

Fair and Effective Markets Review

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afme/Market abuse regime to be widened

- Criminal regime to cover all products under Market Abuse Regulation
- Maximum penalty for market abuse increases from 7 to 10 years imprisonment
- New statutory civil and criminal regime to cover spot FX (which is not a MAR product)



- Breach of a code will be a breach of regulation
 - and so covered by the Senior Managers regime
- Traders to be trained on competition law by firms
 - firms to be made aware by the FCA of the annex to the report dealing with competition law
- Single global FX code to be developed by central banks
 - to replace most of the NIPs code



- FICC market guidelines and standards, minimum qualifications and training, to be developed by a new industry-based FICC Market Standards Board (FMSB)
- IOSCO to develop a set of common standards for trading practices in FICC markets "written in language that can be readily understood, and which will be consistently upheld"
- IOSCO Task Force on Financial Benchmarks to consider producing a set of guidance for users of benchmarks



- FCA/PRA to consult on mandatory form for regulatory references
 - to be introduced by 7 March 2016
 - objective is to weed out the "rolling bad apples"
- FSB to examine further ways to improve alignment between remuneration and conduct risk
 - at the global level

afme/Parts of SMR to extend across FICC sector

- HMT to consult on extending elements of the SMR regime across most of the regulated financial sector
 - asset managers, interdealer brokers, hedge funds
- Including
 - Regulatory pre-approval of Senior Managers
 - Certification and conduct regimes
- But not including
 - the presumption of responsibility
 - the criminal offence of managing a failed bank



- FMSB to produce a White Paper on the problems posed by new technologies
- Firms to enhance surveillance analytics and increase STR reporting obligations
 - over a wider range of FICC activities
- Early intervention by UK regulators



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