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## EU MDR/DAC6

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## The requirements

The EU Directive imposes mandatory disclosure rules for a range of transactions with first reports due from Summer 2020 for the majority of jurisdictions



- The 6th version of the EU Directive on administrative cooperation (DAC6) aims to provide Member States tax authorities with additional information in order to assist them to more rapidly close perceived loopholes in tax legislation and harmful tax practices
- This information will be gathered by requiring new disclosure obligations of EU intermediaries and taxpayers in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements (RCBA).
- While the first actual reports are not required to be made until early 2021, the reporting requirements already apply to RCBAs entered into from 25 June 2018.



Market

- The definition of an EU intermediary is broad, capturing lawyers and advisers, and is expected to apply to banks, trustees, insurance companies, asset managers and other service providers even potentially in-house tax functions advising other associated entities.
- Taxpayers benefitting from an RCBA may have to report if the intermediary does not or cannot (e.g. non-EU). They are expected to obtain proof that reporting has occurred and will likely want to maintain oversight of information to monitor any tax exposure.

**June 2020** 

• The regulatory timeline is tight and all businesses, especially MNCs, need to take practical steps to comply.



25 Jun 2018

Date of entry into force – any RCBAs implemented after that date and before 01 July 2020 reported in August 2020

31 Dec 2019

Deadline for EU member states to adopt and publish laws, regulations and administrative provisions 01 Jul 2020 01 Jan 2021

Go-live – any RCBAs implemented after that date to be reported within 30 days of reporting trigger\*

31 Jan 2021

Reporting of RCBAs implemented between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020

31 Aug 2020

28 February 2021 Reporting of RCBAs of which the first step is implemented between 25 June 2018 and 1 July 2020

### The requirements

Who has an obligation?

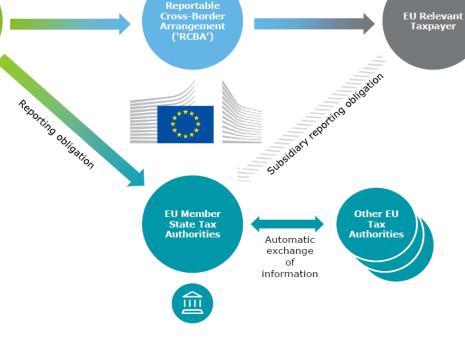
**Cross-border arrangement that falls within at least one of five "hallmarks"** that present an indication of a potential risk of tax avoidance



Designs, markets, organises or makes available for implementation or manages the implementation of an RCBA (or provides aid, assistance or advice with respect to such activities)

From 1 January 2021, reporting must be completed within 30 days of the start date of an RCBA. One-off reporting by 31 January 2021 and 28 February 2021 in respect of RCBAs implemented from 25 June 2018 to 30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 respectively.

Disclosure of information pertaining to the identity of intermediaries and relevant taxpayers, together with details of the RCBA (such as value) and the "hallmarks" that make the arrangement reportable



Any person to whom an RCBA is made available for implementation, or who is ready to implement an RCBA, or who has implemented the first step of an RCBA

In case no EU intermediary is involved (i.e. only non-EU intermediaries or inhouse arrangements) or is not required to perform the reporting the RCBA (due to legal professional privilege), a subsidiary reporting obligation exists for the relevant taxpayer

- Any group entity is potentially in scope of DAC6 as an Intermediary where the entity in the EU implements, promotes or provides RCBAs
  to other group entities or third parties (e.g. suppliers)
- Focus on services provided
- An entity is potentially in scope of DAC6 as a relevant taxpayer where it benefits from RCBAs promoted or provided by advisors,
  professional service providers and other Intermediaries (including other group entities)
- Focus on services received

