

# Newsletter

## FSTC21: Sign up now!

With less than 10 days to go until The Future of Tax, time is running out to secure your place so you can hear from some of the leading tax personalities within the industry. The speaker line-up includes leaders at the forefront of industry development such as Paul Tang, Jim Lee, Jonathan Schwarz, and Will Day.

Find out more:  
[Hansuke.com](https://www.hansuke.com)

## The EU commission publishes “Banking Package 2021: New EU rules”

The European Commission has shared new banking rules for EU banks to improve their resilience to future shocks not unlike the Covid-19 pandemic. The new package covers implementing Basel III standards, building stronger supervision as well as amendments to capital requirements regulation and the capital requirements directive (CRD IV). The new rules also aim to assist with the transition to climate neutrality by requiring banks to better identify and manage sustainability risks. This package will next be approved by the European Parliament.

Find out more:  
[European Commission Banking Package](#)

## HM Treasury’s advisory notice on money laundering

HM Treasury has updated its requirements on applying greater customer due diligence for higher risk jurisdictions. This Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Regulations 2017 (MLRs) amendment updates the list of high-risk countries specified in the 2017 regulations, in line with the Financial Action Task Force’s (FATF) ‘jurisdictions under increased monitoring’ list.

Regulations (33)(6)(c) of the MLRs requires “geographical risk factors” to be considered when assessing risks, including whether a country is identified by a credible source. At present, Iran and North Korea are considered as high-risk countries, while HM treasury has advised firms to minimise the associated risks with some other countries such as the Cayman Islands, Malta, and Panama. This follows the information and guidance in recent FATF statements.

Find out more:  
[HM Treasury Guidance](#)

## Budget: Bank Surcharge and annual allowance

The rate of the surcharge will be decreased to 3% from April 2023 (currently 8%). Taking account of the 25% corporation tax rate from April 2023, the total rate of tax payable by banks on their profits will increase to 28% - a 1% increase compared to the current 19% corporation tax and 8% bank surcharge. The annual surcharge allowance for groups will be increased from £25m to £100 million with effect from April 2023.

Find out more:  
[Banking Surcharge Amendments](#)

[2021 Budget](#)

## Budget: Economic Crime Levy

The Levy is due to commence in the financial year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 on AML regulated firms. The Levy will be collected by (among others) HMRC, with unpaid levy debts and any related penalties being owed as a civil debt to the Crown. The rate of the Levy will depend on the relevant UK revenue of the relevant regulated entity, with threshold figures and Levy amounts to be finalised in Finance Bill 2021-22.

Find out more:  
[Economic Crime Levy](#)