

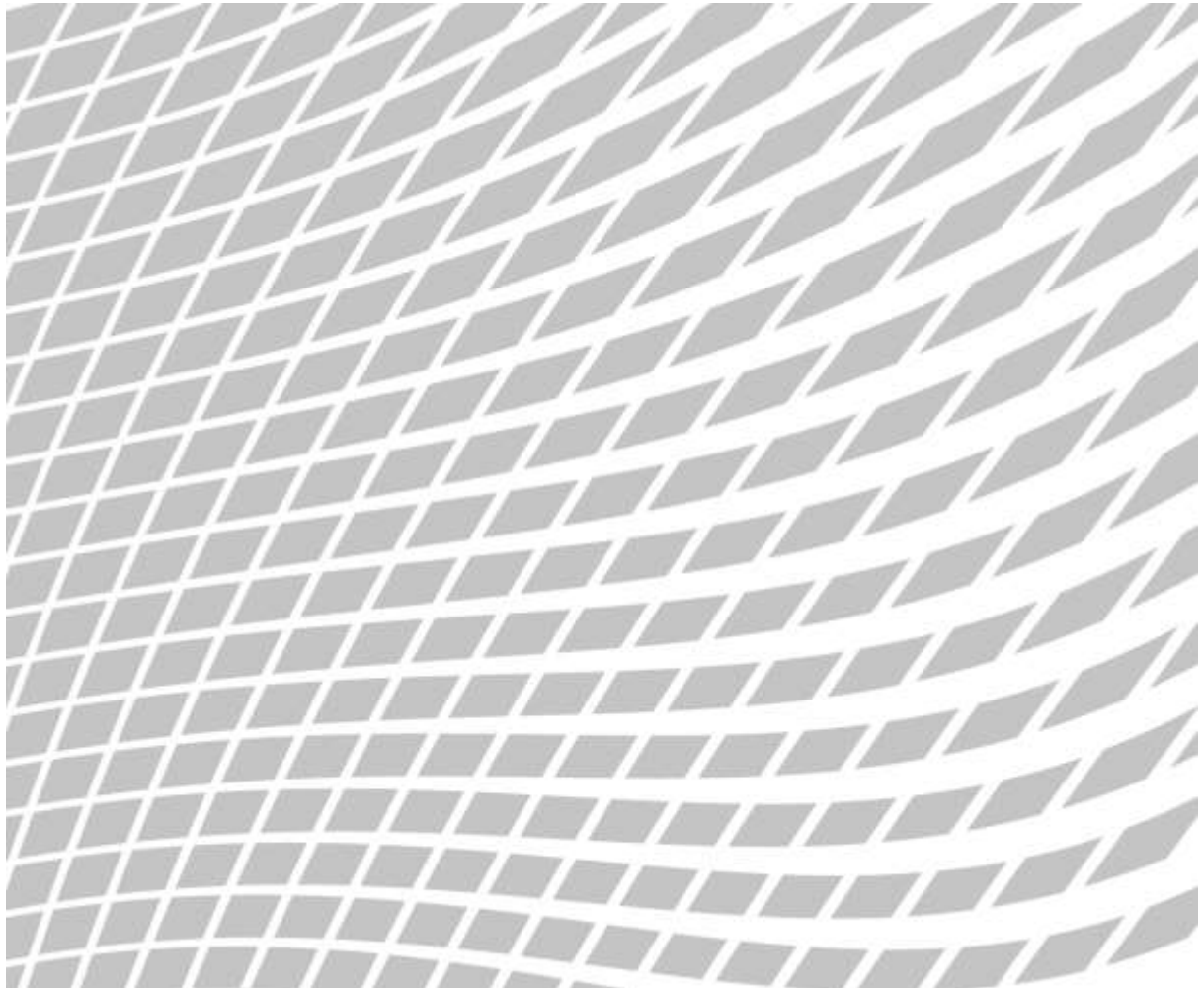
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## **FINMA circulars on insurance supervision: revision and repeal of a number of circulars, new circulars**

### Key points

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1. The revised Insurance Supervision Ordinance (ISO), which comes into force on 1 July 2015, complies with important international requirements and provides a framework for EU recognition of equivalence. The current circular revision package, which will come into force on 1 January 2016, broadens this framework.
2. The revision currently underway aims to establish compatibility and consistency between the provisions set out in the revised ISO and those in the circulars.
3. As part of the own risk and solvency assessment (ORSA) and by implementing Article 96a ISO, a forward-looking perspective should allow for a consistent overview of insurance companies' and/or insurance groups' risk situation, capital adequacy and the relationship between risks and capital. A new circular will be published to implement ORSA.
4. As regards disclosure (financial status report and/or public disclosure) and by implementing Article 111a ISO, insurance companies should publish a report about their financial status at least once a year. A new circular will be published on disclosure.
5. In terms of the timeline, the implementation of ORSA and public disclosure will depend on the EU recognition of equivalence in so far as it is legally possible.
6. The "Investment Guidelines for Insurers" circular will be fully revised to include changes following the ISO revision, as well as making necessary adjustments to incorporate findings made during ongoing supervision and developments in the financial markets.
7. Circulars on group supervision will be consolidated into one single circular, which will be more concise and easier to follow.
8. Certain circulars will undergo specific changes. The circulars on "Capital requirements for reinsurance captives" and "Unit-linked life insurance plans" will be repealed as will some circulars on group supervision, which will be rendered superfluous by the consolidation of one single circular mentioned in point 7 above.