Capital Requirements Directive Recast of Directive 93/6/EEC

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Objectives of the CRD

- Introduce the "Basel II" framework, agreed at G-10 level, into EU legislation
- But tailored to reflect specific features of EU financial markets
- A more risk-sensitive framework for capital requirements for banks and investment firms
- Incentives for financial institutions to improve risk management
- More efficient allocation of capital in the EU, boosting the overall economy

History of Directive 93/6/EEC

- Introduced to extend the scope of the EU capital framework to investment firms as well as banks
- Updated in 1998 to reflect the agreement of the Market Risk Amendment at G-10 level
- Will be renamed Directive 2006/xx/EC on formal adoption of the CRD

The key provisions of the Directive are:

- the definition of an investment firm
- the definition of the Trading Book
- the rules on what investment firms can count as capital
- the capital requirements for Market Risk



Article 2 (& 37)— interaction with recast 2000/12/EC

- which rules apply when

Article 3 – definitions

- 3(1)(b) says what an investment firm is
- link to Directive 2004/39/EC

Articles 4 to 10

- initial capital requirements for investment firms

Article 11

- definition of the Trading Book

Articles 12 to 17

- own funds requirements for investment firms
- what can be counted as capital

Articles 18 to 21

- capital requirements for Market Risk (apply to banks)
- specific rules and waivers for investment firms

Articles 22 to 27

- consolidation

Articles 28 to 32

- large exposures



Article 33

- valuation of trading positions

Article 34

- risk management
- internal capital assessment

Article 35

- reporting requirements

Articles 36 to 38

- supervision



Article 39

- disclosure

Articles 42 and 43

- comitology

Articles 45 to 45d

- transitional provisions

Articles 46 to 50

- the usual provisions on when the Directive takes effect, and so on



Annexes – provide the details rules for the calculation of capital requirements

Annex I

- position risk

Annex II

- settlement risk & counterparty credit risk

Annex III

- foreign exchange risk



Annex IV

- commodities risk

Annex V

- using internal models to calculate capital requirements

Annex VI

- large exposures

Annex VII

- further detail on trading and the Trading Book



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Further information:

• http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal market/bank/regcapital/index e n.htm

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