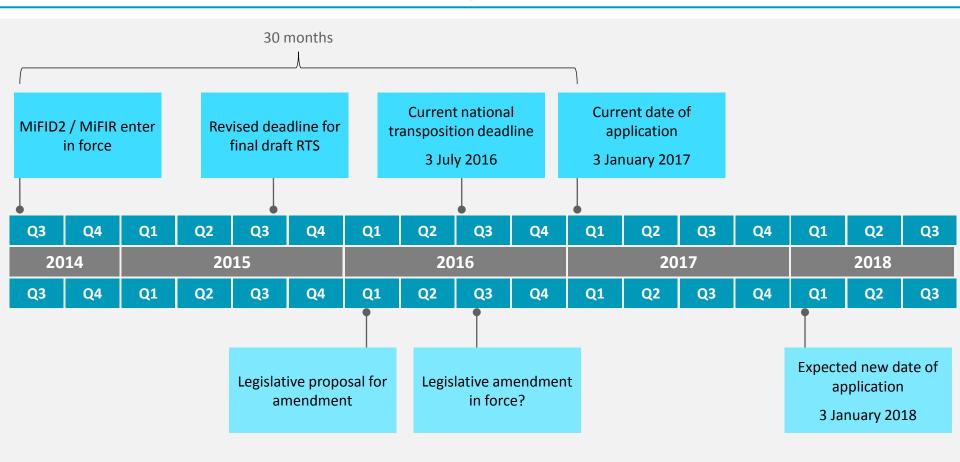


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MiFID2/MiFIR - Timing



Legislative amendments

- Commission proposal does not:
 - Address issues of phase-in and data dependencies
 - Change date for implementation of Market Abuse Regulation
 - Address timing issues for Benchmarks Regulation
- Proposed European Parliament amendments (ECON)
 - Move Member State transposition deadline to 3 July 2017
 - Exemption from transparency, reporting for SFTs
 - Exemptions for non-equities "package transactions":
 - Pre-trade (on venue): if one component illiquid, above LIS or above SSTI (if executed on voice or RFQ system)
 - Pre-trade (SIs): package treated as illiquid if one component is illiquid; obligation to quote is only for the package as a whole
 - Removing barrier to corporates being participants or having direct electronic access to venues:
 - Only lose exemption if engage in high frequency algorithmic trading

"Traded on a trading venue"

- Affects application to OTC transactions of:
 - Pre- and post-trade transparency, transaction reporting
 - Mandatory trading of equities on venue
 - Market abuse regime and Benchmarks Regulation
- Issues for equities, bonds
 - Is admission to trading sufficient?
 - Treatment of MTFs and OTFs
 - Does trading have to be contemporaneous, frequent?
 - Reference data: Article 4 MAR and Article 27 MiFIR
- Additional issues for OTC derivatives
 - When is OTC instrument the same as a venue-traded instrument?
 - Identical attributes but different coupon, date, parties?
 - Core attributes and additional attributes
 - Identifying OTC derivatives use of ISINs

Other current topics include

- Calibration of liquidity and SSTI thresholds
- Recognition of SEFs for trading mandate for OTC derivatives
- Commodities
 - Ancillary activities test
 - Position reporting client confidentiality
 - Number of different position limit regimes
- RTS 28: reporting by "execution venues"
 - Scope and volume of data required
- Definition of 'multilateral systems'
- Application to cross-border transactions

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