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The Spanish Council of Ministers has launched a public consultation on a <u>Draft Bill</u> (only available in Spanish) to transpose the <u>Directive (EU) 2023/2226</u> (DAC8), into national law.

DAC8, which amends Directive 2011/16/EU on administrative cooperation in taxation, introduces new reporting and due diligence obligations related to crypto-assets, financial accounts, electronic money and central bank digital currencies.

Under DAC8, crypto-asset service providers will be subject to EU-wide reporting, due diligence and registration obligations in certain cases. This will entail, for example, the obligation to report the identity and tax residence of crypto-asset users, as well as certain transactions involving such assets. The information reported will subsequently be exchanged with the relevant EU Member States.

Transposition of DAC8 into Spanish domestic legislation

The transposition of DAC8 into Spanish domestic legislation begins with this Draft Bill, which amends both the Spanish General Taxation Law and the Spanish PIT Law, with regard to the declaration by taxpayers of crypto-asset balances.

The main aspects of the Spanish Draft Bill are set out below:

- Introduction of new reporting, due diligence and registration requirements for certain crypto-asset service providers.
- Adjustment and extension of existing reporting obligations regarding financial accounts and virtual currencies held abroad, replacing, among others, the term "virtual currency" with the term "crypto asset".
- Introduction of specific penalties for noncompliance with DAC8 reporting and due diligence requirements.

The amendments related to DAC8 implementation are proposed to take effect on 1 **January 2026**.

Once the draft bill completes the public information process, it will be sent to Congress for parliamentary processing and approval. The draft bill will become law after it is approved by the parliament and is published in the Official Gazette.

Existing reporting obligations for virtual currencies in Spain

Spain already has certain reporting obligations for virtual currencies, which will be updated to comply with DAC8. These obligations include:

- Obligation to report on virtual currency balances (form 172).
- Obligation to report on transactions involving virtual currencies (form 173).
- Obligation to report on virtual currencies located abroad (form 721).

The new obligations arising from DAC8 could be included in forms 172 and 173, which would involve adapting them to the requirements of EU legislation.

DAC8 is expected to enter into force in 2026 giving Spanish lawmaker time to adapt the current reporting framework to the new requirements imposed by Community law.

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Other non-DAC8 amendments

Lastly, it is worth noting that the legislation currently embarking on its passage through Spanish parliament does not merely transpose DAC8 into national domestic legislation but also regulates other issues unrelated to crypto-asset information, primarily collection-related issues:

- Amendment of the regulation of the statute of limitations for those liable for the tax, in the wake of case law recently established by the Supreme Court (Judgments 1022/2023 and 1023/2023, among others).
- Express provision for the attachment of cryptoassets, assets and rights at payment institutions and electronic money institutions.
- Extension of the mandatory inheritance and gift tax self-assessment scheme to the Autonomous Region of Extremadura.

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