:** The European Securities and Markets Authority ("**ESMA**") published a <u>press release</u> announcing information about the selection of consolidated tape providers for bonds, shares and exchange traded funds.

**Cryptoassets:** The European Commission adopted a <u>Delegated Regulation</u> (C(2024) 6670 final) containing regulatory technical standards ("**RTS**") specifying the requirements, templates and procedures for the handling of complaints relating to asset referenced tokens under the Regulation on markets in cryptoassets ((EU) 2023/1114) (" **MiCA**").

#### 27 September:

**Assimilated Law**: The FCA published a new <u>webpage</u> on the repeal and replacement of assimilated law, replacing its webpage on the repeal and replacement of retained EU law.

### 26 September:

**Cryptoassets**: The European Commission adopted a <u>Delegated Regulation</u> (C(2024) 6649 final) setting out RTS that establish a template document for co-operation arrangements between competent authorities and supervisory authorities of third countries under MiCA.

**FCA Regulation Round-up:** The FCA published its <u>regulation round-up</u> for September 2024.

#### 25 September:

**Artificial Intelligence:** The Bank of England published a <u>webpage</u> announcing the establishment of the Artificial Intelligence Consortium, which will provide a platform for public-private engagement to gather input from stakeholders on the capabilities, development, deployment and use of AI in UK financial services.

#### 24 September:

**UK Listing Regime**: The FCA published <u>Primary Market Bulletin 51</u> providing details of feedback on its consultation in Primary Market Bulletin 48 and subsequent changes to its Knowledge Base on the listing regime (CP23/31).

**FCA Enforcement**: The FCA published a <u>speech</u> given by Therese Chambers, FCA Joint Executive Director of Enforcement and Market Oversight, on the FCA's evolving approach to enforcement.

#### 19 September:

**UK PRIIPS Regulation / Retail Disclosures**: HM Treasury and the FCA published statements on reforms to retail disclosure requirements (<a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a>) and FCA forbearance on investment trust disclosure requirements (<a href="here">here</a>).

### **18 September:**

**ELTIF 2.0**: A <u>corrigendum</u> to Regulation (EU) 2023/606, which made amendments to the European Long-Term Investment Funds Regulation ((EU) 2015/760) ("**ELTIF 2.0**"), was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

**Consumer Duty:** The FCA published its <u>findings</u> following a review of firms' implementation of the price and value outcome under the Consumer Duty.

#### 12 September:

**Sanctions**: HM Treasury published its yearly <u>review of frozen assets report</u> requiring all persons that hold or control funds or economic resources belonging to, owned, held or controlled by a designated person to provide a report with the details of these assets to the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation by Monday 11 November, 2024.

**Overseas Funds Regime**: The FCA published a <u>document</u> providing advice for applicants when making an application for an overseas investment fund to be recognised under the overseas funds regime.

**UK CRR**: The Prudential Regulation Authority ("**PRA**") published a <u>consultation paper</u> (CP8/24) setting out its proposals to restate, and in some cases modify, the requirements relating to the UK Capital Requirements Regulation (575/2013) in the PRA Rulebook.

**Cryptoassets:** The <u>Property (Digital Assets etc) Bill</u>, accompanying <u>Explanatory Notes</u> and <u>further information</u> were published. The Bill will establish in statute the common law position that certain digital assets can constitute property.

**Capital buffers**: The PRA published a <u>consultation paper</u> (CP10/24) setting out its proposals to update the UK policy framework for capital buffers under the Capital Requirements (Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures) Regulations (SI 2014/894).

**Basel 3.1**: The PRA published a <u>policy statement</u> (PS9/24) on the second set of near-final rules on the implementation of the Basel 3.1 standards.

#### 9 September:

**ESG**: The FCA published a <u>statement</u> setting out temporary measures for firms on its naming and marketing sustainability rules.

**EU Competitiveness:** The European Commission published a report on the future of European competitiveness, prepared by Mario Draghi, a former president of the European Central Bank (ECB). The report comprises two parts: Part A (a competitiveness strategy for Europe) and Part B (in-depth analysis and recommendations).

#### 6 September:

**FCA Quarterly Consultation:** The FCA published its 45th quarterly consultation paper (CP24/18), which proposes to change the definition of "Firm" and allows a non-UCITS retail scheme to be exposed to long-term asset funds ("**LTAFs**").

**Listed Investment Companies**: The Listed Investment Companies (Classification etc)
Bill 2024-25 was introduced to Parliament and had its <u>first reading</u> in the House of Lords.
The text of the Bill, as introduced to the House of Lords, was also <u>published</u>.

**Appointed Representatives**: The FCA published a <u>webpage</u> outlining the findings of its review of how principals are embedding the rules for overseeing appointed representatives and sets out examples of good practice and areas for improvement for firms.

#### 5 September:

**Financial Crime:** The FCA published a <u>speech</u>, given by Sarah Pritchard, FCA Executive Director, Markets and International, on taking a targeted and outcomes-based approach to tackling financial crime.

**EMIR:** The FCA published a new <u>webpage</u> that seeks feedback on draft guidance to help trade repositories implement the updated reporting requirements under Article 9 of UK EMIR (648/2012).

**LIBOR**: The FCA published its <u>final announcement</u> about the end of LIBOR.

#### 4 September:

**Securitisation:** The <u>Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Commencement No 7)</u>
Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/891) were made and published, revoking certain instruments so that the new UK securitisation framework, comprising the Securitisation Regulations 2024 and new FCA and PRA rules, can come into force on 1 November 2024.

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