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This seventh edition of the Regulatory Initiatives Grid (the Grid) follows our summer update marking the passing of the Financial Services and Markets Act (FSMA) 2023. Since our previous publication in February, we have made significant progress.

Significant developments

FSMA 2023 is a landmark piece of legislation and represents an opportunity for regulators in the financial services sector to deliver better outcomes through regulation that better reflects UK markets and wider international standards.

This Grid and subsequent editions will provide further detail on timelines arising from initiatives being taken forward as a result of FSMA 2023. Many of these initiatives have already been captured here. For example, work continues on the regulatory regime to ensure consumers can continue to access cash. The FCA will consult shortly on proposed rules to ensure that cash access services are provided on a fair basis.

For some initiatives, we are now putting changes into action. The FCA consulted on the regulatory framework for approving financial promotions and has now launched the gateway for authorised firms to apply for approval for financial promotions activities.

The PRA continues to deliver an ambitious programme of reforms, including finalising the first phase of Strong and Simple, with plans for the next Strong and Simple consultation to be published in Q2 2024. As we deliver the reforms, we remain conscious of firms' planning processes and have therefore amended the implementation timetable for Basel 3.1 standards accordingly, delaying it by 6 months.

These initiatives enable the regulatory framework to be changed when intervention is needed, ensuring there are the means to protect consumers where harm arises and ensure financial services function well. These changes also further our statutory objectives, including the FCA's and PRA's new secondary international competitiveness and growth objective.

Recognising change

FSMA 2023 also provides a framework to repeal retained EU law (REUL) relating to financial services. Through the 'Smarter Regulatory Framework' (SRF), REUL will be generally replaced by regulators' rules or new legislation tailored to the UK.

We know that there has been significant interest in these initiatives. We have created a new SRF section in the Grid (see page 54-60) in response to feedback. Relevant members of the Regulatory Initiatives Forum are continuing to work on these files as shown in this new section.

Some of these regulatory initiatives have previously been reflected in the February Grid and this work has been ongoing with industry and other stakeholders for some time. For example, work is ongoing on the Review of Securitisation Regulation, with the PRA publishing a consultation on general requirements in July and a further discussion paper on capital requirements in October. Insurance reform remains a priority with the review of Solvency II, including the recent publication of the matching adjustment consultation paper.

These were in individual section chapters but have now been moved into the new section, bringing together all the SRF initiatives in one place. If you are interested in a particular sector, you should also review this SRF section. We welcome your thoughts on whether this format is useful, or whether you would prefer to view SRF initiatives in each sector chapter.

The Government and regulators have worked together to make sure that we take a proportionate approach to the repeal and replacement of REUL. Therefore, HMT has prioritised REUL into different 'tranches'. There is more work to come, but the Government and regulators are staggering this to ensure the pace of change and the

potential impact on industry is manageable. We will reflect developments in upcoming grids and provide updates, where appropriate, between editions.

We recognise that the increase in SRF initiatives may represent a short-term increase in implementing new rules. However, these initiatives also provide opportunities to reduce regulatory burden and tailor rules to the circumstances of the UK, which will benefit consumers and industry. For example, the changes being made to the Securitisation Regulation will simplify due diligence and transparency obligations along with risk retention requirements to provide a clearer, proportionate framework within which the market can operate.

The Forum helps us to ensure we do not create any disproportionately high burden in particular sectors when considered alongside wider regulatory initiatives. We will continue to review the impact of SRF initiatives alongside wider work to ensure the pipeline of work remains proportionate.

We do this regularly and find the Grid is a useful tool for business planning. For example, at the FCA, it is one of the inputs we use to plan our prioritisation. At the PRA, the Grid plays an important role in identifying policymaking priorities and potential burden placed on firms.

There are several other areas we are keen to monitor closely looking ahead. The cost of living remains high and themes in the grid reflect this. We have made progress improving consumer protections. Treasury is banning cold calling for consumer financial services and products, the FCA is reviewing rules on debt advice, and the FCA is conducting a post-implementation review of the guidance for firms on the fair treatment of vulnerable customers.

Increasing value for money and enhancing competition is also a priority. The Consumer Duty has now been

introduced, and work continues on improving depositor outcomes and the regulation of Buy Now, Pay Later products. The Joint Regulatory Oversight Committee are working towards taking forward their recommendations for Open Banking, including PSR's work on Account to Account payments.

It is worth noting that some initiatives involve the removal of existing requirements, including the recent work on removing the maximum ratio between fixed and variable remuneration, more commonly referred to as the 'bonus cap'.

Stakeholder engagement and feedback

Over the summer, we carried out a small survey of trade associations to better understand how they and their members use the Grid. We also explored what they find helpful and what could be improved.

Feedback was positive overall. We have made some improvements to the Grid's formatting to increase accessibility, made links to relevant documents more prominent and improved the guidance for the Tableau interactive dashboard so users can navigate the tool more easily.

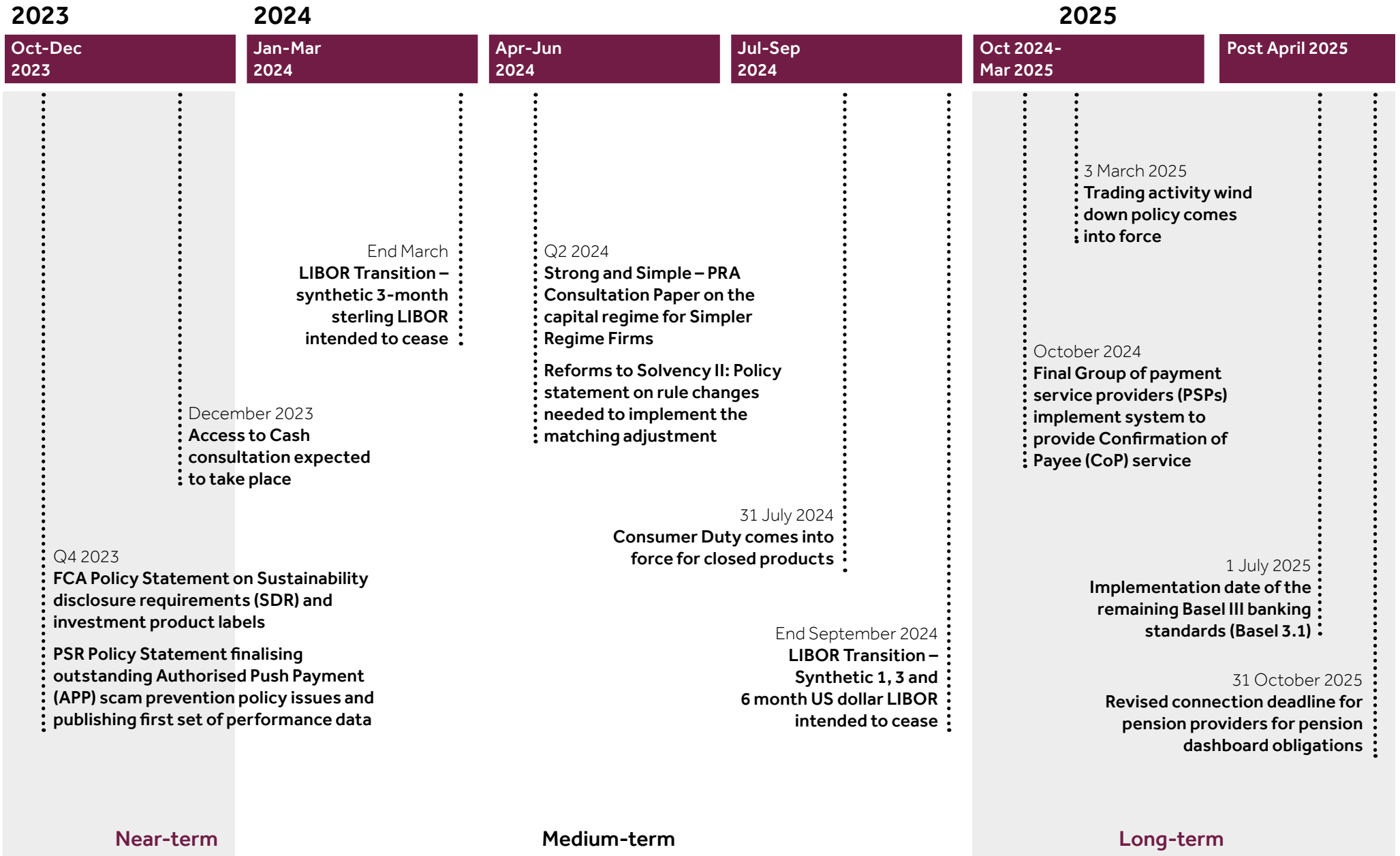
We also received some wider feedback asking about the aims and purpose of the Forum. Given the Forum has now been meeting since early 2020, we agree it would be a helpful time to review progress over the last three and a half years as well as whether any wider changes would be beneficial. We will discuss this in the Spring 2024 Forum meeting.

Some stakeholders also asked whether we could publish the Grid more frequently (eg quarterly). We have considered this, but providing a comprehensive overview of the regulatory pipeline requires significant resources which would need to be increased if we were to publish more often. This would take resources away from other priorities and could overstretch the Forum's members, resulting in less detailed publications. We feel that publishing biannually remains the most appropriate approach, but Forum members recognise the need to keep stakeholders updated on key developments between editions.

We want to continue the dialogue how we can improve the Grid. We have launched a dedicated feedback tool on the webpage. Forum members will review this feedback every six months and incorporate any appropriate changes to future Grid publications.

We look forward to hearing your feedback.

The key initiatives in the regulatory landscape



Introduction: how to understand this document

Users of this document should consult the Forum's terms of reference to ensure an appropriate understanding of the role of the Forum and nature of this publication.

Structure

The Grid is organised by sections, often by sector relating to banking, insurance, among others (see below).

It also includes a 'Multi-sector' section that covers initiatives that span more than one sector, in addition to sector-specific sections.

The sector-specific sections cover: Banking, credit and lending; Payments and cryptoassets; Insurance and reinsurance; Investment management; Pensions and retirement income; Retail investments; Wholesale financial markets.

The two largest sections – Multi-sector and Banking, credit and lending – are broken down into sub-categories, which group similar initiatives to make them more accessible and digestible for users.

New for this edition, and following stakeholder feedback, we have also added a separate Smarter Regulatory Framework (SRF) section setting out work to repeal and replace retained European Union law (REUL). Please note that this section includes initiatives which relate to the specific sectors noted above, so stakeholders may also find initiatives relevant to them here.

A number of Grid initiatives are closely interconnected. We have highlighted some key examples of this throughout to help stakeholders identify relevant related initiatives. This is not an exhaustive list of interactions.

Scope

The Grid includes initiatives led by one or more Forum members – the Bank of England (BoE), Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), Financial Reporting Council (FRC), His Majesty's Treasury (HMT), Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), Payment Systems Regulator (PSR) and the Pensions Regulator (TPR).

While we do not currently plan to extend the members of the Forum, this and future versions of the Grid may include initiatives from a broader set of UK bodies based on their participation in the Forum on an ad hoc basis. For example, this edition of the Grid also includes initiatives with the involvement of the Insolvency Service, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Department for Energy Security and Net-Zero (DESNZ) and the Department for Business and Trade (DBT).

- **Public information** – Stakeholders will generally have been made aware of the initiative through our Forum members' regular channels of communication.
- **Operational impact** – Initiatives that our organisations consider will have an individually significant operational impact during implementation by firms. This means that we believe the initiative is likely to take up a meaningful amount of firms' time and resources.

The Grid does not include initiatives led by international bodies except where Forum members are playing a substantial role in calibrating their implementation in the UK.

It does not include enforcement actions, nor does it include the majority of supervisory activities (since timing and operational impact are firm-specific). Finally, the Grid does not reflect the operational impact of ongoing requirements beyond implementation stage.

Therefore, the Grid is a consolidated presentation of the expected timeframes, as at the date of publication, of a sub-set of regulatory initiatives. These are subject to change including where a decision to vary or not to proceed with a particular initiative is subsequently taken. This edition will not be updated after its initial publication to reflect the impacts of any such decisions.

