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#### **Report on Internal Control**

(Report prepared in accordance with Articles 258 to 266 of the Order of 3 November 2014 on the internal control of banking sector companies, payment services and investment services subject to the supervision of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution)

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#### Introduction

The Report on Internal Control gives details of the institution's internal control activities during the past financial year and describes its systems for measuring, monitoring, managing and disclosing the risks to which it is exposed.

The items listed below are given for illustrative purposes based on their relevance to the institution's activities and organisational structure. The institution should also provide whatever information is needed to enable the reader of the report to understand how the internal control system operates and to assess the risks actually borne by the institution.

This document is based on a "combined" version of the reports prepared in accordance with Articles 258 to 266 of the Order of 3 November 2014. However, institutions that wish to do so may continue to submit separate reports, provided that the reports cover all of the points listed below.

The Report on Internal Control should include the most recent internal management reports on the analysis and monitoring of risk exposure that have been provided by the effective managers in accordance with Article 253 of the Order of 3 November 2014 to the institution's supervisory body and, where applicable, to its risk committee.

Moreover, the documents examined by the institution's supervisory body in the course of its review of the conduct and results of internal control, in accordance with Articles 252 and 253 of the Order of 3 November 2014, should be sent promptly to the Secretary General of the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution* (SGACPR) or where applicable to the European Central Bank (ECB), without waiting for the corresponding extracts from the minutes of the meetings at which they were reviewed. Those extracts should be sent to the SGACPR or where applicable to the ECB, as soon as they are available.

The report is drafted in French. By way of exception, for institutions subject to the ECB direct supervision, the report may be written in English, except for the sections that remain the exclusive responsibility of the ACPR (sections 7, 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21 and annex 3).

N.B.: If the institution is supervised on a consolidated basis, or is subject to supplementary supervision for financial conglomerates, the reports on internal control shall include information on how internal control is applied to the group as a whole or to the conglomerate. If the subsidiary's internal control system is fully integrated into the system of the group, it is not necessary to submit a report on the organisation of internal control in that subsidiary. However, the systems for risk measurement, monitoring and management should be described for each supervised institution.

#### 1. Overview of business conducted and risks incurred by the institution

#### 1.1. Description of business conducted

- General description of business conducted;
- General mapping of activities of trading on financial instruments conducted (for supervised institutions under Title I of the Law n°2013-672 of 26 July 2013 of separation and regulation of banking activities);
- For new activities:
  - a detailed description of any new activities conducted by the institution in the past year (by business line, geographical region, and subsidiary);
  - an overview of the procedures established for these new activities;
  - a description of the internal control for the new activities;
  - a description of any major changes in organisation or human resources and of any significant projects launched or conducted during the past year.

#### 1.2. Presentation of the main risks generated by the business conducted by the institution

- description, formalisation and updating of the institution's risk mapping;
- a description of measures taken to manage the risks mapped;
- a presentation of quantitative and qualitative information on the risks described in the summary reports sent to the effective managers, the supervisory body, and (where appropriate) to the risk committee and the ad hoc committee, specifying the scope of the measures used to assess the level of risk incurred and to set risk limits (cf. Article 230 of the order of 3 November 2014).

#### 1.3. Presentation of the risk strategy and the risk policy

- a description of the processes in place for identifying, managing, monitoring and mitigating every significant risk (cf. Article L.511-55 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- specify the risk appetite framework, the modalities for its setting up and review (cf. Article L.511-93 of the *Code monétaire et financier*).

#### 2. Significant changes made in the internal control system

If there have been no significant changes in the internal control system, the institution may provide a general description in an annex or provide a copy of the internal control charter in force.

N.B.: For the financial year 2015, this part shall include a description of the adaptations taken by the institution to comply with the new provisions introduced by the Order of 3 November 2014 regarding the internal control of banking sector companies, payment services and investment services subject to ACPR supervision (transposing the CRD IV).

