

Newsletter

Government publishes responses to Economic Crime (AML) levy consultation and draft legislation

A new Economic Crime levy was announced as part of the 2020 Budget to fund the reforms outlined in the 2019 Economic Crime plan. AML-regulated entities with a revenue of over £10.2 million are liable to pay the levy which will be implemented in the tax year commencing April 2023, due to be collected from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and the Gambling Commission. Following a consultation, the Government is now holding a technical consultation on the Levy draft legislation until 15 October 2021.

Find out more:

[Consultation Responses](#)

[Draft Legislation](#)

FRC publishes review findings on company viability in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC) has published its findings reviewing companies' viability and going concern disclosures, identifying areas for improvement. Clear disclosures are particularly prescient in the wake of the pandemic as uncertainty has increased. This FRC review found that there was a lack in detail in the disclosure of inputs and assumptions used in forecast scenarios aimed at supporting viability and going concern assessments; as well as that the judgments applied to whether a company was a going concern or otherwise, were not fully identified or explained. The FRC also encourages companies to extend the period for which they will assess their viability.

Find out more:

[FRC Review](#)

FCA releases revised Financial Crime Guide Handbook

This new Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Handbook contains not only provisional examples of good and bad practice but also clarification on different crime typologies, including sanctions and asset freezes. In the governance section, the handbook outlines the need for senior management to be sufficiently aware of the firm's obligations regarding financial sanctions with the following self-assessment questions: has your firm clearly allocated responsibility to adhere to the sanction's regime? To whom? And how does the firm monitor performance?

Find out more:

[FCA Handbook](#)

JMLSG publishes new guidance on Trade Finance and proposes revisions to Monitoring Customer Activity

The Joint Money Laundering Steering Group (JMLSG) has published a revised sectoral piece within its guidance on Trade Finance as well as proposing revisions to its guidance on Monitoring Consumer Activity. This supports FCA's 9 September 'Dear CEO Letter' on Trade Finance Risks, outlining their expectations of firms and highlighting what they consider to be insufficient focus on financial crime risks from trade finance activity.

Find out more:

Contact info@hansuke.co.uk to arrange a consultation on your AML compliance.

[Monitoring Consumer Activity](#)