Information provided in the Grid

Moving through the columns from left to right, each row provides information on:

- **Lead** – which institution(s) is taking the initiative forward. Where several Forum members are noted, this means it is a joint initiative. This generally indicates that Forum members are working together which could mean they are undertaking activities in parallel or in sequence.
- **Initiative** – a high-level description of the initiative. Review of the Grid will not be a sufficient substitute for engaging with more detailed material for any initiative.
- **Expected key milestones** – the specific timing of particular milestones, eg closing dates for consultation papers, if these are known. The absence of a milestone may mean that a precise date has not been confirmed but activity is still expected as shown in the later quarter-by-quarter columns. Timings are set out as expected at the date of publication of this Grid and are potentially subject to change.
- **Indicative impact on firms** – this is shown as 'higher' (H), 'lower' (L) or 'unknown' (U) on a relative basis amongst initiatives. This is a high-level estimate given the number of initiatives covered and should be interpreted in this regard. It is not a substitute for or comment on any impact assessment or cost-benefit analysis Forum members are carrying out as part of individual initiatives. This estimate is based on the expected operational impact on a firm within scope of the initiative, which will ultimately vary between individual firms. It is not based on the volume of firms affected or non-operational impact of the initiative. A 'higher' impact typically indicates we believe the initiative is likely to take up a very substantial amount of firms' time and resources. A 'lower' impact initiative will still take up meaningful time and resource for firms. An initiative may also change from a 'lower' to a 'higher'

impact, and vice versa, over time. For example, reviews are generally considered to be lower impact on the basis that consequential policy developments, if any, will be separately rated.

- **Quarter-by-quarter** – a breakdown of the next four quarters, a column covering the following six months (October 2024 to March 2025) and a column for beyond that horizon. Within these columns a shaded cell denotes that a key milestone is currently planned for this period. An 'E' denotes the expected point at which firms and other stakeholders should be engaging formally with our organisations – such as when a Consultation or Call for Evidence is open. These notations correspond to what is set out in the expected key milestones for each initiative.
- **Interest to consumers/consumer organisations** – indicates where we expect an initiative is likely to be of interest to consumers and consumer organisations. This may be because an initiative is expected to have direct impact on retail consumers. As with the indicative impact on firms, this is a high-level estimate. Consumers and consumer organisations may find other initiatives also to be of interest. Initiatives without this notation may still have direct or indirect impacts on retail consumers.
- **Change in timing** – indicates that there has been a substantive change in timings for this initiative since the February 2023 edition of the Grid.
- **New initiative added to the Grid** – indicates that this initiative was not included in the previous edition of the Grid. This may be because it has been recently launched. Where possible, Forum members' websites provide further details on initiatives included in this Grid, and for initiatives now completed or paused.

We have also provided an annex to highlight where initiatives included in the previous Grid have been removed from this edition. This is often where an initiative has been completed or stopped. In some cases, this is also where joint initiatives, though ongoing, have been replaced by more detailed initiatives and actions by individual Forum members.

Providing feedback

We continue to welcome feedback on the Grid. We are particularly looking at ways in which the Grid has been useful for stakeholders in their planning for regulatory initiatives and where we can improve on this.

We have now introduced an online survey that you can use to provide feedback. It can be found on the main webpage of the Grid.

You can also send feedback on the Grid to the Forum Secretariat at FSRIFSecretariat@fca.org.uk. The Forum Secretariat may share any responses with Forum members. Please indicate in any response whether you agree or do not agree to sharing any personal data contained in your response, including name/email address, with Forum members. We will not regard a standard confidentiality statement in an email message as a request for nondisclosure. Despite this, we may be asked to disclose a confidential response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We may consult you if we receive such a request. Any decision we make not to disclose the response is reviewable by the Information Commissioner and the Information Rights Tribunal.

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Multi-sector

This section contains initiatives that affect multiple sectors. It includes a number of significant cross-cutting initiatives that will affect much of the financial services sector, such as the implementation of the new Consumer Duty rules, Task Force on Climate-Related Disclosures (TCFD) reporting requirements and the continued LIBOR transition. We have divided initiatives into sub-categories grouped by topic to make the Grid more accessible.

There are seven new entries across a broad range of sub-categories, including ESG, cross-cutting measures and financial resilience. Eight initiatives have been removed since

the previous Grid and are noted in the completed/stopped annex. The FCA Open Finance Initiative has been moved to the completed/stopped annex, but work continues as part of the Open Banking - Joint Regulatory Oversight Committee initiative, which involves the CMA, FCA, HMT and PSR.

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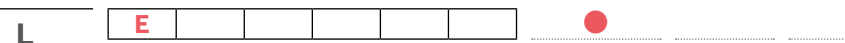
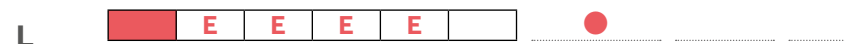
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| CMA/ FCA/ HMT/ PSR | <p>Open Banking - Joint Regulatory Oversight Committee</p> <p>In April 2023 the Joint Regulatory Oversight Committee (JROC) published its recommendations for the next phase of open banking in the UK. In June 2023 JROC set out an ambitious programme of work to take these recommendations forward. This includes the creation of two regulator-led working groups, focusing on developing the framework for the expansion of variable recurring payments and the design of the future open banking entity.</p> | <p>Q4 2023: JROC to publish a progress update on delivery of JROC's recommendations.</p> <p>Q2 2024: FCA and PSR to consult, if needed, on regulatory changes required to support the next phase of open banking in the UK.</p> |
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Related initiatives:
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| FCA | <p>Launch Call for Input by the end of the year following publication of Feedback Statement 23/4 to DP 22/05 Potential competition impact of Big Tech entry and expansion into retail financial markets in June 2023</p> <p>The Call for Inputs aims to gather evidence on the risks of Big Tech firms becoming data gatekeepers in financial services.</p> | <p>Call for Input to be launched by December 2023.</p> |
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| HMT | Update to the UK's High Risk Third Countries List For the purposes of Regulation 33 of the Money Laundering Regulations, the UK's list of high risk third countries set out in Schedule 3ZA is updated periodically to reflect the FATF standards. The list is updated to align with FATF's public lists ('jurisdictions under increased monitoring' and 'high risk jurisdictions subject to a call for action'). Regulation 33 enables enhanced due diligence to be carried out in any business relationship with a person established in a high-risk third country or in relation to any relevant transaction where either of the parties to the transaction is established in a high-risk third country. | Treasury published an updated advisory notice in June 2023, to align with removals agreed by the international standard setter on anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing in February 2023. Treasury plan to lay two SIs, with the first before the end of 2023 and the second as soon as parliamentary time allows, following entering into force of the ECCT Bill. | L | | | | | | | ● | | |
| HMT | Ban on cold calling for consumer financial services and products As announced in the Fraud Strategy in May 2023, the Government will extend the pensions cold calling ban to cover cold calling for all consumer financial services and products. | The consultation was open from 2 August - 27 Sept 2023, and requested responses on the potential design, scope and enforcement of the cold calling ban. Treasury will publish the outcome in due course. | L | E | | | | | | ● | | ● |
| ICO | Guidance on biometric data and biometric technologies Guidance that explains how data protection law applies when you use biometric data and biometric technologies. It is for organisations that use or are considering using biometric recognition systems. It is also for vendors of these systems. | The first phase of this guidance on biometric data was consulted on from 18 August to 20 October 2023, with final guidance due to be published in Spring 2024. The second phase of this guidance on biometric classification and data protection will include a call for evidence, also published in Spring 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | ● |

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| ICO | Employment guidance New guidance on data protection and employment covering a wide range of topics such as employee surveillance, health data, job applications, TUPE, HR records etc. | New detailed guidance on workers' health was <u>published</u> at the end of August. New detailed guidance on monitoring workers was <u>published</u> in October. New brief guidance on Information Sharing in Mental Health Emergencies at Work. This will be published in due course. New TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006) guidance – draft expected to be published for public consultation in December 2023. | L | ■ | | | | | | ● | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Regulatory framework for approval of financial promotions Establish a regulatory 'gateway' which an authorised firm must pass through before it is able to approve the financial promotions of unauthorised firms. | FSMA 2023 received Royal Assent on 29 June 2023. The commencement SI was laid on 24 August 2023. The SI containing the exemptions from the gateway was laid on 6 September 2023. The FCA <u>policy statement</u> was published on 12 September 2023. The gateway opened for applications on 6 November 2023, and the initial application period for authorised persons will run until 6 February 2024. From 7 February 2024, the regime will be fully in force and firms that have not applied will no longer be able to approve financial promotions (subject to exemptions). Firms that apply will be able to continue approving financial promotions until their application is determined. | L | ■ | ■ | | | | | ● | ● | |

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| DBT (information provided by FRC) | Consultation on restoring trust in audit and corporate governance The Government has sought views on proposals to strengthen the UK's framework for audit, reporting and corporate governance of the largest companies. Proposals for new reporting requirements covering: resilience statement, distributable profits figure, distribution policy statement, material fraud statement, and audit and assurance policy, will not be implemented at this time. DBT is working with the FRC on options to reform the wider non-financial reporting framework to streamline and simplify it. Other proposals set out how: reports should be audited; audit and the audit market should change; and these should be overseen by a new regulator. | Consultation on overall proposals closed 8 July 2021. The Government response published in June 2022. The FRC will update its guidance, including to reflect changes in the non-financial reporting framework. Further reform progress (including non-financial reporting requirements) subject to legislation. | U | | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| FCA | Compensation Framework Review The FCA is carrying out a review of the compensation framework within which the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) operates to ensure the framework remains appropriate, proportionate and takes into account changes in the market and our regulatory approach. | Discussion Paper (DP21/5) published in December 2021. Feedback Statement published in December 2022. We will provide an update on next steps in due course. | L | ■ | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| FCA | Post-implementation review of the Guidance for firms on the fair treatment of vulnerable customers Conduct a post-implementation review to test the effectiveness of firm implementation of the Guidance and how this has impacted on outcomes for customers in vulnerable circumstances. | The FCA are looking to conduct the review in 2024 with the aim of publishing the final report by end of 2024. | L | | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | ● | | ● |

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| FCA | Expansion of the dormant assets scheme - second phase Amendments to FCA rules that will enable investment firms and firms holding client assets to transfer dormant assets when Reclaim Fund Limited expands its scheme. | Consultation on proposed amendments to rules published Q2 2023. Engagement is underway and Policy Statement and final rules will follow in due course. | L | | | E | | | | | | |
| FCA | Complaints reporting review FCA is developing proposals to improve complaints reporting. This will enable us to better assess whether firms are putting things right themselves. This will also help us spot issues earlier and support our assertive interventions. | Options for engaging with stakeholders on improving complaints reporting under consideration including prototyping and workshops. Consultation on any proposed changes due in 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA | Consumer Duty Introduce a new Consumer Duty, comprising of a new Consumer Principle, cross-cutting rules, and outcomes, which together set clearer, higher expectations of firms providing retail financial services. | The Consumer Duty comes into force for closed products on 31 July 2024. | H | E | E | E | | E | E | | | |
| HMT | Gibraltar Authorisation Regime (GAR) Following the UK and Gibraltar leaving the EU, the UK is establishing a new <u>market access framework</u> for Gibraltar firms. | This GAR was introduced in the Financial Services Act 2021. A framework of secondary legislation is needed to operationalise the GAR, which is under development. | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| Cross-cutting/omnibus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT/ PRA | Review of the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR) The Government and regulators commenced a review of the SM&CR in March 2023. The Government launched a Call for Evidence and the FCA and PRA issued a joint Discussion Paper. Feedback is currently being assessed. The regulators will work together with the Treasury to bring forward proposals for consultation on potential improvements and reforms. | Treasury's Call for Evidence published in March 2023. Joint FCA/PRA Discussion Paper published in March 2023. Consultation Paper to be published in 2024. | U | | | E | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Reviewing the Appointed Representatives (ARs) Regime We have identified increased levels of harms associated with the ARs Regime. Where harm occurs, it is often because principals do not do adequate due diligence before appointing an AR, and/or due to poor ongoing control and oversight. In December 2021, the FCA consulted on changes to protect consumers and address harms across all the sectors where principals and ARs operate. Treasury published at the same time a Call for Evidence to gather views on the overall aim, scope, benefits and risks from the current AR regime. In August 2022, the FCA published Policy Statement (PS22/11) setting out final rule changes following consultation. The FCA's rule changes require principals to provide more information on ARs, and to clarify and strengthen the responsibilities and expectations of principals. These rules came into force in December 2022. The FCA will continue to work closely with the Treasury following its Call for Evidence and will continue to monitor how the regime evolves over time and whether additional changes are needed. | FCA Consultation Paper published December 2021 (closed March 2022) FCA Policy Statement published August 2022. Treasury's Call for Evidence published December 2021 (closed March 2022). Treasury will publish a Feedback Statement on its Call for Evidence in due course. Treasury published a Feedback Statement on its Call for Evidence on TBC. | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| BoE/ PRA | Review of enforcement policies Subject to consultation, the Bank proposes to create a statement of policy identifying the various enforcement policies and procedures across its remit. This will contain an updated version of the 'PRA Approach to Enforcement', as well as signposting the Bank's other enforcement policies relating to financial market infrastructures, banknotes and in the context of the special resolution regime. The PRA proposals will include options for reaching investigative outcomes more quickly and also revisions to the PRA penalty policies. | Consultation Paper was published in May 2023 and closed in August 2023. Statement of Policy following consultation - H1 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ FCA/ PRA | Transforming data collection building on Digital Regulatory Reporting A joint Bank and FCA <u>response</u> was published in July 2023, outlining what we delivered during phase 1, and plans for phase 2. The publication shows delivery of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of <u>phase one</u> discovery and design work, with recommendations for the Quarterly Derivatives statistical return (Form DQ) and Financial Resilience Survey (FRS) An update on the phase two uses cases – Retail Banking Business Model Data, Strategic Review of Prudential Data Collection and Incident, Outsourcing and Third Party Reporting Completion of the Data Standards Review A Digital Regulatory Reporting 2023 update Announcement that the programme will publish a refreshed strategy in Q1 2024 A joint <u>Town Hall</u> event held on Thursday 13 July 2023 | The joint FCA, Bank and PRA <u>transformation programme</u> began in June 2021. The programme will have regular external engagement sessions as solutions are designed and developed. The Bank and FCA met their commitment in delivering on the phase one recommendations by July 2023. Phase two of the programme began in September 2022 focusing on a new set of use cases. The next update to industry will be in November 2023 and include information about the recommendations and regulator response for the phase two use cases. A website dedicated to the Transforming Data Collection programme will be launched in November 2023. The programme will publish a refreshed strategy in Q1 2024. | L | E | E | E | | | | | | |

