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Chief Executive Officer

All Retail Banks
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/ Madam,

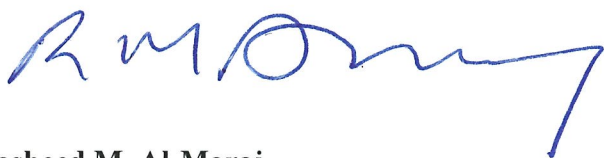
Amendments to Module GR of the CBB Rulebook Volumes 1 and 2

As part of the CBB's objective to ensure better transparency with regards to payment transactions and customer account activities which is necessary for proper implementation of open banking, the CBB is issuing amendments to the General Requirements Module (Module GR) within the CBB Rulebook Volumes 1 and 2 (attached) mandating access and sharing of the Merchant Category Code (MCC), consistent with ISO 18245, relevant to customer account activity/transactions.

The amended requirements are effective from 15th May 2022. The amended requirements shall be available on the CBB website under the CBB Rulebook Volumes 1 and 2 (Ad-hoc Communications) and will also be included as part of the next CBB Rulebook update.

Should you have any queries on this matter, please contact your supervisory point of contact.

Yours faithfully,



Rasheed M. Al-Maraj
Governor

cc: Bahrain Association of Banks