Covid-19 Regulatory Radar

April overview of regulatory posts

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought serious adverse effects on the real economy and financial markets. Financial instituions are facing an unparalleled situation with the general lockdown and the financial markets volatility. In this time of uncertainity, regulatory bodies have quickly reacted by taking strong measures in order to provide a regulatory framework to minimIze the impact of the crisis.

Entity	Date	Measure	Objective
BIS	03/04/2020	The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions postponed the deadline on UMR phase 5 to September 2022.	The Basel Committee and IOSCO agreed that a delay to the implementation of the rules will allow firms to focus resources on combatting the impact of the pandemic on businesses.
cssf	10/04/2020	The CSSF has released the LC20/740 related to financial crime and AML/CFT urging supervised professionals to maintain effective controls during this period. Guidances are structed into 4 sections are communicated alongside the LC20/740.	The CSSF wants to reinforce the fight against AML/CFT during the actual context where criminals may seek to exploit temporary weaknesses in AML/CFT controls during the COVID-19 pandemic.
FATF	15/04/2020	The discussions about the Luxembourg evaluation report initially planned on June 2021 is postponed by FAFT to October 2021.	FAFT has preferred to postpone the discussion as there is uncertainty against the lockdown and the pandemic.
cssf	15/04/2020	The CSSF has extended the deadlines applicable under UCITS Directive and under AIFMD for annual and half-yearly report. With respective deadlines for 30 April 2020 and 30 June 2020.	The deadline have been extended in order to avoid delay in the submission of these reports due to the lockdown and the lack of workforce.
esma	16/04/2020	ESMA requires that any legal or natural persons who have net short positions to notify the competent authority with the details of the position if the position exceed 0,1% of the shared capital.	ESMA wanted to counter the increasing volatility of the financial due to the uncertainty that the COVID-19 brought, and also mitigate the market losses.
LUXEMBOURG STOCK EXCHANGE	17/04/2020	In the context of the current situation where financial markets are experiencing a downturn due to COVID-19 LuxSe has announced that they will waive the listing fee for social and sustainability COVID-19 response bonds that are eligible for display on LGX. The measure takes place from April 2020 until 30 September 2020.	It will be entirely free for the issuers to issuers to list social and sustainable debt instruments that are issued to tackle the impact of the pandemic on LuxSE. In order to be eligible the bonds must follow certain characteristics.
eiopa	17/04/2020	EIOPA has communicated to the CAA eight guidelines to mitigate the impact on that Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORPs) and avoid negative effects on the real economy.	Those guidelines are meant to protect the IORPs, in fact they are seen as long-term investors who could help stabilize the economy during and after the COVID-19 crisis.