



Council of the European Union
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RE : Follow-up to the vote at the ARC on IFRS 9

Dear Mr Wieser,

The Accounting Regulatory Committee (ARC) voted on 29 June 2017 in favour of the draft Commission Regulation¹ amending International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 4, which endorses the temporary exemption from applying IFRS 9. In view of that vote, please find attached for your information, a note from the three Chairs of the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) which was sent to members of the ARC ahead of the vote. The note sets out our position with regards to the European Commission proposal to expand the temporary exemption from applying IFRS 9 to any insurance companies within financial conglomerates.

We have argued against any enlargement of the scope of the deferral from applying IFRS 9 because it would lead to opportunities for accounting arbitrage, an un-level playing field and a breach of fundamental principles in accounting, and would ultimately result in a lower degree of investor protection. We would now like to highlight our position to Members of the European Parliament and the Council.

Kind regards,

signed

Andrea Enria
EBA Chairperson,
Chair of the Joint Committee
of the ESAs

Gabriel Bernardino
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Steven Maijoor
ESMA Chair

¹ Draft implementing measure no. D051300/02