## The hallmarks

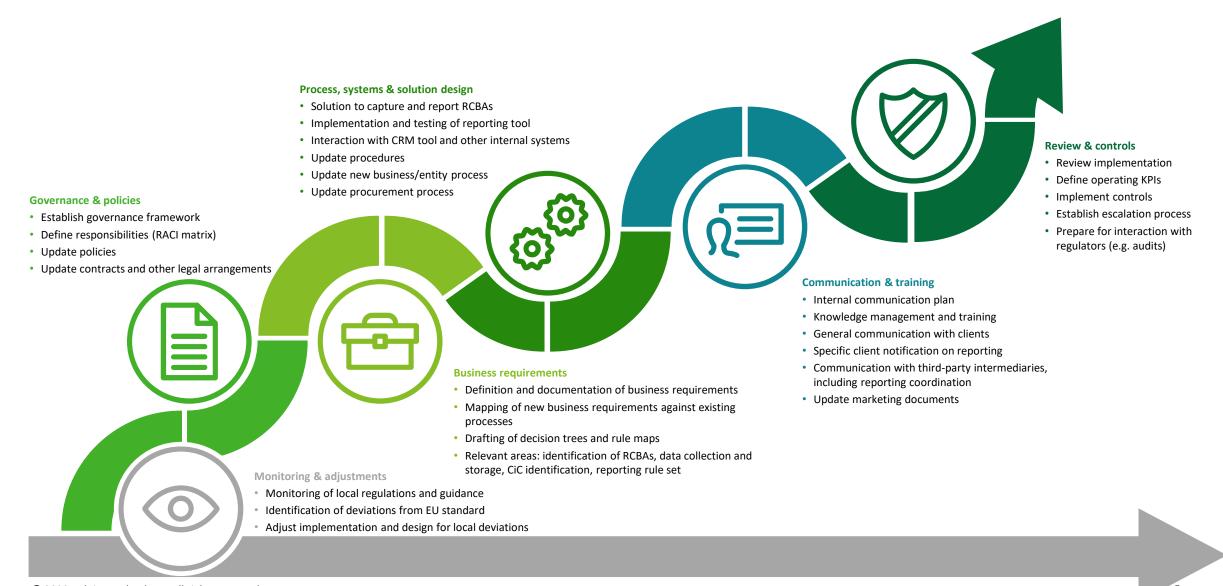
The EU MDR hallmarks are split into five categories. Hallmarks either apply universally or are subject to the main benefit test

| Hallmarks subject to the main benefit test                                    |  |  |
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| Category A Generic hallmarks  | <ol> <li>Confidentiality: From a tax authority or other intermediaries</li> <li>Contingent Fee: Fixed by reference to:         <ul> <li>a. Amount of tax advantage; or,</li> <li>b. Whether or not a tax advantage is actually derived.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Standardised documentation not requiring substantial customisation</li> </ol>   |  |
| Category B Specific hallmarks   | <ol> <li>Losses: Offset to reduce taxable profits, including through transfer of those losses to another jurisdiction or by acceleration of the use of those losses</li> <li>Conversion: Income into capital, gifts or other categories of revenue which are taxed at a lower level</li> <li>Circularity: Transactions resulting in round-tripping of funds, namely through involving interposed entities without other primary commercial function</li> </ol> |  |
| Category C Specific hallmarks related to deductible cross-border transactions | <ol> <li>Cross-border deductible payment and:         <ul> <li>Recipient subject to zero or almost zero tax rate</li> <li>Recipient has full tax exemption</li> <li>Recipient benefits from preferential tax regime</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |  |

| Hallmarks that apply without qualification                             |   |
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| Category C Specific hallmarks related to cross-border transactions     | <ol> <li>Cross-border deductible payment and:         <ul> <li>a. Recipient has no tax residence</li> <li>b. ii. Recipient is resident in non-cooperative jurisdiction<sup>1)</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>Depreciation: on same asset deducted in more than one jurisdiction</li> <li>Claiming double taxation relief in multiple jurisdictions: In respect of the same income or capital</li> <li>Transfer of assets: Where material difference in amount treated as payable</li> </ol> |
| Category D Specific hallmarks concerning AEOI and beneficial ownership | <ol> <li>Circumvention of automatic exchange of information of<br/>Financial Account information</li> <li>Arrangements with non-transparent legal or beneficial<br/>ownership chain</li> </ol>  |
| Category E Specific hallmarks concerning transfer pricing              | <ol> <li>Unilateral transfer pricing safe harbour rules</li> <li>Transfer of hard to value intangibles</li> <li>Transfer of functions, risks and/or assets which results in profit shifting</li> </ol>  |

