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Chief Executive Officer
All Payment Service Providers
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

Enabling PSPs to participate in EFTS

For efficient functioning of the Electronic Funds Transfer System (EFTS) services, and further to BENEFIT allowing PSPs' customers to carry out the transactions specified in the table attached, the PSPs are hereby instructed as follows:

- i. PSPs must ensure they have a robust internal technological infrastructure and direct technical access to the EFTS, on an uninterrupted basis (24 x 7 days and 365 days in the year), to send, authorise and receive Fawri+/ Fawateer direct credits on a realtime basis; and
- ii. PSPs must maintain a daily value limit of BD1,000 for the total Fawri + and Fawateer transactions (with assured immediate finality, i.e. within 30 seconds) for each STV card/IBAN account per day.

Please ensure that this instruction is complied with at all times. Such requirements will be issued as part of the upcoming CBB Rulebook update. Please also ensure that your processes and systems are updated accordingly, and the relevant personnel concerned are made aware of this requirement.

Should you have any further queries on this matter, please contact your normal supervisory point of contact at the CBB.

Yours faithfully,


Khalid Hamad

cc: Bahrain Association of Banks
The BENEFIT Company

TRANSACTION TYPES

Use case	EFTS	Transaction type
Fund transfer - STV to IBAN	Fawri+ and Fawri	NRT ¹ Direct credit. DNS ² Direct credit
Fund transfer - IBAN to STV	Fawateer	NRT Direct credit.
Fund transfer - STV to STV	Fawateer	NRT Direct credit.
Bill payment from STV to biller (online and offline)	Fawateer	NRT and DNS Direct credit.
Salary processing – From PSPs to (STV and IBAN).	Fawri Salaries for IBANs	Direct credit for IBAN.
	Fawateer Salaries for STV	NRT and DNS Direct credit.
From Bank to (STV and IBAN)	Fawri Salaries for IBAN	NRT Direct credit.
	Fawateer Salaries for STV	NRT Direct credit.

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¹ NRT refers to Near Real-time payments credited to the beneficiary accounts in less than 30 seconds in the EFTS, enabling the beneficiary customer to immediately withdraw/use funds received to their accounts. These transactions create an exposure to banks as banks' obligations relating to them have a deferred settlement in the RTGS system.

² DNS refers to transactions that are credited to beneficiary customers' accounts, after the settlement of the banks' obligations relating to them, in the RTGS System. There is no bank exposure in DNS payments in the EFTS.