

CRD VI: What Does It Mean for U.S. Banks Lending Into Europe?

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In an article for *Business Law Today*, Cadwalader partner Alix Prentice examined the the EU's sixth Capital Requirements Directive (CRD VI), which takes effect January 11, 2027 and introduces significant restrictions on cross-border lending by non-EU banks into Europe.

CRD VI requires non-EU banks providing “core banking services,” broadly interpreted to include lending, trade finance, guarantees and commitments, to operate through a licensed European branch or subsidiary, with subsidiaries benefiting from passporting rights across the EU. U.S. banks without a European presence will need to restructure their lending models to remain compliant.

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