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## UCITS IV Regulations Published

On June 29, 2011, the Irish Minister for Finance signed into law the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (the “**UCITS IV Regulations**”) which transpose the UCITS IV Directive into Irish law, and consolidate all prior UCITS legislation. In particular, the UCITS IV Regulations provide for the following:

- ▣ simplification and acceleration of the notification procedure for cross-border distribution of UCITS;
- ▣ the establishment of a procedure to facilitate UCITS mergers;
- ▣ the creation of master-feeder structures;
- ▣ the introduction of a new standardised “key investor information” (KII) document replacing the simplified prospectus;
- ▣ the implementation of the management company passport; and
- ▣ the strengthening of existing regulatory requirements, particularly regarding management companies.

A copy of the legislation can be found on the Department of Finance website at: <http://www.finance.gov.ie/documents/publications/eu%20legislation/2011/UCITS.pdf>.

## New UCITS Notices Issued

In conjunction with the signing of the UCITS IV Regulations, the Central Bank of Ireland has issued revised UCITS Notices and Guidance Notes to reflect UCITS IV and other changes ensuring Ireland is now UCITS IV ready. The revised UCITS Notices and Guidance Notes complete the regulatory regime for UCITS IV in Ireland and include provisions for the corresponding changes to the Minimum Activities regime as proposed under Consultation Paper CP 48 (“Review of the Central Bank of Ireland’s requirements regarding the minimum activities of Irish authorised investment funds to be undertaken in the State - Non-UCITS Funds”).

The revised UCITS Notices and Guidance Notes are now available on the Central Bank’s website at: <http://www.centralbank.ie/regulation/industry-sectors/funds/ucits/Documents>.

## New Non-UCITS Notices Issued

The Central Bank has also revised and updated their NU Notices and Guidance Notes, including new Guidance Note 2/11 regarding the appointment of Prime Brokers. The revised NU Notices and Guidance Notes are now available on the Central Bank's website at: <http://www.centralbank.ie/regulation/industry-sectors/funds/non-ucits/Documents>

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