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| Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA | Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) reporting requirements The FCA carried out a review of the first TCFD aligned disclosures by premium-listed commercial companies in July 2022. The FCA will continue to monitor TCFD-aligned disclosures, including those of asset managers. | 2024: FCA to monitor TCFD-aligned disclosures and publish findings. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA | ESG Governance, Remuneration, Incentives and Training To inform our future policy approach on firms' ESG-related governance, remuneration, incentives and training, the FCA published a Discussion Paper in February 2023. The Discussion Paper solicited stakeholder feedback on current practices, gaps, and the role the FCA should play in this area. The FCA plan to publish a Feedback Statement in H1 2024. | May 2023: Discussion Paper closed. H1 2024: Feedback Statement expected to be published. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA | Vote Reporting Group The Vote Reporting Group brings together stakeholders including asset owners, asset managers, investment consultants, proxy agencies, issuers and civil society groups, to develop more comprehensive and standardised vote reporting by asset managers. In June 2023, The Group published proposals for consultation on the standard information that should be included for all shareholder vote reporting, including information on vote categories and voting rationales. This consultation closed in September 2023, the Group is currently considering next steps. | June 2023: the Group published proposals for consultation. September 2023: The consultation closed. | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| FCA | <p>Implementing ISSB disclosure standards into FCA listing or transparency rules</p> <p>Following the publication of the final International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) standards, jurisdictions including the UK need to consider how to reference the standards in their legal and regulatory frameworks.</p> <p>The FCA previously stated that we intend to consult on updating our TCFD-aligned disclosure rules for listed companies to refer to the UK-endorsed ISSB standards.</p> <p>The FCA expect to consult in 2024 on proposals to implement disclosure rules referencing IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 for listed companies. The FCA will take into account inputs to the Government's endorsement process. The FCA will also consult on an appropriate scope and design for the new regime.</p> <p>At the same time as consulting on our policy approach in relation to the ISSB standards, the FCA will consult on expectations for listed companies' transition plan disclosures.</p> <p>Related initiatives: Climate Transition Plans ➔</p> | Consultation Paper in 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| FRC | <p>Consult on and revise the UK Corporate Governance Code</p> <p>To revise the UK Corporate Governance Code. The FRC's public consultation on proposed revisions to the Code ended in September 2023.</p> | The finalised Code is expected to be published in Q1 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DESNZ/ HMT | UK Green Taxonomy We will deliver a UK Green Taxonomy – a tool to provide investors with definitions of which economic activities should be labelled as green. This will support the quality of standards, labels and disclosures used in the industry for green finance activity. We expect to consult on the Taxonomy in Autumn 2023. | Autumn Consultation 2023. | L | E | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | ESG data and ratings (potential new regulatory regime and voluntary code of conduct) Industry participants are increasingly reliant on third-party ESG data and ratings products, as they integrate ESG into their activities. With an aim of ensuring these products are delivered in a fair, effective, and transparent way, the Treasury consulted on bringing ESG ratings providers into the FCA's regulatory perimeter between March and June 2023. As set out in FS22/4, the FCA supports regulatory oversight of these providers and an approach informed by IOSCO's recommendations on ESG data and ratings. While regulation is being considered, the FCA has also initiated an industry-led voluntary Code of Conduct to support good outcomes for these products. | December 2022: HMT announced it would consult on bringing ESG ratings providers within FCA's remit in Q1 2023. March 2023: HMT consultation published. July 2023: Code of Conduct consultation published. Q4 2023: Code of Conduct finalised. June 2023 onwards: HMT reviewing consultation responses. | H | | | | | | | | | |
| | Related initiatives: Sustainability disclosure requirements (SDR) and investment product labels ➤ | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| FCA/ HMT | <p>Climate Transition Plans</p> <p>The Transition Plan Taskforce (TPT) was established by the Government in April 2022 to develop a gold standard for transition plans. The TPT published its sector-neutral Disclosure Framework in October 2023. The Disclosure Framework builds on the work of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB). The FCA has worked closely with the TPT to support the development of the framework and associated guidance, and intends to draw on the TPT's outputs to strengthen its disclosure expectations on transition planning.</p> <p>Related initiatives: Implementing ISSB disclosure standards into FCA listing or transparency rules ➤</p> | <p>2024: The FCA expects to consult on proposals to implement TPT aligned disclosure requirements for listed issuers, at the same time as consulting on proposals to implement disclosure rules referencing the SSB standards.</p> | H | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ PRA | <p>Climate Financial Risk Forum</p> <p>In 2019, the FCA and PRA jointly established the Climate Financial Risk Forum (CFRF), which brings together senior financial sector representatives to share their experiences in managing climate-related risks and opportunities.</p> <p>Related initiatives: Regulatory initiative: Climate-related requirements ➤</p> | <p>August 2023: Two new working groups were set up looking at Adaptation and Climate Financial Resilience.</p> <p>Summer 2024: The CFRF are developing outputs as part of Session 4, for publication in Summer 2024.</p> | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ PRA | Diversity and Inclusion in Financial Services Following the joint Discussion Paper (DP21/1) published in July 2021, the regulators (PRA, FCA) published their separate Consultation Papers on the 25 September 2023, which contain policy proposals that aim to support progress on improving diversity and inclusion across the financial sector. Related initiatives: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Working Group and ED&I Regulatory Initiative. Previously Future of Trusteeship: Diversity and Inclusion Working Group ➤ | Consultation Paper published in September 2023. Policy Statement in H2 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| DWP/ FRC/ TPR | Stewardship review and Code consultation FRC will review the UK policy and regulatory framework for effective stewardship, supported by DWP, FCA and TPR. | A Discussion Paper is expected to be published in H2 2024. | U | | | | | | | | | |

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| Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DBT/ DWP/ FCA/ HMT | Sustainability disclosure requirements (SDR) and investment product labels As set out in 'Greening Finance: A Roadmap to Sustainable Investing', government departments and regulators are working together to introduce new Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) requiring corporates, asset managers, asset owners and investment products to make more fulsome disclosures around their management of sustainability risks, impacts and opportunities. Implementation is being led by the Treasury with different elements introduced by relevant regulators and government bodies (DBT, FCA, DWP). Alongside the introduction of SDR for asset managers, the FCA is working to introduce a sustainable classification and labelling system for investment products. This will help consumers navigate the sustainable investment landscape and find products meeting their sustainability preferences. The FCA has issued a consultation on proposals for SDR and investment labels for asset managers, which has now closed. The FCA plans to publish a Policy Statement with finalised rules in Q4 2023. Further parts of the overall SDR regime will be consulted on by relevant government departments and regulators in due course. | <p>October 2021: Treasury published 'Greening Finance Roadmap'.</p> <p>October 2021: DESNZ laid TCFD secondary legislation.</p> <p>November 2021: FCA published <u>Discussion Paper</u> on SDR and investment labels.</p> <p>October 2022: FCA published <u>Consultation Paper</u> on SDR and investment labels.</p> <p>March 2023: Treasury published <u>Mobilising Green Investment, 2023 Green Finance Strategy</u>.</p> <p>Q4 2023: FCA Policy Statement on SDR and investment labels.</p> | H | ■ | | | | | | ● | | |
| | Related initiatives: UK Green Taxonomy > ESG data and ratings (potential new regulatory regime and voluntary code of conduct) > | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| BoE | System-Wide Exploratory Scenario Exercise (SWES) The System-Wide Exploratory Scenario exercise will investigate the behaviours of banks and non-bank financial institutions in stress, and how these can amplify shocks in markets and potentially bring about risks to UK financial stability. The Bank is working closely with the FCA and TPR on this. | Firms run round 1 of the scenario phase between November 2023 and January 2024; firms run round 2 of the scenario phase in mid-2024; final results publication in H2 2024. | L | ■ | | ■ | | | | | | ● |
| FRC | Periodic Review of Financial Reporting Standards 102 UK and Ireland accounting standards are subject to periodic reviews, at least every five years, to ensure they remain up-to-date and continue to require high-quality and cost effective financial reporting from entities within their scope. The second periodic review commenced in March 2021. A Financial Reporting Exposure Draft (FRED) was published in December 2022. The effective date of any proposed amendments will not be before 1 January 2026. | Estimated publication of final amendments Q1 2024. | L | | ■ | | | | | | | |
| FRC | Post-Implementation Review of Technical Actuarial Standards The FRC carried out a post implementation review of the Technical Actuarial Standards (TASs). The post implementation review of the TASs and other actuarial standards is being carried out to ensure they continue to support the delivery of high-quality technical actuarial work and satisfy the Reliability Objective. Revised TAS 100 and TAS 400 have now been published and effective from July 2023. Consultations on TAS 300 and TAS 310 (pensions) have now closed. | Final TAS 300 and TAS 310 are expected to be published in Q3 2023 – Q1 2024. | L | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | |

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Financial resilience

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LIBOR Transition
Secure a fair, clear and orderly transition from LIBOR to robust, reliable and clean alternative risk-free rates.

The FCA has compelled production of synthetic LIBOR for a limited number of settings and has been clear that these synthetic settings are only a temporary measure. Following FCA announcements in November 2022, April and May 2023, end dates have now been announced for all LIBOR settings.

End-March 2024: Synthetic 3-month sterling LIBOR setting is intended to cease.

End-September 2024: Synthetic 1-, 3- and 6-month US dollar LIBOR settings are intended to cease.

Market participants must ensure they are prepared for these final synthetic LIBOR settings to cease at the end of March and end of September 2024. Parties to contracts still referencing LIBOR should be taking steps to transition to robust, appropriate reference rates, re-negotiating with counterparties where necessary. UK authorities will continue to work closely with international counterparts to monitor transition from synthetic settings in legacy contracts.

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| Financial resilience | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA | Investment Firms Prudential Regime The introduction of a new prudential regime for FCA investment firms. | Consultation Paper covering ESG disclosures and MIFIDPRU clarifications. | H | | | E | | | | | | |
| Operational resilience | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ FCA/ PRA | Operational Resilience Implementation of new requirements and expectations to strengthen operational resilience in the financial services sector following publication of final policy in March 2021. | In-scope firms had until 31 March 2022 to operationalise the policy framework. These firms will then have a further period to show they can remain within their impact tolerances for each important business service. They must achieve this by 31 March 2025 at the latest. | H | E | E | E | E | | | | | |
| BoE/ FCA/ PRA | Oversight of Critical Third Parties (CTPs) The Bank, PRA and FCA published a joint Discussion Paper (DP) in July 2022. The aim of the DP was to inform future regulatory proposals relating to Critical Third Parties (particularly on technically complex areas, such as resilience testing) and to provide thought leadership from the Bank, PRA and FCA to UK cross-sectoral and international financial regulatory debates on CTPs. FSMA 2023 granted the supervisory authorities' powers over Critical Third Parties to the financial sector. | Discussion Paper published 21 July 2022. In June 2022, Treasury published a Policy Statement setting out proposals for mitigating risks from critical third parties to the finance sector. Measures relating to critical third parties were included in the 2023 Financial Services and Markets Act. The regulators' plan to consult on proposals relating to Critical Third Parties in Q4 2023 | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| Operational resilience | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ FCA/ PRA | Incident and Outsourcing and Third Party Reporting The purpose of this policy would be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> introduce clarity regarding the information firms should submit when operational incidents occur collect certain information on firms' outsourcing and third party arrangements in order to manage the risks they may present to the PRA/FCA's objectives, including resilience, concentration and competition risks | Consultation Paper planned for H2 2024. | L | | | | E | E | | | | |
| Other single-sector initiatives | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Investment Consultants – Extension of the FCA's regulatory perimeter Consulting on CMA recommendation to bring the activities of investment consultants within the FCA's remit. | TBC | L | | | | | | | | | |

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Banking, credit and lending

This section contains a number of regulatory revisions, new regimes and perimeter adjustments to promote good conduct and financial resilience in the banking, credit and lending sectors, as well as initiatives geared towards enhanced competition and consumer protection. It has also been divided into sub-categories that group initiatives by topic to make it easier to use the Grid.