### 2.1. Changes in permanent control (including the organisation of internal control of foreign business and outsourcing)

- a description of significant changes in the organisation of permanent control, including the main actions planned in relation to internal control (cf. Article 259 f) of the Order of 3 November 2014): specify in particular the identity, the hierarchical and functional position of the person in charge of permanent control and any other functions exercised by this person in the institution or in other entities in the same group;
- a description of significant changes in the organisation of the compliance control system: specify in
  particular the identity, the hierarchical and functional position of the person in charge of
  compliance and any other functions exercised by this person in the institution or in other entities in
  the same group;

- a description of the significant changes in the organisation of the risk, nomination and remuneration committees (where applicable): specify in particular for each committee the date of establishment, the composition, the term of mandate, the functioning modalities and the competences;
- a description of the significant changes in the organisation of the anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) system;
- a description of significant changes in the organisation of the risk management function: specify in particular the identity, the hierarchical and functional position of the person in charge of the risk management function and any other functions exercised by this person in the institution or in other entities in the same group;
- a general description of the modifications to the permanent control system to ensure compliance to the provisions of Title I of the Law n°2013-672 of 26 July 2013 of separation and regulation of banking activities for the supervised entities.

## 2.2. Changes in periodic control procedures (including the organisation of internal control of foreign business and outsourcing)

- identification and hierarchical and functional position of the person in charge of periodic controls;
- a description of significant changes in the organisation of the internal audit system;
- main initiatives planned in the area of periodic controls (audit plan, etc.; cf. Article 259 f) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 3. Governance

N.B.: For the financial year 2015, this part shall include a description of the adaptations taken by the institution to comply with the new provisions introduced by the Order of 3 November 2014 regarding the internal control of banking sector companies, payment services and investment services subject to ACPR supervision (transposing the CRD IV).

#### 3.1. Involvement of management bodies in internal control

#### 3.1.1. Procedures for reporting to the supervisory body and, where applicable, to the risk committee

- procedures for reporting to the supervisory body and, where appropriate, to the risk committee, on measures taken to control outsourced activities and associated risks (cf. Article 253 c) of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- procedures for approving the limits by the supervisory body and, where appropriate, by the risk committee (cf. Article 224 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- procedures for reporting to the supervisory body, to the central body, and (where appropriate/if needed/if the case may be) to the risk committee on significant incidents as defined in Article 98 (cf. Article 245 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- procedures for reporting to the supervisory body, to the central body and to the risk committee on significant anomalies detected by the system for monitoring and assessing AML/CFT, and on any shortcomings in this system (cf. Article 246 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- if necessary, procedures for reporting to the supervisory body and, where appropriate, to the risk committee, by the risk manager, stating the concerned matters (cf. Article 77 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- procedures for reporting to the supervisory body and (where appropriate) to the risk, committee, by the persons responsible for periodic controls, of any failures to carry out corrective measures that have been ordered (cf. Article 26 b) of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- control findings that have been brought to the attention of the supervisory body and, where appropriate, of the risk committee, and in particular any shortcomings identified, along with the corrective measures ordered (cf. Article 243 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 3.1.2. Procedures for reporting to the effective managers

- procedures for reporting to the effective managers on significant incidents as defined in Article 98 of the order of 3 November 2014 (cf. Article 245 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- procedures for reporting to the effective managers on significant anomalies detected by the system for monitoring and assessing AML/CFT, and on any shortcomings in this system (cf. Article 246 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- procedures allowing the risk manager to report to the effective managers on the exercise of their duties (cf. Article 77 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- procedures allowing the risk manager to warn the effective managers of any situation that could have significant repercussions on risk management (cf. Article 77 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 3.1.3. Measures taken by the effective managers and the supervisory body

a description of the measures taken by the effective managers and the supervisory body to verify the effectiveness of internal control systems and procedures (cf. Articles 241 to 243 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 3.1.4. Processing of information by the supervisory body

- procedures for reviewing the governance system and periodical evaluation of its efficiency (cf. Article L.511-59 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- procedures for approving and reviewing on a regular basis the risk strategies and policies (cf. Article
   L. 511-60 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- procedures for determining the orientations and for monitoring the implementation of the supervisory systems in order to ensure an effective and prudent management of the institution (cf. Article L. 511-67 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- procedures for adopting and reviewing the general principles of the remuneration policy and its implementation (cf. Article L. 511-72 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- as part of the supervisory body's review of significant incidents revealed by internal control procedures, the main shortcomings noted, the conclusions drawn from their analysis, and the measures taken to correct them (cf. Article 252 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- dates on which the supervisory body reviewed the activities and results of the internal control system for the past year;
- dates of approval of the risk global limits by the supervisory body, after consulting, where applicable, the risk committee (cf. Article 224 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 3.2. Compensation policies and practices (including for foreign subsidiaries and branches)

N.B.: For the financial year 2015, this part shall include a description of the adaptations taken by the institution to comply with the new provisions introduced by the Order of 3 November 2014 regarding the internal control of banking sector companies, payment services and investment services subject to ACPR supervision (transposing the CRDIV).

