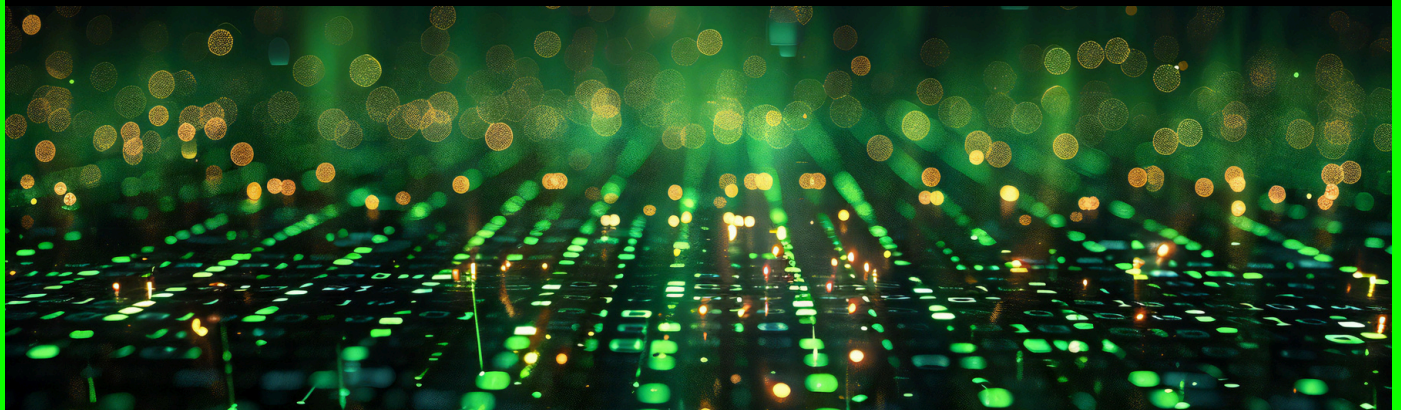


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New guidance on the custody of crypto-assets from FINMA



Switzerland is tightening its supervisory expectations for crypto custody. The Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) has issued new guidance on the custody of crypto-assets. As demand for regulated trading, investment, and safekeeping grows, supervised institutions are expanding their services – and must ensure their operational, legal, and governance frameworks keep pace.

FINMA highlights three key supervisory areas:

- Technology and operations Institutions must maintain secure custody infrastructures, particularly for private key management, and ensure sufficient in-house expertise to manage custody risks.

- **Legal and insolvency protection** When using third-party or foreign custodians, client assets must be clearly segregated and protected from inclusion in a custodian's bankruptcy estate – including in outsourced setups.
- **Governance and oversight** Responsibility remains fully with the supervised institution. FINMA expects clear internal policies, strong risk controls, and ongoing due diligence and monitoring of external providers.

These developments reflect Switzerland's approach of supporting institutional crypto growth while strengthening operational resilience and investor protection.

Middle East: The Future Is Transparent as Dubai Limits Privacy Coins



Dubai is further defining the regulatory boundaries for institutional crypto.

The Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) has prohibited regulated firms in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) from trading, marketing, or including privacy coins such as Monero and Zcash in licensed products. While private ownership remains legal, regulated market access is restricted.

The decision reflects a broader shift in how regulators assess crypto risks:

- **Transparency vs. anonymity** Privacy-by-default protocols are increasingly seen as incompatible with AML, sanctions, and travel rule requirements that apply to licensed intermediaries.

- **Protocol risk matters** Regulatory assessments are no longer based only on how assets are used, but also on their design, traceability, and auditability.
- **Market segmentation is emerging** A global pattern is forming across major jurisdictions: transparent assets are integrated into regulated financial markets, while privacy-focused networks move toward peer-to-peer ecosystems.

Dubai's move signals regulatory maturity rather than resistance to innovation. As jurisdictions compete for institutional capital, clarity, enforceability, and trust are becoming key differentiators.

These developments highlight a structural trend: the future of crypto markets will be increasingly segmented between regulated finance and privacy-first environments.

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📌 Takeaway

The developments since the beginning of the year point to a global shift toward stronger oversight, greater transparency, and more coordinated regulation across the digital asset landscape.

For internationally active firms, the priorities are clear:

- Strengthen compliance and internal control frameworks
- Ensure reporting, documentation, and tax readiness
- Monitor and adapt to rapidly evolving cross-border regulatory requirements

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