Eight initiatives have been removed (noted in the Annex) and there are four new entries, including reviews of the cash savings market and debt advice rules. Please note that the

PRA's Strong and Simple initiative has been split into four parts, having been included in the previous Grid as one entry. This is to help represent the different workstreams involved which may be of interest to stakeholders, and makes it easier to view expected milestones.

There are also four new banking, credit and lending initiatives in the new separate Smarter Regulatory Framework section, which relate to the transfer of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) into the PRA Rulebook and other policy materials.

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| FCA | Cash Savings Market Review Programme of work using a range of regulatory tools, in particular the Consumer Duty, to help achieve a competitive cash savings market and better outcomes for savers. | A report was published in July 2023 on competition and consumer outcomes in the cash savings market. This includes a 14-point action plan with a range of actions for the FCA and firms, as well as voluntary industry commitments. A further market update will be published in Q4 2023. Supervisory work on consumer engagement plans and fair value assessments for some of the lowest paying easy access accounts is underway. During H1 2024, we will complete our analysis on the contribution of cash savings to profitability following engagement with firms during H2 2023. | H | E | E | E | E | | | | | |

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| Competition, innovation, other | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA | Credit Information Market Study Final Report Market study looking at how the credit information market functions, including the role of CRAs and the effectiveness of competition between them and the impact on consumers, including those who are vulnerable or may face access challenges and the various consumer-facing markets that use credit information. | Final report expected before end of 2023. New credit reporting governance body expected to be formed by end of 2024. Consultation papers on FCA requirements expected late 2024, following formation of new credit reporting governance body. | L | | | | | E | | ● | ● | |
| Conduct | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA | Tailored Support Guidance (TSG) - Consultation Paper We signalled that we may consult on the future of the TSG in our Dear CEO letter to retail lending firms in June 2022. We have since issued a Consultation Paper (CP23/13) | Published Consultation Paper (CP23/13). May 2023, which closed 13 July. Policy Statement planned for H1 2024. | L | E | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| FCA | Review of Debt Advice Rules (CONC 8) Review our debt advice rules to ensure they set the right framework for good quality debt advice. | Milestones to be updated in due course. | L | | | | | | | ● | | ● |
| FCA | Evaluation of the persistent debt intervention An ex post impact evaluation of the effect of the persistent debt intervention that followed the Credit Card Market Study. This came into effect in September 2018. | Publication planned for Q4 2024. | L | | | | | | | ● | | ● |
| HMT | Amending the Threshold Conditions The Government will amend the Threshold Conditions, which set standards that firms must meet, to ensure that banks are upholding their current legal duties, including ensuring that lawful freedom of speech is protected. The Government will consult on how best to deliver this. | Treasury will consult on how to amend the threshold conditions in due course. | U | | | | | | | ● | | ● |

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| Conduct | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT/ FCA | Amendments to the Credit Unions Act Changes to the Credit Unions Act allow credit unions to now offer hire purchase agreements, conditional sale agreements, and insurance distribution services. The changes also allow credit unions to borrow from and lend to other credit unions, and requires credit unions to submit annual accounts to the FCA. | 29 August 2023: FSMA came into force allowing credit unions to apply for permissions to offer hire purchase agreements, conditional sale agreements, and insurance distribution services. December 2023: Quarterly Consultation Paper (QCP) to be published on minor consequential amendments to Credit Unions sourcebook (CREDS) as a result of legislative changes to the Credit Unions Act. | L | E | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| HMT/ FCA | Regulation of Buy Now Pay Later Bringing unregulated, interest-free Buy Now Pay Later, or Deferred Payment Credit, products into FCA regulation. | Second Treasury Consultation Paper with draft legislation published in February 2023. The Treasury is considering stakeholder feedback and will publish a consultation response setting out next steps when it is finalised. Secondary legislation to bring BNPL into the perimeter will be laid when Parliamentary time allows. | H | | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| Cross-cutting/omnibus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE | Improving depositor outcomes Work to develop alternative processes which may reduce disruption to transactional accounts in the event of an insolvency procedure. Subject to the outcomes of this work, the Bank is considering whether it could significantly raise or remove the transactional accounts threshold for setting MREL. | | L | | | | | | | ● | ● | |

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| Cross-cutting/omnibus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | A strong and simple prudential framework for non-systemic banks and building societies - Definition of a Simpler Regime Firm Developing policy to identify the scope of firms that will be eligible to use the simpler prudential regulations designed for smaller non-systemic and domestic banks and building societies operating predominantly in the UK. | Following publication of a Discussion Paper (DP1/21) in April 2021, and a Feedback Statement (FS1/21) in December 2021, Consultation Paper 5/22 on scope of a 'Simpler Regime' for smaller domestic firms was published in April 2022. In the light of feedback, changes to scope criteria were proposed in November 2022, as part of Consultation paper 16/22 on Basel 3.1 implementation. A Policy Statement is planned for December 2023 that will finalise the scope criteria. | H | ■ | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | A strong and simple prudential framework for non-systemic banks and building societies - Liquidity and Disclosure for Simpler Regime Firms Developing policy to simplify prudential regulation for non-systemic and domestic banks and building societies in the UK, while maintaining resilience. Includes working with the FCA on corresponding changes to their Handbook where needed. | Following publication of a Discussion Paper (DP1/21) in April 2021, and a Feedback Statement (FS1/21) in December 2021, a Consultation Paper on Liquidity and Disclosure aspects of the 'Simpler Regime' was published in February 2023 (CP4/23) and closed for consultation in May 2023. A Policy Statement is planned for December 2023 that will finalise these measures, alongside the scope criteria mentioned above. For firms meeting the scope criteria, these measures will be available in 2024. | H | ■ | E | E | ■ | | | | | |

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Cross-cutting/omnibus

PRA **A strong and simple prudential framework for non-systemic banks and building societies - Capital requirements for Simpler Regime Firms**
 Developing policy to simplify prudential regulation for non-systemic and domestic banks and building societies in the UK, while maintaining resilience. Includes working with the FCA on corresponding changes to their Handbook where needed.

Following publication of a Discussion Paper (DP1/21) in April 2021, and a Feedback Statement (FS1/21) in December 2021, a Consultation Paper on the capital regime for Simpler Regime Firms is planned for Q2 2024 at a similar time to the second Near-Final Policy Statement on Basel 3.1 (the PRA has previously indicated that it is making the planning assumption that the Simpler Regime would take the Basel 3.1 Standardised Approach to Credit Risk as its starting point). The proposed implementation date for the capital regime for Simpler Regime Firms, likely to be in H1 2026, will be consulted on as part of that Consultation Paper. In CP 16/22, which covered Basel 3.1 implementation, a transitional capital regime was proposed for in-scope firms for the period between implementation of the Basel 3.1 reforms for larger firms and implementation of the new capital regime for Simpler Regime Firms. Arrangements for this transitional regime will be published along with the Basel 3.1 Near-Final Policy Statements. Treasury is planning to consult on the necessary revocations in H1 2024.

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| Cross-cutting/omnibus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | A strong and simple prudential framework for non-systemic banks and building societies - other aspects of a new simpler framework for domestic deposit takers Developing policy to simplify prudential regulation for non-systemic and domestic banks and building societies in the UK, while maintaining resilience. Includes working with the FCA on corresponding changes to their Handbook where needed. | Following publication of a Discussion Paper (DP1/21) in April 2021, and a Feedback Statement (FS1/21) in December 2021, the PRA is progressing its work on the Simpler Regime as outlined in the rows above. As development of the Simple Regime progresses, the PRA plans to consider other possible options for simplifying and clarifying the prudential regime, including considering whether and how to build out other layers of the S&S framework for larger firms that are not internationally active. There was initial engagement with firms on this in Q2 2023. | U | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | Trading activity wind down New policy was published in May 2021 to ensure that firms are able to wind down their trading activity in a timely and orderly manner. | 3 March 2025: Policy comes into force. | H | E | E | E | E | | | | | |
| PRA | Banking Data Review The PRA will consult on a review of banking data collections, in particular through regulatory reporting, with a view to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> better alignment of reporting with supervisory needs better integration and streamlining of reporting ensuring we have the data we need for future policymaking under the FRF. | The full review (including within-template design changes) will not be consulted on before the Basel 3.1 implementation date. Though the PRA are considering bringing forward some quick-wins and priorities in a Consultation Paper around H2 2024. | L | | | | | E | | | | |

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| Cross-cutting/omnibus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ PRA | Revisions to PRA109 (Operational Continuity in Resolution Reporting) Revisions to existing PRA109 templates following publication of revised OCIR policy. | Consultation on changes not before the end of 2023. | L | | | | | | | | ● | |
| BoE/ PRA | Resolvability Assessment Framework (RAF) In scope firms need to meet the resolution outcomes in the RAF and some will submit private reports to authorities and provide public disclosure regarding their resolvability. | 6 October 2023: Reports due for largest firms (second RAF cycle). June 2024: Largest firms to publish public disclosures and Bank to publish public statement on its assessment of the largest firms. (second RAF cycle). | H | | E | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ PRA | Increasing ease of exit: Solvent exit planning Increasing confidence in, and capabilities to support, solvent exits for non-systemic banks and building societies. | Policy Statement in H1 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Post-transposition Implementation of Article 44a of Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive II (BRRDII) BRRDII has been transposed in the UK either via secondary legislation or regulator rules. The FCA consulted on its proposed approach to rules implementing the new Article 44a of the BRRD in December 2020, which would place restrictions on the sale of subordinated eligible liabilities (SELs) to retail clients. | FCA consulted on the approach to implementation of Article 44a in December 2020. It will be put into FCA rules in due course. | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| Cross-cutting/omnibus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT (with input from BoE/PRA) | <p>Reforming the ring-fencing regime for banks</p> <p>The Government published a draft Statutory Instrument for consultation on 28 September 2023 on a package of reforms to improve the ring-fencing regime.</p> <p>At the same time, the PRA published a consultation on third country branches and subsidiaries of ring-fenced banks, in connection with HMT's legislative proposals.</p> <p>Alongside that, the Government has undertaken a Call for Evidence on aligning the ring-fencing and resolution regimes in the longer term, which concluded on 7 May 2023. The Government published a summary of responses to the Call for Evidence on 28 September 2023.</p> | <p>Q1 2024: Lay Statutory Instrument implementing the ring-fencing reforms in parliament (subject to parliamentary time).</p> <p>H2 2024: Policy statement on the alignment between ring-fencing and resolution.</p> | U | E | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | <p>Remuneration: Enhancing proportionality for small firms</p> <p>In early 2023, the PRA consulted on the first batch of measures that will apply to Simpler-regime firms. At that time, the PRA also consulted separately on simplifying remuneration requirements for Material Risk Takers at small firms that were introduced as part of the Capital Requirements Directive V and which apply additional remuneration rules to Material Risk Takers at these firms than under the previous UK regime.</p> | <p>Consultation in Q1 2023</p> <p>Policy Statement and supervisory statement to be published in Q4 2023.</p> | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ PRA | Reviewing the maximum ratio between fixed and variable remuneration The PRA and FCA have published a Consultation Paper and Policy Statement removing the maximum ratio between fixed and variable remuneration, commonly referred to as the 'bonus cap'. These changes are now in effect. | Policy Statement Q4 2023. | L | ■ | | | | | | | | |
| Financial resilience | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | Non-performing exposures capital deduction Consultation Paper In November, the PRA published the Policy Statement and final rules on removing the Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) deduction requirement in the PRA Rulebook regarding non-performing exposures (NPE) that are treated as insufficiently provided for by firms. The rules also came into force in November. | Consultation Q1 2023. Policy Statement Q4 2023. | L | ■ | | | | | | | ● | |
| BoE/ HMT/ PRA | Implementation of the remaining Basel III banking standards (Basel 3.1) Consultation on the UK implementation of the final Basel III banking standards (also known as Basel 3.1). | PRA Near-Final Policy Statements planned for Q4 2023 and Q2 2024. Implementation date planned for 1 July 2025. | H | ■ | | ■ | | | | ■ | | ● |

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| Financial resilience | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | <p>Supervisory Statement on model risk management principles for banks</p> <p>The use of models to inform business decisions continues to increase and is becoming more sophisticated and complex with the development of new technologies. To support firms in building capacity, infrastructure and create consistency in the management of the risks associated with the use of models the PRA has published a supervisory statement setting out five principles considered key in implementing effective model risk management (MRM) practices as a supervisory expectation for firms in the banking sector.</p> | <p>Final Policy Statement and Supervisory Statement on 17 May 2023.</p> <p>SS1/23 is the phase 1 roll-out of the supervisory expectation applicable to firms with internal model approval only. The PRA's approach for all other firms will be published at a later stage once the definition of 'simpler-regime firms' have been finalised.</p> | L | | | E | | | | | | |
| Other single-sector initiatives | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT | <p>Proposed changes to the Building Societies Act 1986</p> <p>In December 2021, the Government published a consultation on amendments to the Building Societies Act 1986. The proposals seek to provide greater flexibility to building societies' funding model and update their corporate governance requirements.</p> | <p>The consultation closed on 28 February 2022. The Government's official response outlining next steps was published on 9 December 2022, noting where the Government will legislate as well as relevant areas which the Government will return to in due course.</p> | L | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT | <p>Reform of the Consumer Credit Act 1974</p> <p>On 9 December 2022, Treasury published a public consultation on the reform of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (CCA). Treasury published a summary of responses on 10 July 2023 indicating that a more detailed consultation will take place during 2024.</p> <p>This reform seeks to modernise regulation governing the UK's £200bn non-mortgage consumer lending market by moving much of the Act so that it sits under the more agile regulatory framework of the FCA.</p> | <p>Treasury expected to publish a detailed consultation document seeking views on an array of policy issues H2 2024.</p> | L | | | | | | | | | |

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Payments and cryptoassets

This section contains initiatives aimed at promoting competition, innovation, and protections in payments to improve the quality and security of services provided to consumers and businesses.