This part does not apply to payment institutions and electronic money institutions (cf. Article 273 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### This section may be treated in a separate report.

#### 3.2.1. Governance of remuneration policies

 date of establishment, composition, term of mandate, functioning modalities and competences of the remuneration committee referred to in Article L. 511-102 of the *Code monétaire et financier*;

- a description of general principles of the remuneration policy established under article L. 511-72 of the *Code monétaire et financier* (procedures and date of adoption, implementation date, and review procedures) and, where necessary, the identity of external consultants whose services have been used to establish compensation policies (cf. Article 266 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- date and results of the internal review intended to ensure compliance with remuneration policies and procedures adopted by the supervisory body (cf. Article L. 511-74 of the *Code monétaire et financier*).

#### 3.2.2. Main features of remuneration policies

- a description of the institution's remuneration policies (cf. Article 266 of the Order of 3 November 2014), including:
  - criteria used to measure performance and to adjust remuneration for risk;
  - criteria for defining the link between remuneration and performance;
  - policies concerning deferred remuneration;
  - policies concerning guaranteed variable remuneration exceptionally paid under the conditions laid down in Article L. 511-74 of the *Code monétaire et financier*;
  - criteria for determining the ratio of cash remuneration to other forms of remuneration.
- a description of remuneration policies for personnel responsible for validating and checking transactions (cf. Article 15 of the order of 3 November 2014 and Articles L. 511-71 and L. 511-75 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- the procedures for taking all risks into account in setting the basis for variable remuneration, including the liquidity risks inherent in the activities concerned and the capital needed to cover the risks incurred (cf. Articles L.511-76, L. 511-77, L. 511-82 and L. 511-83 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- date of communication to the ACPR or, as applicable, to the ECB, of the maximum limit on the variable component of the remuneration proposed to the general meeting concerned and the list of the persons concerned by the limitation on the variable component of the remuneration and justification of these choices, pursuant to Article L. 511-78 of the *Code monétaire et financier*.
- 3.2.3. Disclosures concerning the remuneration of the members of the effective managers and of persons whose professional activities have a significant impact on the institution's risk profile (cf. Article 202, or, where applicable, Article 199 and Article 266, 5° of the Order of 3 November 2014, and Article R. 511-18 of the Code monétaire et financier)

#### Please specify:

- the categories of staff concerned;
- the overall amount of remuneration for the year, with a breakdown of fixed versus variable components, and the number of beneficiaries. As regards this information, please also provide a breakdown by area of activity;
- the overall amount and type of variable, broken down between cash remuneration, remuneration in shares or equivalent ownership rights, and other instruments within the meaning of Article 52 or 63 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013, or other instruments which can be fully converted to Common Equity Tier 1 instruments or written down. Please also specify the acquisition period or the minimum holding period for securities (cf. Articles L. 511-81, R. 511-22 and R. 511-23 of the Code monétaire et financier);
- the overall amount of deferred remuneration with a breakdown between paid and unpaid remuneration (cf. Article R. 511-18 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- the overall amount of deferred remuneration awarded during the year, paid or reduced, after adjustment for performance (cf. Article R. 511-18 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);

- bonuses for new hires and termination indemnities and the number of beneficiaries (cf. Article R. 511-18 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- guaranteed termination indemnities granted during the year, the number of beneficiaries, and the largest amount granted to a single beneficiary (cf. Article R. 511-18 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- the methodology used for the adjustment calculations (cf. Articles 203 to 210 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 3.2.4. Transparency and control of remuneration policies

- the procedures for verifying that remuneration policies are consistent with risk management objectives, in particular having regard to the size, systemic importance, nature, scale and complexity of the activities of the institution concerned and taking into account the principle of proportionality (cf. Article 4 of the order of 3 November 2014);
- the procedures for disclosing information on remuneration policies and practices laid down in Article 450 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 (cf. Articles 267 and 268 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

## 4. Results of periodic controls conducted during the year, including foreign business and outsourcing (cf. Article 17 of the Order of 3 November 2014)

- risks and/or entities that have been subject to periodic controls during the year;
- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date of this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by periodic controls (*tools*, *persons in charge*) and the results of that follow-up;
- investigations conducted by the inspection unit of the parent entity and by external institutions (external agencies, etc.), summaries of their main conclusions, and details on the decisions taken to correct any identified shortcomings.

