



EDBO/E9/2021
17th March 2021

The Chief Executive Officer
All Banks
All Money Changers
Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/Madam,

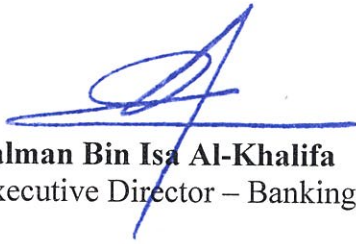
Mandating the Use of Purpose Codes for SWIFT Cross-Border Payments

Reference is made to CBB's Circular dated 4th January 2021 (EDBO/E1/2021), which mandated the use of purpose codes for SWIFT cross-border payments, CBB is hereby extending the deadline for implementing the additional purpose code field for all SWIFT cross-border transactions until 31st May 2021.

A description of purpose codes in Arabic is also attached to this circular for reference and/or publication on licensee websites.

Should you have any further queries on this matter, please contact via e-mail swiftscope.help@cbb.gov.bh.

Yours faithfully,



Salman Bin Isa Al-Khalifa
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