There are four new initiatives in this section. This includes reforms to the Payment Services Regulations to strengthen rules on provider-initiated terminations and work to manage the failure of systemic digital settlement asset firms. Seven initiatives have been removed from the Grid and are noted in the completed/stopped annex.

There are two payments and cryptoassets initiatives in the new separate Smarter Regulatory Framework section. These are work on the consumer information rules in the Payment Accounts Regulations (PARs) 2015, which was included in the previous Grid, and a new initiative relating to the repeal and replacement of the Payment Services Directive and the E-Money Directive.

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| BoE | Supervisory approach to wholesale cash The Bank <u>outlines</u> how it will use new powers to ensure wholesale cash distribution remains effective, resilient and sustainable into the future. | Q4 – Codes of practice consultation published (November). Q4 – Targeted industry consultation on fee scale and upper limit (not published – timing to be confirmed). Q1 2024 – Penalty Statement consultation will be published | H | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | ● | ● | |
| BoE | Ensuring continuity of critical clearing services: the Bank of England's approach to discretionary payments by central counterparties This <u>consultation</u> sets out the Bank's approach to giving directions to temporarily restrict or prohibit discretionary payments to specified shareholders or employees of recognised UK CCPs in severe circumstances. This power is conferred on the Bank by the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 Schedule 11. | The consultation period closed on 17 November 2023 and the Bank intends to publish the final statement of policy in 2024 Q1 with entry into effect upon publication. | L | | | ■ | | | | | | ● |
| FCA | Access to cash FCA rules The FCA expects to consult on any rules it may propose to make under our new Access to Cash legislation in Autumn 2023. | Consultation expected to take place December 2023. | L | ■ | E | | ■ | | | ● | | |

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| FCA | Changes to safeguarding requirements for payments and e-money institutions Strengthening safeguarding requirements for payments and e-money institutions using enhanced rule-making powers conferred on the FCA as part of the Smarter Regulatory Framework Review. | Consultation Paper expected to be published in H1 2024. Policy Statement and final rules expected to be published in H2-2024 subject to consultation and relevant legislative changes being made by Treasury. | U | | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| HMT | Payment Services Regulations - Review and Call for Evidence A statutory review of the Payment Services Regulations, and accompanying Call for Evidence on the future of UK payments regulation, published on 13 January 2023. The Government will respond to the Call for Evidence in due course. | Q1 Call for Evidence open - closed 7 April 2023. | H | | | | | | | ● | | |
| HMT | Consultation response on future financial services regulatory regime for cryptoassets In April 2022, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury set an ambition to make Britain a global hub for cryptoassets with several commitments including consulting on a future regulatory regime. The consultation paper (published in Feb 2023) set out our initial policy proposals for regulating a broad suite of cryptoasset activities in the UK. | The consultation closed on 30 April 2023. The consultation response was published in Q4 2023. Treasury intend to lay secondary legislation in 2024 which will be accompanied by FCA publications. | H | | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| HMT | Allowing a risk based approach to payments Reforms to the Payment Services Regulations to allow payment service providers to delay the processing of a payment when there is a reasonable suspicion that the payment is fraudulent. | EOY-23: Publication of draft legislation to enact reforms. | L | | | | | | | ● | | ● |

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| PSR | Market review of card scheme and processing fees The aim of the <u>market review</u> is to understand if the supply of scheme and processing services is working well having regard to our competition, innovation and protection of service-users objectives. | Q4 2023 - Publication of interim report for consultation. Q2 2024 - Publication of final report. Q2 2024 - Publication of provisional remedies for consultation (if required). Q4 2024 - Final decision on remedies (if required). | L | ■ | | ■ | | ■ | | ● | | |
| PSR | Market review of cross-border interchange fees A <u>market review</u> to understand the rationale for the five-fold increase in the cross-border interchange fees (that affects certain card transactions between the UK and the EEA, where the cardholder is not present) since the UK left the EU and whether they are an indication that the market is not working well. | Q3 2023 - Publication of interim report. Q4 2023 - Publication of final report and any draft remedies. | L | ■ | E | | | | | | | |
| PSR | Account to Account This project aims to unlock the potential of <u>Account to Account (A2A) payments</u> , including by, but not limited to, supporting innovation in Open Banking, to provide greater competition in retail payments leading to lower prices, innovation and improved quality that reflects end-user needs. Related initiatives: Open Banking - Joint Regulatory Oversight Committee ▶ | Q4 2023: As co-chair of the Joint Regulatory Oversight Committee, The FCA will contribute to recommendations on the future of open banking. Q4 2023: Consult, if necessary, on changes to Faster Payments to enable a phased roll out of nonsweeping variable recurring payments (VRP). | L | ■ | E | E | E | E | E | ● | | |

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| PSR | <p>Authorised Push Payment (APP) scam prevention</p> <p>The PSR is looking at measures to <u>help prevent APP scams</u> and protect victims.</p> | <p>Measure 1</p> <p>Q4 2023 - The PSR will publish the first set of APP scams performance data. The PSR will also issue updated guidance to help firms provide the correct data for the second cycle.</p> <p>Measure 2</p> <p>Q1 2024 - PSPs to implement the capability to send and receive intelligence sharing data that will allow them to better identify and stop scam payments.</p> <p>Measure 3</p> <p>Q4 2023 - The PSR will publish a Policy Statement finalising the outstanding policy issues. It will confirm requirements for the customer standard of caution and the excess and maximum level of reimbursement, and give the legal instruments which will give effect to the reimbursement requirement.</p> <p>Q1 2024 - The PSR intends to consult on taking action in relation to CHAPS.</p> <p>Q1 2024 - The PSR intends to consult on its compliance monitoring and evaluation frameworks.</p> <p>Q2 2024 - PSR consulted on April 2024 implementation date for the reimbursement requirement. The PSR is considering responses to the consultation and will confirm the implementation date shortly.</p> | H | | E | | | | | ● | | |

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| PSR | Confirmation of Payee (CoP) - Specific Direction 17 CoP is a service that checks whether the name of the account a person is sending money to matches the name they have entered. In August 2019, the PSR required the UK's six largest banking groups to introduce CoP. Subsequently 33 firms adopted the service. In October 2022, the PSR directed around 400 PSPs to implement a system to use to provide the CoP service; this will increase transaction coverage to around 99% ensuring near ubiquity of the service. This implementation is split into two groups: October 2023 for Group 1, and October 2024 for Group 2. | Directing further PSPs to implement a system to use to provide the CoP service. October 2023 - Group 1 firms implementation. October 2024 - Group 2 firms implementation. | H | █ | | | | █ | | | | |
| BoE/ FCA | Consultations on rules for stablecoin regime The regulators will be required to consult on rules relating to the stablecoin legislation in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 and forthcoming secondary legislation. | November 2023: publication of Discussion Papers from the Bank and FCA. Follow on FCA consultation papers (CP) from both the Bank and FCA will be published circa H2 2024. The timing of the FCA CP is subject to Treasury secondary legislation being laid. | L | █ | E | █ | | █ | █ | ● | ● | |
| BoE/ FCA | Payment services contract termination rule changes Reforms to the Payment Services Regulations to strengthen rules on provider-initiated terminations of payment service contracts. | EOY-23: Publication of draft legislation to enact reforms. | L | █ | █ | | | | | ● | | ● |

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| BoE/ HMT | Digital pound Treasury and the Bank published a joint <u>Consultation Paper on a potential digital pound</u> , assessing the case for a UK retail central bank digital currency (CBDC) and its proposed design on 7 February 2023. Treasury and the Bank judge that it is likely that a digital pound will be needed in the future. Whilst it is too early to commit to build the infrastructure for a digital pound, further preparatory work is justified so the Bank and Treasury have since moved to a "design phase". The Consultation closed on 30 June and Treasury and the Bank will release a summary of responses in due course. | Consultation Paper published in Q1 2023 and summary of responses published. | L | ■ | | | | | | | | |
| HMT (with input from BoE) | Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR) for Financial Market Infrastructures (FMIs) The SM&CR for FMIs is intended to enhance the accountability of senior managers and improve governance arrangements at certain systemically important firms. Treasury introduced a new SM&CR in FSMA 2023. The new regime can be applied to CCPs and CSDs, as well as to RIEs and CRAs if deemed to be appropriate, following consultation. | The new SM&CR for FMIs was introduced in FSMA 2023. The implementation on the regime will require secondary legislation. Treasury is considering the outcomes of the call for evidence on the wider SM&CR, before taking any further action to implement. | L | | | | | | | ● | | |

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| HMT (with input from BoE) | Expanded resolution regime for central counterparties (CCPs) The Government has introduced an expanded resolution regime for Central Counterparties (CCPs) as part of FSMA 2023. | The expanded regime was introduced in FSMA 2023, which received Royal Assent on 29 June 2023. The Government published its response on 31 March 2022. The expanded regime was introduced in FSMA 2023. The Government intends to develop secondary legislation and a 'code of practice' in order to fully implement the expanded regime. The Bank of England will publish statements of policy, as required under Schedule 11 of FSMA 2023. | H | ■ | | | | | | ● | | |
| HMT (with input from regulatory authorities) | Managing the failure of systemic digital settlement asset firms The Government plan to establish an amended FMI SAR as a tool through which to address the failure of a systemic digital settlement asset firms with financial stability implications in mind. The Government consultation closed on 2 August 2022 and the Government will respond in due course. | H2 2023 - publication of consultation response. | L | ■ | | | | | | | | ● |

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Insurance and reinsurance

The majority of initiatives in this section are reviews of the sector to enhance the regulatory framework. There are three new entries in this sector, including work on the authorisation and supervision of insurance branches and on increasing confidence in solvent exit from the sector. Three initiatives have been completed including guidance for the support of customers in financial difficulty.

initiatives have been added: the first capturing the transfer of remaining firm-facing Solvency II requirements and the second repealing and replacing the Insurance Mediation and Distribution Directives.