# 5. Inventory of transactions with effective managers, members of the supervisory body and principal shareholders (cf. Articles 113 and 259 g) of the order of 3 November 2014)

Please attach an annex providing:

- the characteristics of commitments for which a deduction has been made from regulatory capital: the identity of the beneficiaries, type of beneficiary (natural or legal person, shareholder or senior manager), type of commitment, gross amount, deductions (if any), risk weight, date of assignment and expiry date;
- the nature of commitments to principal shareholders and senior managers for which a deduction has not been made from regulatory capital due either to the date on which the commitment was made or the rating or score assigned to the beneficiary of the commitment. However, it is not necessary to mention commitments whose gross amount does not exceed 3% of the institution's capital.

#### 6. Process for assessing the adequacy of internal capital

This section is not mandatory for institutions that are included in a consolidation and that are exempted from satisfying management ratios on a solo or sub-consolidated basis.

- a description of the systems and procedures implemented to ensure that the amount and distribution of internal capital corresponds to the nature and level of the risks to which the institution is exposed, with particular emphasis on risks that are not taken into account in Pillar 1 (cf. Article 96 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- level of internal capital allocated to risk for the financial year ended and for the year ahead;
- stress tests to assess the adequacy of internal capital: a description of the assumptions and methodologies used, and summary of the results obtained;
- internal control procedures for verifying that these systems and procedures remain in line with the evolution of the institution's risk profile.

## 7. Compliance risk (excluding the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing)

- 7.1. Training provided to staff on compliance control procedures, and prompt dissemination to staff of information on changes in the provisions that apply to the transactions they carry out (cf. Articles 39 and 40 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- 7.2. Assessment and control of reputational risk
- 7.3. Other compliance risks (including compliance with banking and financial ethics codes)
- 7.4 Procedures for reporting defaults, breaches or failures

Please specify:

- the procedures set up to enable staff to report to the managers and concerned committees of the institution, and to the ACPR (or, where applicable, to the ECB) of defaults or breaches of prudential rules committed or likely to be committed within the institution (cf. Article L. 511-41 of the *Code monétaire et financier*);
- the procedures set up to enable managers and staff to report to the compliance officer of the institution or their business line, or to the responsible person referred to in Article 28 of the order of 3 November 2014, of potential malfunctions regarding the compliance monitoring system (cf. Article 37 of the Order of 3 November 2014).
- 7.5. Centralisation and setting up of remedial and monitoring measures

Please specify:

- the procedures set up to centralize information related to potential malfunctions when implementing compliance requirements (cf. Articles 36 and 37 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- the procedures set up to monitor and assess the effective implementation of corrective actions in order to meet the compliance requirements (cf. Article 38 of the Order of 3 November 2014).
- 7.6. Description of main malfunctions identified during the year

#### 7.7. Results of permanent control on compliance risk

- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent control (*tools*, *persons in charge*, *etc*.);
- the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the institution have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 8. Money laundering and terrorist financing risk

#### 8.1. Risk classification (AML/CFT) (cf. Articles 57 to 60 of the Order of 3 November 2014)

 a description, formalisation, updates, and presentation of the analyses on which the classification is based.

#### 8.2. Procedures (AML/CFT) (cf. Articles 61 to 70 of the Order of 3 November 2014)

- a description, formalisation and date(s) of updates to the procedures on which the AML/CFT system is based, mentioning significant changes during the year in the procedures for:
  - identifying new customers and actual beneficiaries;
  - identifying occasional customers;
  - satisfying 'Know Your Customer' requirements;
  - procedures for bringing existing customer files into compliance with continuous due diligence requirements.
- a description of procedures for implementing reduced, complementary and enhanced due diligence requirements;
- a description of procedures for implementing requirements relating to funds transfers (as payment service provider for the payer, intermediary payment service provider, or payment service provider for the beneficiary);
- where applicable, the procedures for dissemination within the group of information needed to organise the combat against money laundering and terrorism financing: a description of procedures for the exchange of information on the existence and contents of AML/CFT reporting;
- the procedures for defining criteria and materiality thresholds for AML/CFT anomalies.

