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Chief Executive Officers

All Retail Banks
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

Amendments to Operational Risk Management (OM) Modules – Volumes 1 and 2

Further to the Local Tokenization Project, CBB is hereby issuing the following amendment to OM Modules of the CBB Rulebook, Volumes 1 and 2, in order to allow issuers and acquirers to conduct mobile initiated Near Field Communications (NFC) payments with no PIN entry:

OM-5.2.1A

Where contactless payments use Consumer Device Cardholder Verification Method (CDCVM) for payment authentication and approval, then the authentication required for transactions above BD 20 limit mentioned in Paragraph OM-5.2.1 is not applicable given that the customer has already been authenticated by his device using PIN, biometric or other authentication methods. This is only applicable where the debit/credit card of the customer has already been tokenized in the payment application.

The above amendment is effective immediately and will be part of the upcoming Rulebook update. The circular will be available on the CBB website under ad-hoc communications for Volumes 1 and 2 in due course.

Yours sincerely,


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cc: Bahrain Association of Banks