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### **Potential extension of the EU rules on transfer of funds to crypto-assets**

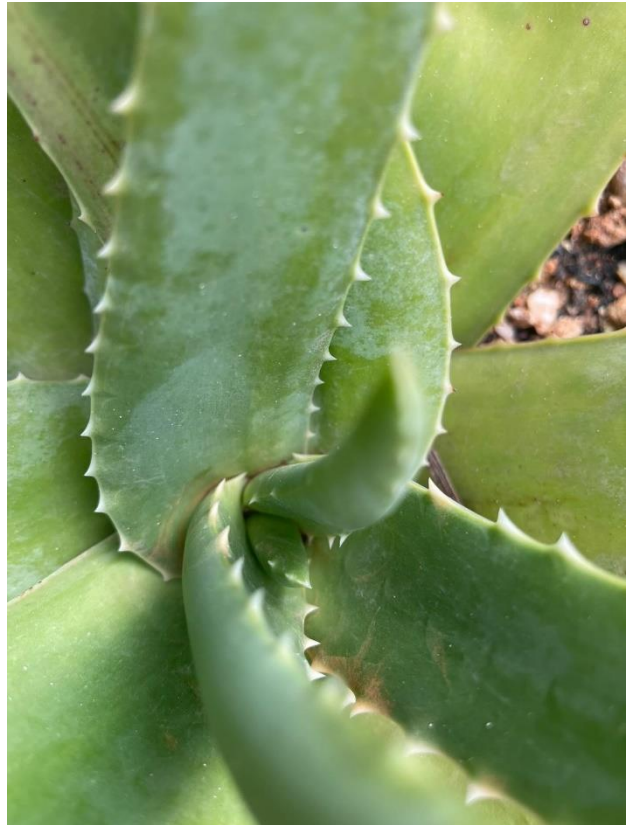
Today the EU Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Civil Liberties are set to vote on revised fund transfer rules introducing enhanced AML obligations in respect of crypto-assets.

In the latest draft of the recast regulation on information accompanying transfers of funds, lawmakers are seeking to extend the obligations related to transfers of funds to crypto payments, forcing specialized virtual asset service providers to record and verify their clients' name, address, date of birth and account number, and the name of the payee in respect of each transfer of crypto-assets.

Furthermore, for any transaction above EUR 1,000 more in crypto from a self-hosted wallet, virtual asset service provider will be required to report the transaction to the authorities regardless of the fact if it poses suspicious activity or not.

According to EU lawmakers these measures are designed to "ensure crypto-assets from potentially dodgy sources do not enter the regulated financial system", but the crypto community has voiced their disagreement emphasizing that these amendments undermine the self-hosted wallets that individuals use to securely protect their digital assets.

We will closely follow on subsequent developments in relation to the intended extension of the EU rules on transfer of funds to crypto-assets and will keep you informed on the topic as the legislative process within the EU institutions unfolds.



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