#### 8.3. Results of permanent control on money laundering and terrorist financing risk

- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent control (*tools, persons in charge, etc.*);
- the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the institution have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

### 8.4. Main shortcomings observed by national and foreign control authorities, and corrective measures ordered

## 9. Credit and counterparty risk<sup>1</sup> (cf. Articles 106 to 121 of the Order of 3 November 2014)

NB: For investment services providers (ISP), the special case of transactions using the deferred settlement service (service de règlement différé - SRD) is covered in this section, with information on the set of customers for which this type of order is authorised, the limits set, and the management of risk (initial margin, maintenance margin, monitoring of extensions, provisioning of non-performing loans).

#### 9.1. Loan approval procedures

- predefined loan approval criteria;
- factors used in analysing the expected profitability of loans at the time of approval: *methodology*, *variables considered (loss rates, etc.)*;
- a description of the loan approval procedures, including where appropriate any delegations;
- policy for approving housing loans granted to French customers, in particular criteria regarding repayments as a percentage of borrowers' disposable income, loan-to-value ratios and loan maturities.

#### 9.2. Systems for measuring and monitoring risk

- stress scenarios used for measuring risk, selected assumptions, results and description of their operational integration;
- general description of exposure limits by beneficiary, by associated debtors, etc. (specify the size of the limits in relation to capital and earnings);
- the procedures and frequency for reviewing credit risk limits (*specify the date of the most recent review*);
- any breaches of credit risk limits observed during the past year (specify their causes, the counterparties involved, the size of the overall exposure, the number of breaches, and their amounts);
- the procedures for authorising credit risk limit breaches;
- measures taken to rectify credit risk limit breaches;
- identification, staffing levels, and hierarchical and functional position of the unit charged with monitoring and managing credit risk;
- the procedures for analysing the quality of loans and associated guarantees, and the frequency of the analysis; specify any exposures whose internal credit rating has changed, along with loans classified as non-performing or written down (specify any adjustments in the level of provisioning; give the date on which this analysis was conducted in the past year);
- a presentation of the credit risk measurement and management system in place for identifying and managing problem credits and for making adequate value adjustments and recording appropriate amounts for provisions or losses (cf. Article 115 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- the procedures for analysing the risk of loss on leased assets (financial leasing) and the frequency of the analysis;
- the procedures for updating and reviewing loan files, the frequency of review, and the results of the analysis (at least, for counterparties whose loans are overdue, non-performing or impaired, or who present significant risks or exposure volumes);
- distribution of exposures by risk level (cf. Articles 106 and 253 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014);

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Payment institutions performing credit operations are also concerned by this point

- the procedures for reporting to the effective managers, the supervision body and, where applicable, the risk committee, on the level of credit risk, using summary tables (cf. Article 230 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- roles of the effective managers, the supervisory body and, where applicable, the risk committee, in identifying, monitoring and reviewing the institution's overall strategy regarding credit risk and current and future credit risk appetence (cf. Articles L. 511-92 and L. 511-93 of the *Code monétaire et financier*), and in setting up the limits (cf. Article 224 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- factors considered in analysing changes in margins, in particular for loan production for the past year: methodology, variables analysed, results;
  - provide details on the calculation of margins: earnings and expenses taken into account; if lending needs to be refinanced, indicate the net borrowing position and the refinancing rate; if there are gains from investing capital allocated to lending, specify the amount and the rate of return:
  - identify of the different loan categories (such as retail loans and housing loans) or business lines for which margins are calculated;
  - highlight trends in outstanding loans (at year-end and intermediary dates) and, where appropriate, in loan production for the past year;
- the procedures used by the effective managers to analyse the profitability of lending activities, the frequency of the analyses, and their results (*specify the date of the most recent analysis*);
- the procedures used to report to the supervisory body on the institution's credit risk exposure, and the frequency of these reports (attach the most recent management report produced for the supervisory body);
- the procedures used to monitor housing loans granted to French customers;
- the procedures of approval by the supervisory body, assisted, where applicable, by the risk committee, of the limits suggested by the effective managers (cf. Article 253 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- the procedures of approval and review by the supervisory body of the strategies and policies for taking up, managing, monitoring and mitigating credit risks (cf. Article L. 511-60 of the *Code* monétaire et financier).

