CARF for Swiss bankers, investors and wealth advisors

Crypto Asset Reporting Framework (CARF) - OECD Standard, EU DAC8 & Swiss CARF

A comprehensive introduction to the incoming crypto disclosure regimes featuring the practical operational consequences for banks, investors and their advisors (e.g. asset managers, fiduciaries, financial advisors)



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Dissimilarities between CRS and CARF

9.00 OECD's CARF and other digital asset/ crypto currency reporting regimes

- What is CARF?
- CARF Timeline, committed jurisdictions and related regimes (e.g. EU's DAC8)
- What are the similarities with CRS?
- Structure/methodology
- Choice of reporting parties
- Due diligence techniques
- Reportable Information
- What are the key dissimilarities with CRS?
- Regulated activities
- Affected parties
- Reporting triggers
- Account holders and look-through classifications
- Reportable information
- The digital asset regulatory landscape

Impact on investors and advisors

10.15 Key CARF points for digital asset investors and their advisors

- Review past positions/uncertainties/interpreta-
- tions to confirm status and treatment under CARF
- Broad definitional scopes implicate array of digi-
- tal asset investments
- How do you hold your crypto?
- How do you trade your crypto?
- Will your CRS structure be subject to look-

through treatment for CARF?

- What other types of transactions are relevant for CARF (e.g. purchases of goods & services)?
- What other contact points might you have with RCASPs?

11.00 Coffee break

Operational impact on Swiss banks

11.15 Key CARF points for Swiss banks

- Introduction to CARF in Switzerland (a/k/a Swiss CARF)
- What makes a Swiss custodial bank into an RCASP?
- What types of Relevant Crypto-Assets might a Swiss custodial bank hold?
- How do you identify the population of account holders relevant to CARF?
- CARF due diligence What are the exceptions and requirements for banks?
- CARF reporting What are the exceptions and requirements for banks?
- Client notification letters
- Enforcement

12.15 Q&A

12.30 End of the seminar

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