There are three insurance initiatives in the new separate Smarter Regulatory Framework section. Reforms to Solvency II has been moved to the new section and two new

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| FCA | Evaluation of GI Pricing intervention An ex post impact evaluation of the effect of the <u>GI Pricing Practices</u> rules which came into effect in 2021/22. | The FCA are having discussions with firms on the data request, with actual data collection in Q1-Q2 2024. Completion of the evaluation is planned for 2025. | L | | | | | | | ● | | |
| FCA | Multi-occupancy buildings insurance Consulting on rule changes to help leaseholders in multi-occupancy buildings understand and engage with the insurance arranged by their landlords or freeholders. | Consultation Paper Q1 2023. <u>Final rules</u> Q3 2023. | L | | | | | | | ● | | |
| HMT | Insurer Resolution Regime Introduction of a specific resolution regime for insurers aligned with internationally agreed standards and best practice. | Treasury consultation opened on 26 January 2023 and closed on 20 April 2023. Treasury published its consultation response in August 2023. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | IAIS Insurance Capital Standard monitoring period Data submission exercise for large internationally active insurance groups (IAIGs). | Q3 2023: data submission. | L | | | | | | | | ● | |
| PRA | Annuity reinsurance concentration Looking at increased concentrations in annuity reinsurance and whether further guidance or regulatory change is needed. | Consultation Paper on proposed SS published on November 16 2023. Final SS publication expected H1 2024. | L | E | E | | | | | | | |

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| PRA | Holistic framework: recovery planning In scope insurance firms will be expected to develop recovery plans. | Milestones are firm specific. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | Holistic framework: liquidity risk management plan In scope insurance firms will have to report their liquidity management plans. | Milestones are firm specific. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | Holistic framework: resolution planning The PRA will develop resolution plans with input from in scope insurance firms. | Milestones are firm specific. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | Holistic framework: global monitoring exercise Reverting to regular individual insurer monitoring. | Milestones are firm specific. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | Authorisation and supervision of insurance branches Consolidating and formalising the PRA's approach to insurance branch supervision through publication of a new Statement of Policy (SoP) (which will replace the current SS2/18) and amendments to SS44/15. In particular, the SoP will set out the PRA's appetite to reinsurance arrangements and size of the branch relative to the legal entity. | Consultation Paper published on 4 October 2023. Final rules and policy expected in Q2 2024. | L | | E | | | | | | | ● |
| PRA | Insurance Special Purpose Vehicles (ISPVs) regime During 2022, the PRA consulted on proposed changes in its approach to authorising and supervising Insurance Special Purpose Vehicles (ISPVs). The PRA will continue to interact with various stakeholders to assess what further changes may be required to the ISPV regime. | | L | | | | | | | | | ● |
| BoE/ PRA | Ease of exit: insurance Increasing confidence in, and capabilities to support, solvent exit in the insurance sector. | Consultation planned for H1 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | ● |

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Investment management

This section contains four initiatives. This includes the review of the UK's funds regime and Overseas Funds Regime, which were included in the previous Grid, and a new entry following the establishment of a technology working group looking at fund tokenisation. Since the last Grid, two initiatives have been moved to the completed/stopped annex.

There are two investment management initiatives in the new separate Smarter Regulatory Framework section. These include work on Money Market Funds (MMFs), which was in the previous Grid, and a new initiative related to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and Taxonomy Regulation.

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| FCA | Liquidity mismatch in open ended daily-dealt property funds Proposals to introduce notice periods for open-ended daily-dealt property funds. | May 2021: Feedback Statement published. The FCA are finalising our policy proposals in view of the feedback received. | H | E | E | E | | | | ● | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Overseas Funds Regime The introduction of new equivalence regimes for retail investment funds and money market funds established outside the UK, allowing recognised funds to be marketed to the public in the UK. Related initiatives: Improving Money Market Resilience as part of UK commitment to FSB 2021 review of March 2020 Dash for Cash ➤ | This initiative was introduced in the Financial Services Act 2021 and the majority of provisions were commenced in February 2022. The FCA is now working on operationalising the OFR and will be consulting on various aspects of the Handbook rules in 2023 to ensure OFR funds are appropriately captured. | L | | E | E | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Fund tokenisation A Technology Working Group has been established, reporting to the Asset Management Task Force. It will help to enable firms to take advantage of opportunities to develop products and services using distributed ledger technology and related innovations. | July 2023: first meeting of Group. Q4 2023: the Group will complete phase 1 of its work and have published a 'Blueprint for Fund Tokenisation'. | L | | | | | | | | | ● |

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| FCA/ HMT | Review of the UK Funds Regime A review of the UK's funds regime, covering direct and indirect tax, as well as relevant areas of regulation. | <p>The Government published its response to the Call for Input in February 2022.</p> <p>The Government is progressing work on proposals on the establishment of an unauthorised contractual scheme for professional investors.</p> <p>The FCA has been engaging with stakeholders on how relevant aspects of the regulatory regime might be modernised and improved. The FCA provided feedback on next steps in relation to its Discussion Paper and consultations will follow in 2024. The Technology Working Group is developing a blueprint for a shared vision of fund tokenisation.</p> | L | E | E | E | E | | | | | |

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Pensions and retirement income

This section contains a variety of initiatives amending and consulting on rules, regulations and codes of practice aimed at ensuring that consumers are protected and informed in relation to their pensions.

There is one new entry which is TPR's work on new guidance to take account of schemes investing in Productive Finance. Two initiatives have been moved to the completed/ stopped annex.

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| FCA | Supporting consumer decision-making through pensions behavioural field trials Behavioural field trials to test touchpoints for engaging customers with their pension, with a focus on decumulation. | Publication of trial findings/research report expected in Q2 2024. | L | | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| FCA | Non-Workplace Pensions (NWP) - Supporting pension savers Final rules for a non-workplace pensions default option for non-advised consumers and a cash warning for consumers with significant and sustained cash holdings in their NWP. | Consultation published in November 2021, closed February 2022. We published the Policy Statement and final rules in December 2022. Firms must implement the rules by 1 December 2023. | L | | | | | | | ● | | |
| FCA | Fourth Thematic Review into DB-DC pension transfer advice - supervisory action Supervisory and enforcement action on DB-DC pension transfer advice aimed at redressing previous unsuitable advice. | Some firm past business reviews expected to continue until at least Q1 2024 | L | | | | | | | | ● | |
| FCA | British Steel Pension Scheme redress scheme A consultation on proposed redress scheme for people who transferred out of the British Steel Pension Scheme (BSPS). | Published Consultation paper 31 March 2022. Published Consultation paper July 2022 on proposed rules for calculating redress for BSPS cases alongside review of pension transfer guidance (see separate entry). 28 Nov 2022: published Scheme Rules. 28 Feb 2023: Scheme launches. Q1 2024: Most redress expected to have been paid. | H | | | | | | | ● | | |

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Pensions and retirement income

| Lead | Initiative | Expected key milestones | Indicative impact on firms | Oct - Dec 2023 | Jan - Mar 2024 | Apr - Jun 2024 | Jul - Sep 2024 | Oct - Mar 2025 | Post April 2025 | Consumer interest | Timing updated | New |
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| FCA | <p>Pension dashboard obligations for pension providers</p> <p>Rules requiring the providers of personal and stakeholder pension schemes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> connect to the pensions dashboards architecture and provide specific pensions information to consumers via pension dashboard services <p>The rules satisfy the duty in the Pension Schemes Act 2021 and have regard to corresponding DWP regulations for occupational schemes.</p> | Revised connection deadline: 31 October 2026. | H | | | | | | | ● | ● | |
| FCA/HMT | <p>Regulatory framework for pensions dashboard operators - tied to the introduction of a new regulated activity by HM Treasury</p> <p>In 2024, Treasury will introduce a new regulated activity to bring Pensions Dashboard Service operators within the FCA perimeter, and subject to FCA rules.</p> | Final rules: 2024, subject to external dependencies. | L | E | | E | E | | | ● | ● | |
| TPR | <p>Notifiable Events Code</p> <p>TPR consultation on expectations and approach to revised Notifiable Events legislation.</p> | <p>DWP consultation on draft code, guidance and directions was launched in Sept 2021.</p> <p>No milestones added due to significant uncertainty around delivery.</p> | L | | | | | | | | ● | |
| TPR | <p>Regulatory initiative: Climate-related requirements</p> <p>A regulatory initiative (RI) to assess compliance with the new climate-related requirements for statement of investment principles and implementation reports.</p> <p>Related initiatives: Climate Financial Risk Forum ➤</p> | <p>TPR launched 2 phase Regulatory Initiative in 2023:</p> <p>Phase 1 started H1 2023 and is evidence gathering for compliance checking (running up to end 2023).</p> <p>Phase 2 is gathering evidence and considering action for non-compliance (running up to end 2023).</p> | U | | | | | | | | ● | |

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| TPR | Code of Practice Creation of a new code of practice to make TPR's expectations simpler and easier to understand. | Interim response published August 2021. Code of practice expected to be in force in April 2024, subject to parliamentary timetable. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| TPR | Regulatory initiative: Compliance with the obligation to assess value for money A regulatory initiative (RI) with smaller DC schemes who must undertake a thorough value for money assessment and consider their future if their assessment demonstrates they are not providing value for money for savers. | Regulatory Initiative operating between Aug 2023 and June 2024. Engaging with a sample of schemes on VFM. Establishing compliance statuses, identifying best practice and considering rectification measures. | U | | | | | | | | | |
| | Related initiatives: Driving Value for Money in DC Pensions ➤ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TPR | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Working Group and ED&I Regulatory Initiative. Previously Future of Trusteeship: Diversity and Inclusion Working Group The creation of an industry panel to define and drive action on diversity and inclusion in trustee boards. Two part Regulatory Initiative starting April 2023 up to March 2024. | Action plan published in Q4 2022. ED&I Guidance was launched on 28 March 2023. Current regulatory initiative on how schemes are meeting TPR's expectations - lasting from April 2023 to March 2024 via engagement with schemes. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| | Related initiatives: Diversity and Inclusion in Financial Services ➤ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TPR | DB scheme funding TPR consultation on regulatory framework for DB scheme funding and associated approach. | Full response to first consultation and second consultation launched Q4 2022. Regs expected to be laid in parliament Q1 2024. Code of practice expected to be in force Q2 2024. All subject to parliamentary timetable. | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| TPR | Productive Finance Ensuring TPR's guidance takes account of schemes investing in Productive Finance . | The potential for new guidance around Productive Finance to be issued in H2 2023 or H1 2024. Milestones are indicative only. | L | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | ● |
| DWP/ FCA/ TPR | Driving Value for Money in DC Pensions A Value for Money (VFM) framework and regulatory regime for all FCA and TPR-regulated DC pension schemes, starting with workplace pensions, to improve consistency, comparability and competition. Schemes will be required to publish data on prescribed metrics and use this data in comparisons for more objective assessments of VFM. Underperforming schemes will be required to improve or consolidate. This work also aims to shift the focus from predominantly cost to a holistic and longer-term view of outcomes delivered for savers. We have proposed actions for schemes assessed as poor VFM. | Joint (DWP/TPR/FCA) Consultation Paper published January 2023. Joint Government-Regulator response published July 2023. The VFM framework will require primary legislation for trust-based schemes. The FCA working with DWP and TPR will consult on proposed rules for the detailed requirements in H1 2024. | L | | ■ | ■ | | | | ● | | |
| | Related initiatives: Regulatory initiative: Compliance with the obligation to assess value for money ➤ | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Retail investments

This section contains two initiatives. These include reforms to financial promotions exemptions and new work related to the advice guidance boundary review.

One initiatives have been completed since the last Grid and have been added to the completed/stopped annex. This initiative – the Streamlined Regime for S&S ISAs – we note that the ongoing development of the Core Investment Advice regime has been paused and rolled into the wider Advice Guidance Boundary Review joint workstream, which is a new entry. This was announced publicly on 3 August 2023.

One retail investments initiative has been moved to the new separate Smarter Regulatory Framework section: the repeal and replacement of the Packaged Retail and Insurance-Based Investment Products (PRIIPS) Regulation. This was referenced as the Future Disclosure Framework in the previous Grid.

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| HMT | Reforms to the financial promotions exemptions Treasury <u>consulted</u> on proposals to reform the high net worth individuals and sophisticated investors exemptions contained within the Financial Promotion Order (FPO). | Treasury published a response to the consultation on 7 November 2023 setting out the Government's plans to update the exemptions. | L | ■ | ■ | | | | | ● | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Advice Guidance Boundary Review The FCA and Treasury are jointly carrying out a holistic review of the boundary between financial advice and guidance. The purpose of the review is to gather a detailed understanding of how the boundary is operating and its impact on consumers, to ensure that consumers get the help they want, at the time they need it, and at a cost that is affordable, and to help them make informed financial decisions. This will inform any necessary changes going forward. | A summary document to clarify the existing boundary was published in August 2023 with the intention of helping firms offer more support to consumers whilst the outcome of the review is pending. The FCA also published the key insights informing the direction of travel for the review. We will be publishing a joint Policy Paper with the Treasury later this year. | H | ■ | E | | | | | ● | | ● |

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Wholesale financial markets

This section includes initiatives aimed at improving the effectiveness of regulation and reducing the burden on firms whilst maintaining the highest standards of regulation and market efficiency, both with the ultimate aim of promoting competition and innovation.

There are three new initiatives in this section of the Grid on the Intermittent Trading Venue Sandbox, PRA/FCA consultation on margin requirements for non-centrally cleared derivatives and next steps following the recommendations of the Investment Research Review. There are four wholesale financial markets initiatives in the completed/stopped annex.

There are five Wholesale Financial Markets initiatives in the new separate Smarter Regulatory Framework section. Four of these initiatives were included in the previous Grid: Prospectus Regime Reform, Wholesale Markets Review, the Review of the Securitisation Regulation and the Review of the Short Selling Regulation. One is a new initiative to the Grid: Data Reporting Services Regulations.