#### 9.3. Concentration risk

#### 9.3.1. Concentration risk by counterparty

- tool for monitoring concentration risk by counterparty, including central counterparties: any aggregate measures defined, description of the system for measuring exposures to the same beneficiary (including details on procedures used to identify associated beneficiaries, (establishment of a quantitative threshold above which such measures are systematically implemented, etc.); use of the transparency approach notably for exposures to mutual funds, securitisations or refinancing of trade receivables (factoring, etc.) and the inclusion of credit risk mitigation techniques), procedures for reporting to the effective managers and the supervisory body;
- system for limiting exposure by counterparty: general description of the system for setting limits on counterparties (*specify their level in relation to capital and earnings*), the procedures for reviewing limits and the frequency of these reviews, any breaches of limits reported, and the procedures for involving the effective managers in setting and monitoring limits;
- amounts of exposures to main counterparties;
- conclusions on the institution's exposure to concentration risk by counterparty, including central counterparties.

#### 9.3.2. Sectorial concentration risk

- tool for monitoring sectorial concentration risk: any aggregate measures defined, description of the system for measuring exposures in the same business sector, and procedures for reporting to the effective managers and the supervisory body;
- system for limiting exposure by business sector: a general description of the system for setting limits
  on sectoral concentrations (*specify their level in relation to capital and earnings*), the procedures for
  reviewing limits and the frequency of these reviews, any breaches of limits reported, and the
  procedures for involving the effective managers in setting and monitoring limits;
- distribution of exposures by sector;
- conclusions on the institution's exposure to sectoral concentration risk.

#### 9.3.3. Geographical concentration risk

- the tool for monitoring geographical concentration risk: any aggregate measures defined, description
  of the system for measuring exposures in the same geographical region, and procedures for reporting
  to the effective managers and the supervisory body;
- the system for limiting exposure by geographical region: a general description of the system for setting limits on geographical concentrations (*specify their level in relation to capital and earnings*), the procedures for reviewing limits and the frequency of these reviews, any breaches of limits reported, and the procedures for involving the effective managers in setting and monitoring limits;
- distribution of exposures by geographical region;
- conclusions on the institution's exposure to geographical concentration risk.

### 9.4. Requirements relating to the use of internal rating systems to calculate capital requirements for credit risk

- back-testing and comparisons with external data to ensure the accuracy and consistency of internal rating systems, including the methodologies and parameters used;
- the contents and frequency of the permanent control and periodic controls conducted on internal rating systems;
- a description of the 'use test' to internal rating systems: the actual use of the parameters generated by
  the internal rating system in loan approval, loan pricing, loan collection, risk monitoring,
  provisioning, allocation of internal capital, and corporate governance (including the preparation of
  management reports for the effective managers and the supervisory body);
- the procedures for involving the effective managers in designing and updating internal rating systems: including approval of methodologies, ensuring a sound command of the design and operation of the system, and monitoring their operation;
- a demonstration that the internal credit risk assessment methodologies do not rely solely or mechanistically on external credit ratings (cf. Article 114 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 9.5. Risks associated with securitisations

- a presentation of the institution's securitisation and credit risk transfer strategy;
- a presentation of the internal policies and procedures put in place to ensure, before investing, that
  there is detailed knowledge of securitisation exposures and that institutions comply with the
  requirement to retain 5% of the net economic interest when acting as originator, sponsor or original
  lender;
- the procedures for assessing, monitoring and controlling the risks associated with securitisations (in particular, an analysis of their economic substance), for originators, sponsors or investors including via stress tests (assumptions, frequency, consequences);

 for originating banks, description of the internal process of assessing prudentially deconsolidating operations, supported by an audit trail and by the procedures for monitoring risk transfer by a periodical review over time.

#### 9.6. Intraday credit risk

Risk incurred in the business of custody by institutions that grant loans to their customers, in cash or securities, during the course of the day to facilitate the execution of securities transactions<sup>2</sup>.

- a description of the institution's policies for managing intraday credit risk; description of limits (procedures for setting and monitoring limits);
- a presentation of the system for measuring exposures and monitoring limits on an intraday basis (including the management of any breaches of limits);
- the procedures for granting intraday credit;
- the procedures for assessing the quality of collateral;
- a description of the procedures for reporting to the effective managers and the supervisory body;
- conclusions on risk exposure to intraday credit risk.

