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To all RSE licensees

DEFERRAL OF REPORTING STANDARD SRS 534.0 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (SRS 534.0) FOR CURRENT YEAR OF INCOME

As part of the new superannuation reporting requirements, APRA introduced Reporting Standard SRS 534.0 Derivative Financial Instruments (SRS 534.0) for RSE licensees that invest in directly held derivatives. SRS 534.0 collects information on the types of derivative instruments used and individual holdings of over-the-counter derivatives.

Since SRS 534.0 was released in 2013, it has come to APRA’s attention that a number of the items required by SRS 534.0 may not be able to be reported as originally intended. Further, industry reported that in its current form SRS 534.0 will require RSE licensees and third-party service providers to make disproportionately costly changes to systems and processes to collect data solely for the purposes of reporting to APRA.

APRA, therefore, will consult on proposed changes to SRS 534.0 and intends to release a draft SRS 534.0 for comment in the coming month.

Due to the imminent consultation on proposed changes to SRS 534.0, APRA will vary the reporting obligations to grant RSE licensees relief from the requirement to report SRS 534.0 for the year of income 2014/15. This means that RSE licensees will not be required to report SRS 534.0 to APRA until after the consultation period has been completed and a revised SRS 534.0 has been released. The commencement date for the new version of SRS 534.0 will be confirmed during the consultation period.

In the meantime, please direct any queries about the deferral of and consultation on SRS 534.0 to statistics@apra.gov.au.

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