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| FCA | Primary Markets Effectiveness - UK Listings Review response The FCA has bought forward consultation and discussion items on reforms to improve the effectiveness of UK primary markets, which follows FCA policy review work and responds to Lord Hill's final UK Listings Review Report and recommendations published on 3 March 2021. | Consultation Paper on special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) published 30 April 2021 (CP 21/10), closed 28 May 2021. Policy Statement on SPACs - published 27 July 2021 (PS21/10). Consultation Paper on further Listing Rule changes - published 6 July 2021 (CP 21/21), closed 14 September 2021. Policy Statement on Listing Rule changes - published 2 December 2021 (PS21/22). Discussion Paper (DP22/2) published 26 May 2022, closed 28 July 2022. Consultation Paper CP23/10 published 3 May 2023, including feedback to DP 22/2. Follow up CP planned for Q4 2023, with an aim to make final rules late H1 2024. | L | | E | | E | | | | | |
| FCA | Accessing and using wholesale data Market study assessing potential competition issues about benchmarks, credit rating data and market data vendors. | Market study update published on 31 August 2023. Market study report will be published on, or before, 1 March 2024 at the latest. | H | | | | | | | | | |

Related initiatives:

Amendments to derivatives reporting regime under UK EMIR ➔

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| HMT | <p>Secondary Capital Raising Review (SCRR) led by Mark Austin</p> <p>The SCRR is intended to look into improving further capital raising processes for publicly traded companies in the UK. The review was started in October 2021 and reported in July 2022. The Government has accepted all the recommendations addressed to it. It set up the independent Digitisation Taskforce, led by sir Douglas Flint.</p> <p>Related initiatives: UK Prospectus Regime Reform ➤</p> | The Government has accepted all the recommendations addressed to it and is considering how to take these forward. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | <p>Considering the recommendations of the Investment Research Review</p> <p>The independent Investment Research Review was tasked with considering the provision of investment research in the UK and its contribution to the competitiveness of UK capital markets. In July, it reported its findings and recommendations. At Mansion House, the Chancellor accepted all recommendations addressed to the Government including the creation of a Research Platform to stimulate increased investment research on small to mid-cap companies. The FCA has undertaken to consider the report and its recommendations, in line with our objectives, and to consult to an accelerated timetable on potential regulatory changes by H1 2024 that could introduce more options on how to pay for investment research.</p> | On introducing more options to pay for investment research, the FCA aims to make relevant rules in H1 2024, and is currently targeting consultation for Q1 2024. | U | E | | | | | | | | |

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| FCA/ HMT | Intermittent Trading Venue Sandbox The Intermittent Trading Venue (ITV) is being developed as a new market which will allow private companies to access global investors. The ITV will be delivered through the FMI Sandbox powers introduced in FSMA 2023. | The Government has committed to have the ITV Sandbox up and running before the end of 2024. | L | | | E | | | | | | |
| FCA/ PRA | PRA/FCA consultation on margin requirements for non-centrally cleared derivatives PRA and FCA are consulting on proposals which aim to extend the temporary exemption for single-stock equity options and index options from the UK bilateral margin requirements from 4 January 2024 until 4 January 2026 and set out the PRA and FCA's proposed approach to pre-approving bilateral initial margin models. | Consultation paper was published on 18 July 2023 and the consultation closed on 18 October 2023. The PRA and FCA will confirm the finalised amendments in a Policy Statement in Q4 2023. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ FCA/ HMT | Amendments to derivatives reporting regime under UK EMIR The FCA and BoE have made amendments to the derivatives reporting regime under UK EMIR to align the UK regime with international standards as set by the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures and International Organization of Securities Commissions (CPMI-IOSCO) to ensure a more globally consistent data set and improve data quality. | Policy Statement, schemas and validation rules were published in Q1 2023. The changes will be effective from 30 September 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| | Related initiatives: Accessing and using wholesale data ➤ | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| BoE/ FCA/ HMT | Digital Securities Sandbox Legislation to create Financial Market Infrastructure Sandboxes was introduced in FSMA 2023. Treasury has now consulted on the creation of the first of these – a Digital Securities Sandbox aimed at facilitating the use of DLT and tokenisation in the trading and settlement of traditional securities. Firms in the DSS, which will be run by the Bank and FCA, will be able to make use of temporarily amended legislation, particularly in the CSDR to combine functions currently performed separately by trading venues and CSDs. This will be done within limits set by the regulators. If successful, the Treasury will then make these changes permanently allowing participating firms to transition to unrestricted operation. | The Government published a Consultation Paper outlining its approach to the DSS in July 2023. | L | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | |

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Smarter Regulatory Framework

The Treasury (HMT) has concluded its Future Regulatory Framework (FRF) Review. In their [December 2022](#) and [July 2023](#) publications, HMT set out the Government's plans for repealing and replacing retained EU law (REUL). This put an end to the current transitional period, allowing the UK's financial services regulators (here the Bank of England, FCA, PRA and PSR) to tailor the rules to best suit UK markets.

In response to stakeholder feedback, we have added this SRF section to provide an overview of the next steps for the repeal and replacement of REUL. This new SRF section sits alongside the wider regulatory initiatives set out in the other sections above. A number of initiatives included in previous Grids have now been moved into this new section (as indicated by the lack of dots under the 'new entry' column). These are highlighted in the introductions to each sector earlier on in the Grid.

For each initiative within this section, we have set out the sector it would fit into to, a brief description, its expected key milestones, its indicative impact on firms and whether it is of interest for consumers. Like other initiatives in the Grid, the key milestones are set out as expected at the date of publication and may change.

The Government and regulators want to ensure an orderly and phased transition from legislation to their rulebooks that also manages the impact of these changes on industry.

As such, work has been broken down into 'tranches'. Work is already underway on Tranche 1 (eg work on Solvency II, the Prospectus Regulation and the Securitisation Regulation) and Tranche 2. There is also information provided below about next steps for other initiatives included in the Grid for the first time where work is underway. We will provide updates on additional work and further tranches in future Grids.

Forum members will also keep stakeholders updated on substantive changes through their respective websites as appropriate in advance of the next Grid publication, planned for H1 2024. You can find additional information about the new framework – including updates on wider framework reforms such as the new statutory panels to scrutinise cost benefit analyses, approach to the new secondary competitiveness duty, and rule review framework – here:

- [HMT's SRF publications webpage](#)
- [FCA's Regulatory framework reforms webpage](#)
- [PRA's future approach to policy discussion paper](#)

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Tranche 1

Insurance and Reinsurance

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| HMT/ PRA | Reforms to Solvency II Review of Solvency II, the regime for the prudential regulation of insurance. | Treasury: Statutory Instruments to be laid in Q4. PRA: Consultation paper on rule changes needed to implement MA published in September, associated Policy Statement (PS) expected Q2 2024. Policy Statement for CP12/23 expected Q1 2024. Implementation of RM, MA and all else to be staggered: RM Q4 2023, MA Q2 2024, all else Q4 2024. |
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| Tranche 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale financial markets | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | UK Prospectus Regime Reform The Government consulted in 2021 on reforms to make the UK's prospectus regime simpler, more agile, and more effective; this was a recommendation of the Lord Hill UK Listing Review. These reforms will be delivered through a statutory instrument (SI) which sets the framework for a new Prospectus Regime, replacing the Prospectus Regulation inherited from the EU. The FCA will write detailed rules to accompany the framework set out by this SI, which will also address certain recommendations from the SCRR. | The FCA launched engagement in Q2 2023 on its approach to rules under new public offer of securities framework, which included considering recommendations from the SCRR. The Government published a near-final version of the SI on 11 July, for comment by 21 August. This SI will be laid by the end of 2023. The FCA has published six engagement papers setting out its initial approach to the new regime for discussion with stakeholders prior to the development of consultation proposals. The FCA is aiming to consult on rules in summer 2024, subject to feedback from its current engagement process. | H | E | | | E | | E | | | |
| | Related initiatives: Secondary Capital Raising Review (SCRR) led by Mark Austin ➔ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Data Reporting Services Regulations (DRSRs) Repeal and replacement of the REUL related to Data Reporting Service Providers. This includes the DRSRs as well as other related EU law. One aim of this exercise is to encourage the emergence of a consolidated tape in the UK, as consulted on in the Wholesale Markets Review. | Draft SI of the reformed Data Reporting Service Regulation SI was published at Mansion House (July 2023). The SI is being laid in November 2023. | L | | | | | | | | | |

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| Tranche 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale financial markets | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT/ PRA | Wholesale Markets Review The Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (FSMA 2023) received Royal Assent on 29 June 2023. FSMA 2023 is a key milestone in delivering the commitments set out in March 2022 in the consultation response to the <u>Wholesale Markets Review (WMR)</u> , the review of wholesale markets Treasury and the FCA conducted in 2021. The FCA published the policy statement on improving equity markets (PS 23/4) in May 2023, and the guidance on the trading venue perimeter (PS23/11) in July 2023. The FCA consulted on the framework for a UK consolidated tape (CP 23/15) in July 2023, and aim to publish the policy statement in Q4 2023. The FCA plan to consult on changes to the commodity derivatives regime and the transparency regime for bonds and derivatives in Q4 2023. | FCA consultation on the framework for a UK consolidated tape (CP23/15) published in July 2023. The FCA aim to publish the policy statement in Q4 2023. FCA consultation on commodity derivatives and on transparency regime for bonds and derivatives in Q4 2023. | H | ■ | | | | | | ● | | |
| FCA/ HMT/ PRA | Review of the Securitisation Regulation Treasury has met its legal obligation to review the Securitisation Regulation in 2021. Treasury, the FCA and the PRA are taking forward work in areas identified in the report in line with the Smarter Regulatory Framework (SRF). | The Government published a <u>near-final SI</u> on 11 July 2023. Most provisions in this near-final SI will be laid by the end of 2023. The regulators published consultation papers (PRA - CP15/23, and FCA - CP23/17) on their securitisation SRF rules which closed on 30 October 2023. There may be further legislation laid in early 2024 to finalise the regulatory framework for the Securitisation Regulation under the SRF. These SIs and FCA/PRA rules will come into force in Q2/Q3 2024. The FCA and PRA will consult on further changes to their securitisation SRF rules in Q4 2024/Q1 2025. | L | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | |

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| Tranche 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking, credit and lending | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRA | Leverage ratio – contingent leverage In October 2022, the PRA proposed changes to leverage ratio reporting, and new ICAAP guidance for firms. The changes aimed to monitor and mitigate risks from 'contingent' leverage (where firms cannot replicate capital-efficient trades in a stress). The FPC welcomed the consultation at the same time. The PRA finalised the policy through PS5/23 in May 2023, with ICAAP changes taking immediate effect, and reporting changes coming into effect on 1 January 2024. | Consultation published October 2022. Finalised policy published May 2023, with ICAAP changes coming into immediate effect. Reporting changes coming into effect on 1 January 2024. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ HMT | UK CCR TLAC transfer Transfer of TLAC provisions from UK CRR using FSMA 2023 SRF powers and revision of BoE's MREL Statement of Policy (SoP). | Consultation Q3 2024. | U | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT/ PRA | Repeal and replace of parts of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) - Definition of capital Transferring parts of firm-facing CRR requirements into the PRA Rulebook and other policy materials. This is needed to enable the consultation on capital elements of the Simpler Regime in Q2 2024. | Consultation planned for H1 2024. Final rules expected for H1 2025, with an implementation date of H1 2026. | L | | | E | | | | | | |
| HMT/ PRA | Repeal and replace in the PRA Rulebook the remainder of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) Transferring the remaining firm-facing CRR requirements into the PRA Rulebook and other policy materials. | DP (on capital requirements for securitisation only) Q4 2023. Consultation on the wider CRR remainder planned for H2 2024. Final rules expected for H1 2025, with an implementation date of H1 2026. | L | E | | E | | | | | | |

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| Tranche 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Banking, credit and lending | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT/ PRA | Repeal and replace of parts of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) - capital buffer requirements - to enable Strong and Simple reforms Transferring parts of the Capital Buffers Regulations to PRA policy materials. Aspects of this are needed to enable the consultation on capital elements of the Simpler Regime in Q2 2024. | Consultation Paper Q1 2024. Policy Statement, SI and implementation Q4 2024. | L | | E | | | | | | | |
| Payments and cryptoassets | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | The consumer information rules in the Payment Accounts Regulations (PARs) 2015 Following consultation, the Government advised it will repeal PARs Part 2 (disclosure requirements). The requirements include customer information related to bank accounts imposed by the EU in the Payment Account Regulations. The commencement order for the PARs Part 2 (as part of the wider SRF) will come into force on 1 January 2024. | The Government published the commencement order on 10 July with the changes taking effect on 1 January 2024. We are not currently planning any work to replace PARs Part 2 removal. Work to update FCA website on changes will be Q4 2023. | L | E | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT/ PSR | Payment Services Directive and the E-Money Directive Repeal and replace the retained EU regulation of payment services and e-money where necessary. | Further information will be communicated as and when known. | L | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance and reinsurance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Insurance Mediation and Distribution Directives (IMD/IDD) Repeal and replace the IDD provisions not already in the FCA Handbook. | In September 2023, the FCA consulted on rules transferring the provisions of IDD currently in secondary legislation to the FCA Handbook. We will publish final rules in December, to come into force at the time the legislation is repealed (expected end March 2024). | L | E | E | | | | | | | |