#### 9.7. Results of permanent control of credit activities

- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent controls (tools, persons in charge, etc.);
- the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the institution have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 9.8. Risks associated with the use of credit risk mitigation techniques

Attach an annex providing:

- a description of the system for identifying, measuring and monitoring the residual risk to which the institution is exposed when it uses credit risk mitigation technic;
- a general description of the procedures for ensuring, when credit risk mitigation instruments are put in place, that they are legally valid, that their value is not correlated with that of the mitigated exposure, and that they are properly documented;
- a presentation of the procedures for integrating the credit risk associated with the use of credit risk mitigation techniques in the overall credit risk management system;
- a description of stress tests conducted on credit risk mitigation techniques (including the assumptions and methodologies used and the results obtained).

#### 9.9. Stress testing of credit risk

Attach an Annex describing the assumptions and methodologies used (including the procedures for considering contagion effects in other markets) and summarising the results obtained.

#### 9.10. Overall conclusions on credit risk exposure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Intra-day credit risk also covers overnight credit risk for transactions settled during the night.

#### 10. Market risk

A description of the institution's policies on proprietary trading:

#### 10.1. System for measuring market risk

- booking market transactions; calculation of positions and results (specify the frequency);
- comparisons between risk-management and accounting results (specify the frequency);
- assessment of the risks arising from positions in the trading book (specify the frequency);
- the procedures for capturing different components of risk, including basis risk and securitisation risk (in particular for institutions with high trading volumes that use an aggregate risk measure);
- the scope of risks covered (business lines and portfolios; within establishments in different geographical areas).

#### 10.2. System for monitoring market risk

- roles of the effective managers, the supervisory body and, where applicable, the risk committee, in identifying the institution's overall strategy regarding market risk and current and future market risk appetence (cf. Articles L. 511-92 and L. 511-93 of the *Code monétaire et financier*), and the setting up of limits (cf. Article 224 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- identification, staffing levels, and hierarchical and functional position of the unit charged with monitoring and managing market risk;
- controls conducted by that unit, and in particular regular control of the validity of the tools for measuring aggregate risk (back-testing);
- a general description of limits set for market risk (specify the level of limits, by type of risk incurred, in relation to capital and earnings);
- the frequency with which limits on market risk are reviewed (*indicate the date of the most recent review during the past year*); identity of the body responsible for setting limits;
- the system for monitoring procedures and limits;
- any breaches of limits noted during the past year (*specify their causes, the number of breaches, and their amounts*);
- the procedures for authorising such breaches and the measures taken to regularise them;
- the procedures for reporting on compliance with limits (*frequency*, *recipients*);
- the procedures, frequency and conclusions of the analysis provided to the effective managers and the supervisory body on the results of market activities (*specify the date of the most recent analysis*) and on the level of risk incurred, including the amount of internal capital allocated and the adequate level of internal capital for material market risks that are not subject to an own funds requirement (cf. Articles 130 to 133 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- attach a copy of the documents provided to the effective managers that enable it to assess the risk incurred by the institution, in particular in relation to its capital and earnings.

#### 10.3. Results of permanent control of market risk

- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent controls (*tools*, *persons in charge*, *etc.*);

the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the institution have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 10.4. Stress testing of market risk

For institutions that use their internal models to calculate capital requirements for market risk, attach an annex describing the assumptions and methodologies used and summarising the results obtained.

#### 10.5. Overall conclusions on exposure to market risk

#### 11. Operational risk

A general description of the overall framework for identifying, managing, monitoring and reporting operational risk, taking into account the complexity of activities and risk tolerance of the institution (specify the scope in terms of entities and transactions covered, the roles of the effective managers and the supervisory body, and the division of responsibilities for managing operational risk).

#### 11.1. Identification and assessment of operational risk

- a description of the types of operational risk to which the institution is exposed;
- a description of the system for measuring and monitoring operational risk (specify the method used to calculate capital requirements);
- a general description of the reports used to measure and manage operational risk (specify in particular the frequency of reporting and recipients of the reports, the areas of risk covered, and the use of early warning indicators to signal potential future losses);
- documentation and communication of the procedures for monitoring and managing operational risk;
- a description of the specific procedures for managing the risk of internal and external fraud, as defined in Article 324 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013; for institutions using a standardised approach, procedures and criteria used for mapping the relevant indicator for business lines, reviewing procedures for new or changing business activities;
- for institutions using an advanced measurement approach, a description of the methodology used (including the factors related to internal control and to the environment in which they operate) and any changes in methodology made during the course of the year, description of the procedures for quality control of historic data;
- a general description of any insurance techniques used.

