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Take Action

CySEC

Prudential treatment of crypto assets and enhancement of risk management procedures associated with crypto assets

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The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission ("CySEC") wishes herein to provide guidance to the Cyprus Investment Firms ("CIFs") on issues relating to crypto assets. This circular deals with the prudential treatment of crypto assets and financial instruments relating to crypto assets, as well as, how the risk management procedures of CIFs should be enhanced.

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Announcements

ESMA

**Sets out its final view on the Derivatives
Trading Obligation ("DTO")**

25 November 2020

The European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA"), the EU's securities markets regulator, has released a public statement that clarifies the application of the European Union's ("EU") trading obligation for derivatives (DTO) following the end of the UK's transition from the EU on 31 December 2020. For more information please press [here](#).

EBA

**European Supervisory Authorities ("ESAs")
propose to adapt the EMIR implementation
timelines for intragroup transactions, equity
options and novations to EU counterparties**

23 November 2020

The European Banking Authority ("EBA"), the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority ("EIOPA") and the ESMA, the ESAs,

have published a final report with draft regulatory technical standards ("RTS") proposing to amend the Commission Delegated Regulation on the risk mitigation techniques for OTC derivatives not cleared by a CCP (bilateral margin requirements) under the European Market Infrastructure Regulation ("EMIR"). For more information please press [here](#).

Other Alerts

EBA

Calls on the European Commission to harmonise the significant risk transfer assessment in securitisation

23 November 2020

The European Banking Authority ("EBA") publishes a Report on significant risk transfer ("SRT") in securitisation transactions, which includes a set of detailed recommendations to the European Commission on the harmonisation of practices and processes applicable to the SRT assessment. The EBA proposals aim to enhance the efficiency, consistency and predictability of the supervisory SRT assessment within the current securitisation framework. For more information please press [here](#).

Market News

Bloomberg

China's industrial profits surge at fastest pace in nine years

27 November 2020

"Profits at Chinese industrial enterprises surged at the fastest pace in a single month in almost nine years in October, a further sign the economic recovery is gathering pace. Industrial profits rose for a sixth straight month, climbing 28.2% in October from a year ago, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed Friday. For the first 10 months of the year, profits rose 0.7%." For more information please press [here](#).

Reuters

UK says on Brexit trade deal: We can get there but not at any cost

26 November 2020

"Britain and the European Union can clinch a Brexit trade deal and the shape of one is clear but London will not sign up to an accord at any cost, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's finance minister said on Thursday." For more information please press [here](#).

Financial Times

Portugal's 10-year bond yield drops below zero

26 November 2020

"Expectations that the ECB will expand its emergency asset purchase programme drives debt rally up." For more information please press [here](#).

Bloomberg Professional

Virus surge a risk for regional banks; pared at-risk loans help

25 November 2020

"COVID-19 is resurging across U.S. regional bank footprints and may have negative credit implications — Citizens and KeyCorp are seeing a greater infection rate in their respective markets — but the peer group's median 9% 3Q decline in loans to commercial borrowers deemed at-risk may be an offset. These include hotels and retail, with Comerica showing the steepest drop." For more information please press [here](#).

Cryptocurrencies

Bloomberg

Bitcoin plunges along with other coins

26 November 2020

"Bitcoin plunged on Thursday in a sell-off that saw other digital assets fall more than 20%, a slide likely to stoke speculation about the durability of the latest boom in cryptocurrencies. The largest token fell as much as 14% in Thursday trading, heading for one of its worst days since the pandemic-spurred liquidation in March." For more information please press [here](#).

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