AIFMD & UCITS V Level 2

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Following ESMA Opinion on “Asset Segregation and depositary delegation rules to CSDs” published on 20 July 2017, the European Commission (EC) has issued on 31 May 2018 two proposals related to:
- the review of Level 2 of AIFMD
- and the review of Level 2 of UCITS V Directive

Adoption on 12 July 2018 by the EC of those two delegated regulations
Publication on 30 October 2018 in the Official Journal of the EU of those two delegated regulations
The main purpose of these regulations is to eliminate discrepancies related to asset segregation among different national regulations. They set out detailed requirements where custody is delegated to a third party

These Delegated Regulations amend AIFMD/UCITS Delegated Regulations sections where a depositary delegates safe-keeping functions to third parties (custodians)
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- Following the public consultation answered on 26 June 2018, the European Commission deferred the application date of those regulations for 18 months after their date of publication (instead of 6 months as initially envisaged)
- So, the final regulations will apply 18 months after their publication
- 12 July 2018: the Commission adopted those regulations
- 2 October 2018: Council of the EU non-objection to Delegated Regulations on depositaries’ safe-keeping obligations under AIFMD and UCITS
- 30 October 2018: Publication in the Official Journal of the EU of two Delegated Regulations amending AIFMD and UCITS Delegated Regulations

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- The following aspects are notably amended:
  - Increased record keeping requirements for depositaries concerning delegation of custody
  - Review of process with sub-custodians
  - Legal Opinion will be necessary for AIFs, as they are today for UCITS

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