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Chief Executive Officers
Ancillary Service Providers
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

Amendments to Payment Service Provider (PSP) requirements
under Module AU Volume 5

The Central Bank of Bahrain ('CBB') is issuing an amendment to the requirements under Module AU of Volume 5. The updated requirement reads as follows:

AU-1.2.10A

When issuing any multi-purpose, electronic or otherwise, pre-paid cards, payment service providers must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) The maximum balance limit for each natural person must not exceed BD 1,000 and the maximum single transaction value limit must not exceed BD 500;
- (bb) The maximum balance limit for each legal person must not exceed BD 10,000 (Loading and transaction size);
- (b) The payment service provider must obtain a bank guarantee of BD100,000 from a retail bank licensed in the Kingdom of Bahrain; instead of the bank guarantee amount required under Paragraph AU-4.1.12.
- (c) Comply with all the requirements outlined under Module FC (Financial Crime) and Module CL (Client Money);
- (d) All pre-paid plastic cards must be EMV compliant (chip and PIN and online authentication);
- (e) Any pre-paid card which is inactive for a period of six months must be placed in a dormant list;
- (f) All transactions on pre-paid cards must be made through an escrow account with a retail bank in Bahrain.

The amendment is effective immediately and will be incorporated in the relevant module in the upcoming CBB Rulebook update.

Yours faithfully


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