

Newsletter

PRA and FCA 'Dear CEO' letter on trade finance risks

The Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) have issued a joint "Dear CEO" letter highlighting an insufficient focus on financial crime risks associated with trade finance activity. The letter expresses concern that the risk assessments that firms have undertaken are not fit for purpose and require "a holistic assessment of the associated financial crime risks". The letter explicitly states that PRA/FCA can "ask to see the risk assessment you have carried out".

Find out more:

We are assisting firms to ensure that their financial crime risk assessments are ready to be put before regulators. To discuss this further, contact us on info@hansuke.co.uk

[The Letter](#)

PRA's Dear CEO letter on the 'reliability of regulatory reporting'

PRA requires firms to be able demonstrate exactly how they deliver regulatory reporting and to maintain high standards thereon. The latest letter highlights cases of poor governance and key interpretations, including a complete lack of basic documentation and periodic reviews. On the back of the letter, PRA expects firms to have in place appropriately resourced and strategic remediation plans.

Find out more:

[The Letter](#)

Egmont Group publishes AML/CTF Case Studies

The 26 case studies cover a variety of AML/CTF typologies including: bribery and corruption, cybercrime and cryptocurrency, drug trafficking, fraud, and embezzlement, smuggling and gambling, trade-based money laundering, terrorism, organised crime, and human trafficking. The case studies highlight the fight against AML/CTF, and are designed to inform governmental agencies and businesses on how the fight is evolving.

Find out more:

[BECA book](#)

EU Tax Observatory - banks in tax havens

The EU Tax Advisory has published a report analysing the evolving activity of 36 European banks in tax havens. The report examines how the banks' profits have changed, their effective tax rates and tax deficit. The key finding is that productivity in tax havens is abnormally high indicating that profits are being shifted out to service production jurisdictions, however the use of tax havens varies considerably from bank to bank.

Find out more:

[The Report](#)

NIC hiked up

HM Government has announced increases to National Insurance Contributions (NIC) and dividend tax from April 2022. Timing of bonuses and other remuneration will need to be planned accordingly.

Find out more:

[New National Insurance Rates](#)