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| Tranche 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance and reinsurance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT/ PRA | Solvency II remainder Transferring the remaining firm-facing Solvency II requirements from retained EU law into the PRA Rulebook and other policy materials. | Consultation Paper Q2 2024. Policy Statement Q3 2024. Implementation December 2024. | L | | | E | | | | | | ● |
| Investment management | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BoE/ FCA | Improving Money Market Resilience as part of UK commitment to FSB 2021 review of March 2020 Dash for Cash Improve Money Market Fund Resilience as part of UK commitment to FSB 2021 review of March 2020 Dash for Cash and transfer the majority of Money Market Fund Regulation requirements from retained EU law into the FCA Handbook and other policy materials. | Consultation Paper Q4 2023. | U | E | E | | | | | | | |
| Related initiatives: Overseas funds regime ➤ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HMT | Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and Taxonomy Regulation | This is being repealed. Further information will be communicated as and when known. | | | | | | | | | | ● |
| Retail investments | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | The Packaged Retail and Insurance-Based Investment Products (PRIIPs) Regulation/ Consumer Composite Investments Regulation Repeal and replace the retained EU PRIIPs regulation with a new UK retail disclosure regime that works effectively with the UK's dynamic capital markets and fosters informed retail investor participation in those markets. | December 2022 - March 2023: HMT consultation and FCA discussion paper. July 2023: Treasury published a consultation response and set out next steps, including plans to publish a draft SI by 2024. The FCA will publish a Consultation Paper in 2024. | U | E | E | E | | | | | ● | |

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Smarter Regulatory Framework

| Lead | Initiative | Expected key milestones | Indicative impact on firms | Oct - Dec 2023 | Jan - Mar 2024 | Apr - Jun 2024 | Jul - Sep 2024 | Oct - Mar 2025 | Post April 2025 | Consumer interest | Timing updated | New |
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| Tranche 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale financial markets | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FCA/ HMT | Review of the short selling regulation - including a call for evidence Repeal and replace the retained EU regulation of short selling with a new short selling regime, which is proportionate and appropriate for UK markets. | Call for Evidence was December 2022 - March 2023. | L | E | E | | | | | | | |

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| Sector | Lead | Initiative |
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| Multi-sector | BoE/FCA | <p>Joint Discussion Paper with the Bank of England on Artificial Intelligence and Feedback Statement Joint Discussion Paper on AI with the Bank of England, building on the AIPPF. Feedback statement reports on the responses received.</p> |
| Multi-sector | FCA | <p>Open finance Support for the development of open finance the FCA's role in ensuring that it develops in the best interests of consumers, considering the necessary blocks for the development of a safe open finance and possible regulatory framework.</p> |
| Multi-sector | FCA | <p>Post-Implementation Review of the FOS SME rules Following PS18/21 the FCA planned to start a post-implementation review of these rules by 1 April 2021 but it was delayed due to Covid-19. The FCA started the review by launching a call for input that closed in April 2023.</p> |
| Multi-sector | FCA | <p>Financial Lives Survey Financial Lives is our flagship, nationally representative survey of UK consumers. It provides information about consumers' attitudes towards managing their money, the financial products they have and their experiences of engaging with financial services firms.</p> |
| Multi-sector | FRC | <p>Revision of AS TM1, the Actuarial Standard technical memorandum that specifies the actuarial assumptions and methods to be used in the calculation of Statutory Money Purchase Illustrations FRC is consulting on proposed changes to the Actuarial Standard Technical Memorandum 1 (AS TM1) to reflect the new environment that will exist once pensions dashboards display Estimated Retirement Income illustrations.</p> |
| Multi-sector | HMT | <p>Review of the Overseas Persons Exclusion Treasury is reviewing the UK's overseas framework in relation to the Overseas Persons Exclusion regime. This work has ended.</p> |
| Multi-sector | ICO | <p>Update to International Transfers Guidance In the UK standard contractual clauses space, the UK's draft SCCs are known as the International Data Transfer Agreement (IDTA). The IDTA was laid before Parliament in February 2022 with an effective date of 21 March 2022 and are now in force. Additional tools to provide support and guidance to organisations are being developed.</p> |
| Multi-sector | FCA/HMT | <p>Regulation of Pre-Paid Funeral Plans Bringing pre-paid funeral plans within the FCA's remit. Consulting with the National Association of Funeral Plan Providers (NAFPP) to offer solutions to plan providers.</p> |
| Multi-sector | FCA/ICO | <p>Ongoing Innovation Collaboration. Previously: FCA Innovation Pathways / ICO Innovation Hub collaboration Working group established to support future collaboration Collaboration between the ICO Innovation Department and FCA Innovation led by the ICO Innovation Hub. This is with a view to supporting data protection by design in fintech innovation via FCA Innovation Pathways, Sandbox and permanent Digital Sandbox services. This involves engagement and mentoring with fintech innovators and collaboration in TechSprints. Wider engagement with the FCA takes place via the DRCF enabling innovation workstream.</p> |
| Multi-sector | DESNZ/DEFRA/ HMT | <p>Updated Green Finance Strategy (2023) Update to the 2019 Green Finance Strategy setting out the next steps for UK green finance policy was published in April 2023.</p> |

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| Banking, credit and lending | PRA | <p>Implementation of changes to the PRA110 reporting template Consideration of whether to update the PRA110 template and reporting instructions to improve design and information content - will now be considered as part of the banking data review.</p> |
| Banking, credit and lending | FCA | <p>Evaluation of overdrafts intervention An ex post impact evaluation of the effect of the new overdraft pricing rules we made, which came into effect in April 2020.</p> |
| Banking, credit and lending | FCA | <p>Finalised guidance for firms supporting their existing mortgage borrowers impacted by the rising cost of living Finalise guidance clarifying FCA Handbook provisions and publish Feedback Statement in response to draft guidance consultation.</p> |
| Banking, credit and lending | PRA | <p>Amendments to the Depositor Protection rules including clarifications on the protection of e-money customers should a safeguarding institution fail and the treatment of joint account holders for temporary high balance protection (aka Omnibus depositor protection Consultation Paper) Amendments to the Depositor Protection Part of the PRA Rulebook to ensure that the deposit protection framework provides for an effective compensation scheme for deposits which minimises the adverse effect that the failure of an FSCS member could be expected to have on the stability of the UK financial system. The PRA has identified a number of areas where the rules are no longer achieving the expected benefits and so need to be revoked, are redundant so need to be deleted, or require amendment to ensure they reflect the original policy intent.</p> |
| Banking, credit and lending | PRA | <p>Amendments to the LCR and NSFR This initiative is intended to make several amendments to the LCR and NSFR standards to improve the functioning of the standards, in light of information that has come to light since their implementation.</p> |
| Banking, credit and lending | BoE/PRA | <p>Discussion Paper on liquid asset usability The Discussion Paper (DP) sought to improve our understanding of the extent to which firms are willing to use the flexibility built into the prudential frameworks to draw on their stocks of High Quality Liquid Assets in times of stress to absorb rather than amplify shocks, and how we might support them in doing so.</p> |
| Banking, credit and lending | BoE/PRA | <p>2022/23 Annual Cyclical Scenario (ACS) stress test The Bank's 2022/23 ACS tested the resilience of the UK banking system to deep simultaneous recessions in the UK and global economies, large falls in asset prices and higher global interest rates, and a separate stress of misconduct costs.</p> |
| Banking, credit and lending | HMT/Insolvency Service | <p>Statutory Debt Repayment Plan The SDRP will enable a person in problem debt to enter into a formal statutory agreement with their creditors to repay all of their eligible debts over a manageable time period, whilst receiving legal protections from creditor action for the duration of their plan.</p> |
| Insurance and Reinsurance | FCA | <p>Insurance guidance for the support of customers in financial difficulty We have consulted (CP 23/1) on guidance to help protect consumers and provide clearer expectations of firms in supporting their customers in financial difficulty.</p> |

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| Insurance and Reinsurance | HMT | <p>Amendments to the Insolvency Arrangements for Insurers</p> <p>Amendments to the insolvency arrangements for insurers, which would enable the UK authorities to better manage insurer distress in an orderly manner.</p> |
| Insurance and Reinsurance | PRA | <p>Amendments to the Insolvency Arrangements for Insurers</p> <p>The PRA will consult on new rules and policy to give effect to the provisions in FSMA 2023 enabling the UK authorities to better manage insurer distress in an orderly manner.</p> |
| Payments and cryptoassets | FCA | <p>Strengthening our financial promotions rules for high risk investments, including cryptoassets</p> <p>To strengthen our rules on financial promotions for high risk investments, including cryptoassets, and help consumers make more effective investment decisions.</p> |
| Payments and cryptoassets | HMT (with input from BoE) | <p>Consultation response on Payments Regulation and the Systemic Perimeter</p> <p>The Government consulted on the regulatory perimeter for payments, in particular bringing systemically important firms in payment chains into Bank of England regulation. The Government published its response to the consultation on 7 August 2023.</p> |
| Payments and cryptoassets | PSR | <p>Market review into the supply of card-acquiring services</p> <p>The card acquiring market review is in its implementation phase, starting with the POS Terminal Remedy which came into force on the 6th of January 2023. The Trigger message and summary box and online quotation tool remedies are also in force since the 6th of July 2023. At this stage, we are engaging with the industry to monitor the implementation of the remedies.</p> |
| Payments and cryptoassets | PSR | <p>PSR Fees</p> <p>We are considering whether the way our regulatory fees are allocated remains appropriate in the current payments landscape, including to ensure that payment system operators (PSOs) contribute to the cost of special project work that is directly relevant to them.</p> |
| Payments and cryptoassets | HMT/FCA | <p>Cryptoassets – extension of the Financial Promotion Order to include certain cryptoassets (HMT). Applying financial promotion rules to qualifying cryptoassets (FCA)</p> <p>Bringing certain cryptoassets into the scope of financial promotions regulation (HMT). Treasury has now responded to this consultation, and will legislate when parliamentary time allows..</p> |
| Payments and cryptoassets | BoE/FCA/HMT/ PSR | <p>UK regulatory approach to stablecoins BoE/FCA/HMT/PSR</p> <p>Treasury consultation on the broader regulatory approach to cryptoassets, including new challenges from so-called stablecoins.</p> |
| Payments and cryptoassets | HMT (with input from BoE/ FCA/ PSR) | <p>Access to cash legislation</p> <p>The Government has introduced new legislation to protect access to cash as part of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023.</p> |

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| Pensions and retirement income | FCA | Retirement Outcomes Review - post-implementation review of investment pathways Post-implementation review of investment pathways. |
| Pensions and retirement income | TPR/others | Pension Scams Action Group A multi-agency group of industry, law enforcement, regulators and the Government looking to tackle pension scams through the prevention of scams, pursuit of criminals and protection of savers. |
| Retail investments | FCA | Streamlined Regime for S&S ISAs To introduce regulatory changes that make it easier for firms to give inexperienced consumers support when they want to invest in straightforward, well diversified products. |
| Investment management | FCA | Broadening out the distribution of the LTAF Consultation proposals to broaden out the distribution of the Long Term Asset Fund in a controlled way to a broader subset of retail investors. We are analysing consultation responses with a view to finalising the policy response. |
| Investment management | BoE/FCA/HMT | Industry-led Productive Finance Working Group In November 2020 Treasury, the BoE and the FCA convened an industry-led working group that aims to develop practical solutions to the barriers to investment in long-term, less liquid assets. The Group published a report in September 2021 and have been working on progressing the recommendations in the report. The group published a series of guides and other materials in November 2022 to assist industry when making these kind of investments. |
| Wholesale financial markets | BoE | Changes to the EMIR Derivatives Clearing Obligation The BoE has modified the scope of contracts which are subject to the derivatives clearing obligation to reflect the reforms to interest rate benchmarks, including LIBOR. No further changes are planned to be announced. The implementation of the final change announced in 2022 came into effect in April 2023. |
| Wholesale financial markets | FCA | Accessing and using wholesale data. Trade data review Assessment of potential competition issues and concerns about effectiveness of regulatory provisions in relation to trade data. |
| Wholesale financial markets | HMT | HMT consultation on power to block listings on national security grounds This initial consultation asked for views on the scope of a proposed new targeted power to allow the Government to block a company's listings, if a listing presents a risk to national security. This power will reinforce that reputation and help us maintain the UK's status as a world-class destination for listings. |
| Wholesale financial markets | HMT | Long-Term Investment Funds Regulation Repealing the Retained EU law relating to LTIFs without replacement. * Introduced after the February 2023 Grid and has since been completed. |