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BANQUE CENTRALE DU LUXEMBOURG

Regulation of the “Banque centrale du Luxembourg” 2010/n°6 of 8 September 2010 concerning the oversight of payment systems, securities settlement systems and payment instruments in Luxembourg.

The “Direction” of the “Banque centrale du Luxembourg”,

Having regard to the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union and notably to article 127(2) and (5);

Having regard to article 22 of the Statutes of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and of the European Central Bank;

Having regard to article 108 *bis* of the Constitution;

Having regard to the law of 23 December 1998 (hereafter the “Law”) concerning the monetary status and the “Banque centrale du Luxembourg” (hereafter the “Banque centrale”) as amended, in particular articles 2 (5), 27-3 and 34 (1);

Considering that, in accordance with article 2 (5) of the Law, “In view of its tasks relating to the promotion of the smooth operation of payment systems, the Banque centrale shall ensure the efficiency and safety of payment systems and securities settlement systems, as well as the safety of payment instruments. The means of coordination and cooperation employed for the performance of these tasks shall be the subject of agreements between the Banque centrale and the Commission de Surveillance du secteur financier, respecting the legal competences of the parties”;

Considering article 27-3 of the Law stating that “For the purpose of performing the tasks set out in Article 2(5), the Banque centrale may ask payment systems and securities settlement systems to provide any information relating to the operation of those systems which is necessary in order to assess their efficiency and safety and may also ask issuers of payment instruments to provide any information relating to those payment instruments which is necessary in order to assess their safety. The Banque centrale shall be authorised to undertake site visits in order to collect the information referred to

in paragraph 1. It shall coordinate with the Commission de surveillance du secteur financier to this end”;

Considering article 34 (1) of the Law stating that “Within the limits imposed on its powers and tasks, the central bank may adopt regulations. The Banque centrale's regulations shall be published in the Mémorial (Official Gazette)”;

Having regard to the law of 10 November 2009 on payment services, on the issuance of electronic money and on settlement finality in payment systems and securities settlement systems;

Article 1: Definitions

“System”: a system enabling the transfer of funds and/or securities and which is governed by formal standardized procedures and common rules concerning processing, clearing or settlement of payment transactions and/or securities transactions.

“System operator”: a legal entity in charge, on its own or together with other legal entities, of the smooth functioning of the payment system or the securities settlement system and which is the designated interlocutor of the authorities. This may be a participant in the system.

“Payment instrument”: a personalized device and/or a set of procedures enabling a natural person or a legal entity to place, transfer or withdraw funds.

“Issuer of payment instruments”: a legal entity which, within the scope of its commercial activity, provides a payment instrument to the public.

“Governance authority”: a central organization responsible for the smooth functioning of the payment instrument and for the compliance of all involved actors with the rules. It is the main interlocutor of the authorities.

“Technical agent”: a service provider, with whom a system operator, an issuer of payment instruments or a governance authority has placed or centralized an important part of its operational and/or technical infrastructure.

Article 2: Scope

1. The Banque centrale shall carry out the oversight of the systems which it designates and which operate in Luxembourg in accordance with article 2 (5) of the Law.

2. The Banque centrale shall carry out the oversight of the payment instruments, which are in particular credit transfers, direct debits, payment cards and electronic money schemes. The Banque centrale is entitled to ensure the oversight of other forms of payment instruments made available to the public in Luxembourg.

Article 3: General framework for the oversight of systems and payment instruments

1. To exercise its oversight, the Banque centrale shall apply the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the European Central Bank relating to the recommendations, principles and standards, including the assessment methodologies. The Banque centrale shall ensure in particular the compliance with the recommendations listed in appendix 1 of this regulation.
2. The Banque centrale's oversight relates to the security and efficiency of the systems; it relates also to the security of payment instruments.
3. The Banque centrale shall carry out its oversight towards the operating rules and the contracts of the system. Its oversight is also applied to the system itself, including operators, participants, services (in particular operational and IT) offered by technical agents or third-party providers.
4. The Banque centrale's oversight relating to the payment instruments applies in particular to issuers and governance authorities, to services (particularly operational and IT) offered by technical agents or third-party providers, to the governing rules and the contracts.

Article 4: Implementation

1. The Banque centrale shall oversee the systems and the payment instruments by collecting all useful information available following its different missions and cooperation with other central banks and prudential supervisory authorities. The Banque centrale shall indicate in particular to the respective entities the quantitative and qualitative information it must be provided with as well as its frequency. The Banque centrale shall determine the means of communication and transmission for the purpose of this regulation.
2. The Banque centrale may request from the system operators, issuers of payment instruments and governance authorities regular self-assessments of their level of compliance with regard to the recommendations, principles and applicable standards referred to in article 3.
3. The Banque centrale shall carry out controls as it deems appropriate. It shall be entitled in particular to perform on-site controls of system operators, issuers of payment instruments and governance authorities.
4. The Banque centrale may, within the scope of its oversight, issue recommendations or specific instructions to the system operators, issuers of payment instruments and governance authorities.

Article 5: The obligations of the system operators, the issuers of payment instruments and the governance authorities

1. The system operators, the issuers of payment instruments and the governance authorities shall put in place a risk management framework for the system and/or for the payment instrument, adapted to the size and complexity of their activity. The framework shall be based on an organization, procedures and internal rules enabling an efficient management, monitoring and control of the security and/or the efficiency of the system and/or the payment instrument, the associated risks as well as the applicable legal and operational environments. The systems' operators, the issuers of payment instruments and the governance authorities shall follow the recommendations, the principles and the oversight standards referred to in article 3.1.

2. The system operators, the issuers of payment instruments and governance authorities shall be required to provide the Banque centrale with all the information it deems useful for the fulfillment of its oversight mission.

This information shall include among others:

- general information on the systems or on the instruments,
- data on the activity, incidents and fraud,
- financial data,
- information relating to the risks the systems or the instruments are exposed to, as well as on the internal risk mitigation tools,
- information relating to changes affecting the systems or the instruments,
- information relating to the governance and to internal rules and procedures.

3. The system operators, the issuers of payment instruments and the governance authorities shall appoint one or several contact persons, duly mandated, to deal with the Banque centrale in the context of its oversight mission.

Article 6: International cooperation

In the context of its oversight mission, the Banque centrale shall cooperate with other central banks, in particular with the Eurosystem and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), as well as with prudential supervisory authorities.

Article 7: Publication

The present regulation, as well as its appendices as updated, shall be published on the Banque centrale's website (www.bcl.lu) and in the Mémorial.

The official list of systems shall also be publicly available on the Banque centrale's website (www.bcl.lu).

Article 8: Sanctions

1. Without prejudice to financial sanctions, the Banque centrale may impose administrative sanctions which may lead to the procedure of removal of the designation of the system in case of non-compliance with the provisions of this regulation.
2. The Banque centrale may notify any breach to this regulation to the Commission de surveillance du secteur financier or to the Minister in charge of the financial place. It may publish the recommendations or the instructions adopted.

Article 9: Miscellaneous provisions

1. The Banque centrale shall adapt its oversight of the systems and the payment instruments in accordance with the principle of proportionality.
2. Appendices are attached to this regulation.
3. The circulars BCL 2001/163 and 2001/168 are hereby repealed.

Article 10: Entry into force

The present regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication.