

ESMA updates AIFMD Q&As

ESMA has added a new Q&A clarifying the application of the AIFMD notification requirements with regard to AIFMs managing umbrella AIFs on a cross-border basis.

The purpose of this Q&A document is to promote common supervisory approaches and practices in the application of the AIFMD and its implementing measures.

Joint statement by Presidents Tusk and Juncker and High Representative Mogherini on Russian cyber attacks

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