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7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Chief Executive Officer**

All Retail Banks  
All Ancillary Service Providers  
Manama  
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Issuance of Amendments to Open Banking Regulations**

Following the launch of Bahrain Open Banking Framework (BOBF) in October 2020 and the completion of the consultation on the amendments to the following Modules of the CBB Rulebook primarily to align the regulations with the BOBF, the CBB is pleased to issue the amended Modules, which are as follows:

**Volumes 1 and 2:**

1. Licensing Requirements Module (Module LR)
2. General Requirements Module (Module GR)
3. CBB Reporting Requirements Module (Module BR)

**Volume 5, Type 7: Ancillary Service Providers:**

4. Authorisation Module (Module AU)
5. Open Banking Module (Module OB)
6. General Requirements Module (Module GR)
7. Glossary of Defined Terms

While the amendments apply to retail banks and/or AISPs/ PISPs, the amendments to Module GR of the CBB Rulebook Volume 5 also apply to other Ancillary Service Providers that provide services through digital channels.

Retail bank licensees offering AISP/ PISP services, are required to submit a gap analysis by 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021 along with an action plan to fully implement the amended requirements by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Additionally, retail bank licensees that are required to publish and share APIs, and Ancillary Service Providers offering AISP/PISP services must implement

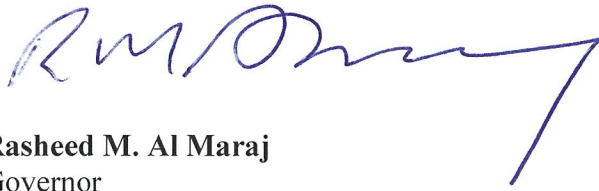
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the requirements with immediate effect and confirm their full compliance to their supervisory point of contact at CBB within 2 weeks from the date of this circular.

The amendments will be available on the CBB website ([www.cbb.gov.bh](http://www.cbb.gov.bh)) in due course.

Yours faithfully,



**Rasheed M. Al Maraj**  
Governor

cc: Bahrain Association of Banks  
External Auditors