

Regulatory & Risk Management Indicator

U.S. Banking Industry October 2015



When you have to be right



AN OVERVIEW

Wolters Kluwer Financial Services' Regulatory and Risk Management Indicator measures 10 critical factors that help illustrate the overall level of regulatory and risk management pressures U.S. banks and credit unions face.

These factors include bank and credit union concerns over: 1) their ability to track regulatory changes; 2) comply with new and existing requirements; 3) prove compliance to federal regulators; and 4) the time and resources they have invested in compliance efforts. The factors also include: 5) how effective banks and credit unions feel they are at managing overall risks to their institutions; 6) the involvement, buy-in and ability of the executive team in managing risk; and 7) the time and resources they have invested in managing risk.

For the final three factors of the Indicator formula, Wolters Kluwer Financial Services measures and compares: 8) the number of significant new U.S. banking regulations; 9) the number of enforcement actions taken against banks and credit unions by federal regulators; and 10) the total dollar amount of federal regulatory fines levied against banks and credit unions. What follows in this report are the results of the Indicator itself as well as the highlights of our findings, including banks' and credit unions':

- Overall Compliance and Risk Management Concerns
- TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule
- Escalated Risk Priorities, 2016

To obtain the data set used to compile the Indicator, please contact us at WKFSCorporateCommu@wolterskluwer.com.

Indicator Methodology

Wolters Kluwer Financial Services surveyed more than 500 banks and credit unions on their most pressing regulatory and risk management concerns in August 2015. We used the resulting measurements, along with the changes we monitored in the actual regulatory environment, to develop the latest Indicator, comparing this year's responses against those submitted in August 2014.



MAIN INDICATOR



Risk and Compliance Concerns Inch Upward

The Main Indicator score rose slightly to 107 compared to the baseline score of 100 from August 2014. Of the 539 respondents representing U.S. banks and credit unions, three quarters showed "significant concern" with meeting their overall compliance requirements. A slight majority of respondents (58%) indicated significant concern in their ability to manage risk across all lines of business, down from 63% in August 2014.



COMPLIANCE



REGULATORY

ENVIRONMENT FACTORS







OVERALL COMPLIANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONCERNS



Risk Management Readiness: A Work in Progress

Despite continued concern about overall organizational compliance and risk management readiness, only one-third of respondents (34%) could characterize their organizations as having an integrated or strategic risk management program established across the enterprise to control risks.



IMPACT OF TOP REGULATORY CHALLENGES



Three Longstanding Concerns:

Concern over the TILA-**RESPA** Integrated Disclosure (TRID) rules was top of mind and jumped 11% from August 2014 scores, as respondents neared the October 3, 2015 implementation date. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's rulemaking authority was viewed as a concern by more than three-quarters of respondents, up 2% from last year's survey, whereas Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data collection concerns dropped 6%.



ESCALATED RISK PRIORITIES IN 2016



Cybersecurity the Top Threat

Well-publicized security breaches at prominent retail and financial institutions over the past year drove anxiety over cybersecurity sharply upward, cited by two-thirds of respondents as needing heightened attention. Regulatory change management was next in respondents' list of risks requiring escalated priority in the coming 12 months.



TOP CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE COMBINED TILA-RESPA INTEGRATED DISCLOSURE RULE



"TRID" Becomes Part of Lenders' Daily Lexicon

A new question on this year's survey queried lenders about top concerns around complying with the new TRID rules that went into effect Oct. 3. Collaborating with stakeholders (e.g. settlement agents, realtors, title companies) during the 30-day closing to meet the three-day waiting period was ranked by one-third as the highest challenge, followed by concerns in receiving last-minute changes that trigger a re-disclosure.



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