### **DAC6** implementation project

Actual implementation: Impacted areas



## **Deloitte propositions**

We are assisting businesses to meet the compliance requirements and can support you in a range of areas

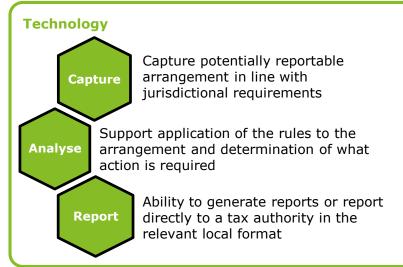
#### **Impact assessment**

Scalable support for assessment of the impact using a mixture of decision trees, questionnaires workshop and template reports

#### Example accelerators

Template reports Hallmark decision trees







#### **Knowledge management**

Monitoring of regulatory status and detailed analysis of local requirements delivered through proprietary knowledge platforms or bulletins. Tax technical advisory based on the content of legislation delivered through a range of channels.

#### Example accelerators

Proprietary web-crawler technology Practitioner network supporting CMS tool



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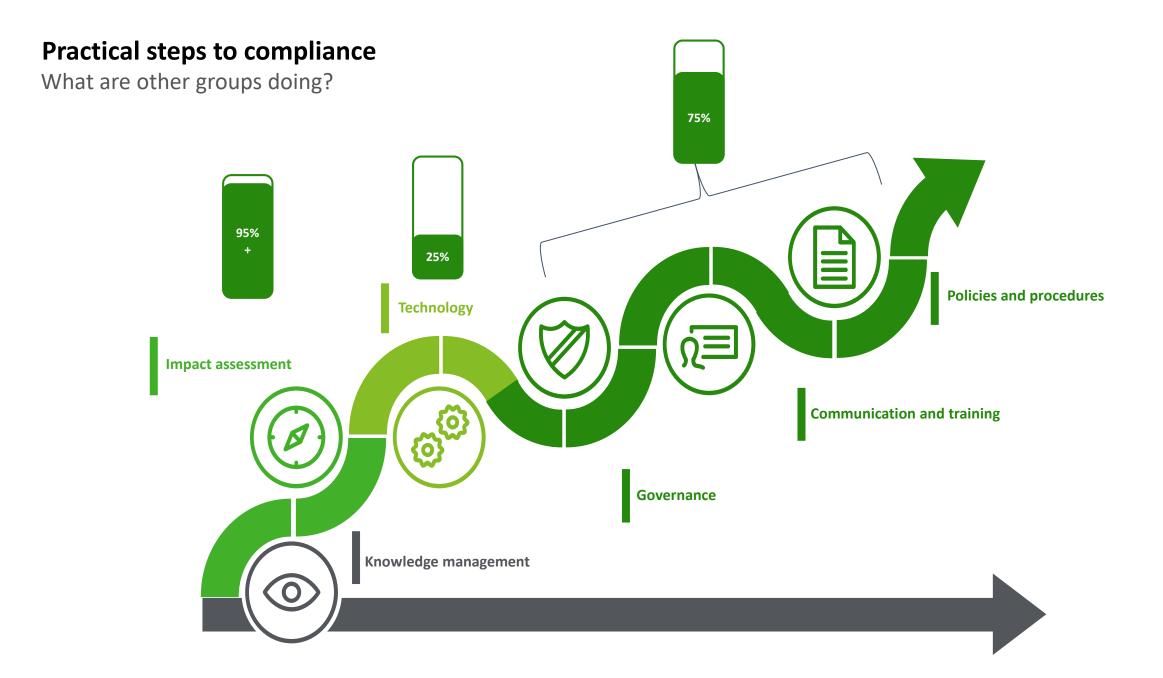
#### **Tax Risk & Governance**

Technology on its own is not able to solve all compliance challenges. Setting up the right processes, governance and training are essential components of effectively ensuring compliance. Deloitte provides consulting services as well as pre-packaged products.

#### Example accelerators

eLearning awareness module Training workshop materials Model tax control framework





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