

Newsletter

FCA on the financial resilience of regulated firms

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has published results of its financial resilience survey of 23,000 solo-regulated firms to monitor real-time effects of the pandemic on the firms' finances. The FCA amalgamate existing regulatory reporting data and enhanced data purchased from a third-party provider to provide in-depth analysis of liquidity for the most significant firms. Results show that from February (pre-lockdown) to May/June 2020 (during the first lockdown), firms across the sector experienced significant change in their total amount of liquidity.

Find out more:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/press-releases/fca-publishes-coronavirus-financial-resilience-survey-data>

Post-Brexit guidance by HM Government for FS sector and FCA updates on regulations

Following the end of the transition period, UK Government has released guidance for FS firms and recommended that these firms continue to follow guidance from the FCA, Bank of England and PRA. The FCA have released an update reminding firms that passporting between the UK and EEA States ended at 11 pm on 31 December 2020, and that the temporary permissions regime had come into effect for firms and funds who expressed interest. Additionally, the update reminds UK firms that obtaining appropriate outcomes for EEA customers must remain a priority.

Find out more:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/news-stories/regulatory-change-firms-brexit-transition-period-ends>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-services-sector-end-of-transition-period-guidance>

HMRC publish 2021 list of CRS Reportable Jurisdictions

HM Revenue & Customs publish 2021 list of CRS Reportable Jurisdictions, with the updated list inclusive of Albania, Peru and Taiwan. The deadline for the lodgement of AEOI reports in the UK is 31 May 2021. Firms are required to ensure that their AEOI procedures are updated in accordance with these developments. CRS compliance in Cayman Islands has recently been significantly enhanced with criminal penalties for FIs and office holders due to CRS non-compliance.

Contact info@hansuke.com to understand the impact of the recent CRS developments on your firm's CRS compliance programme.

Find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/>

MoUs with European authorities in banking, securities, and insurance and pensions

The FCA highlights the memoranda of understanding (MoUs) that it had entered into with European authorities in March 2019, and which became effective at the end of the transition period. The MoUs include a multilateral MoU with EU and EEA national competent authorities covering supervisory cooperation, enforcement and information exchange, as well as a second MoU with the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) covering supervision of credit rating agencies and trade repositories.

Find out more:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/statements/mous-european-authorities-areas-securities-insurance-pensions-banking>

Expansion of dormant asset scheme

HM Government has announced that dormant assets across the insurance and pensions, investment, wealth management, and securities sectors are set to be unlocked, with the potential for more than £800 million to be made available to support the UK as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic. As before, the expanded scheme shall prioritise locating and reuniting people with their financial assets.

Find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-announces-major-boost-to-coronavirus-recovery-through-expansion-of-dormant-assets-scheme>