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Recent Developments to UK EMIR Reporting Requirements

By Carolyn Jackson, Ciara McBrien

The regulatory landscape for derivatives reporting in the United Kingdom continues to evolve, with the Bank of England (BoE) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) (together, the Regulators) actively refining the UK European Market Infrastructure Regulation (UK EMIR) framework. [Read about the recent developments.](#)

FCA Opens UK Retail Access to Crypto Exchange Traded Notes

By Carolyn Jackson, Nathaniel Lalone, Neil Robson, Christopher Collins, Ciara McBrien, Sara Portillo

On August 1, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) issued a press release announcing that UK retail consumers will soon be able to access crypto exchange-traded notes (cETNs) admitted to trading on UK-recognized investment exchanges (RIEs). The FCA's decision follows a period of market evolution and regulatory engagement. [Read about cETNs.](#)

UK Ancillary Activities Exemption Proposals Published for Commodity Derivatives and Emission Allowances

By Carolyn Jackson, Nathaniel Lalone, Christopher Collins, Ciara McBrien

The FCA recently published a consultation setting out its proposed approach to revising the ancillary activities test (AAT), which forms part of the ancillary activities exemption (AAE) from investment firm authorization under the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II). Separately, HM Treasury has published a near-final statutory instrument (SI) that will amend the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 Order 2001 and confer rule-making powers on the FCA in respect of the AAE. [Read about the AAT revisions.](#)

EU Initiates Renewal of UK Adequacy Decision Following the UK's Adoption of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025

By Anita Hodea

On July 22, the European Commission announced that it had launched the process to renew the adequacy decision for the UK and confirmed that the UK's updated data protection framework remains closely aligned with EU standards. This follows the UK's adoption of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (DUAA) on June 19. [Read about the adequacy decision.](#)

ICYMI

Here's a look back at recent client advisories from Katten.

- ["Bank of England Consults on Regulatory Framework for CCPs,"](#) August 15, 2025
 - ["Tokenization of Real-World Assets: Opportunities, Challenges and the Path Ahead,"](#) August 7, 2025
 - ["HMRC Publishes Draft Legislation for New UK Carried Interest Tax Regime,"](#) August 1, 2025
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