## 11.2. Integration of the system for measuring and managing operational risk in the permanent control system

- a description of the procedures for integrating operational risk monitoring into the permanent control system, including, inter alia, low-frequency high-severity events related risks, internal and external fraud risks set out in Article 324 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 and the model risk;
- a description of the main operational risks observed during the course of the year (settlement incidents, errors, fraud, etc.) and the attendant conclusions drawn.

#### 11.3. Emergency and business continuity plans

- objectives of emergency and business continuity plans, definitions and scenarios used, overall architecture (comprehensive plan versus one plan per business line, overall consistency in the case of multiple plans), responsibilities (names and positions of the officers responsible for managing and triggering emergency and business continuity plans and for managing incidents), scope of business covered by the plans, businesses assigned priority in the event of an incident, residual risks not covered by the plans, timetable for implementing plans;
- formalisation of procedures, general description of IT backup sites;
- tests of emergency and business continuity plans (objectives, scope, frequency, results), procedures
  for updating plans (frequency, criteria), tools for managing continuity plans (software and IT
  development), reporting to senior management (on tests, and on any changes to systems and
  procedures);
- audit of emergency and business continuity plans and results of permanents controls;
- activation of the emergency and business continuity plan(s) and management of incidents occurring during the course of the year (for example, the H1N1 flu pandemic).

#### 11.4. Security of IT systems

- name of the person responsible for IT system security;
- identification and reassessment of IT risk mapping;
- objectives of IT security policy (in particular, the procedures for ensuring data integrity and confidentiality, and the specific measures taken for online banking);
- a description of permanent controls of the security level for IT systems, and the results of these controls:
- a description of the procedures set up in case of a cyber-attack (i.e. one or more adverse or unexpected events likely to seriously compromise the safety of information and to impact the activity of the institution), in particular for major incidents where the financial impact exceeds either 25 million euros or 0.5% CET1 of the institution.

#### 11.5. Results of permanent controls on operational risk

- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent controls (*tools*, *persons in charge*, *etc*.);
- the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the institution have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 11.6. Overall conclusions on exposure to operational risk

#### 12. Accounting risk

#### 12.1. Significant changes made in the institution's accounting system

If there have been no significant changes in the accounting system, the institution may provide a general description of the accounting system in an annex.

#### 12.2. Results of permanents controls on accounting risk

- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent controls (*tools*, *persons in charge*, *etc.*);
- the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the institution have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 13. Global Interest rate risk

N.B.: For the financial year 2015, this part shall include a description of the adaptations taken or to be taken by the institution to comply with the new provisions introduced by the EBA guidelines on the management of interest rate risk arising from non-trading activities that will apply from 1 January 2016.

a general description of the overall framework for identifying, assessing and managing global interest rate risk (specify the entities and transactions covered, justifying the use of the proportionality principle in the case of consolidated management, and specify the roles of the effective managers and supervisory body as well as the division of responsibilities for controlling global interest rate risk).

#### 13.1. Systems and methodologies for measuring and monitoring global interest rate risk

- a description of the tools and methodologies used to manage global interest rate risk (specify the methods used by the institution, such as static or dynamic gap analysis, sensitivity in terms of earnings, calculation of net present value, the assumptions and results of stress tests, and the impact of changes in global interest rate risk on the institution's business during the past year) and the methodology used for the aggregation of multicurrency interest rate exposures;
- a description of the behavioural assumptions used by the institution (specify their scope of coverage, main assumptions, treatment of new production, products not bearing interests (such as own funds), explicit or implicit behavioural options and new loan issuance);
- a description of the results of global interest rate risk measures indicators used by the institution:
   specify the static or dynamic gaps levels, the results of calculation of sensitivity in terms of earnings, of net present value and of stress scenarios;
- the impact of a uniform upwards or downwards shock of at least 200-basis points over one year (applying a 0% floor), on the institution's current net banking income and economic value, , taking into consideration only activities other than trading. A presentation of the assumptions used. Annex 1 of this document provides an example, for institutions that do not have their own methodology, of methods that could be used to calculate the consequences of a uniform shock of 200 basis points. The change in economic value is expressed as a percentage of the institution's regulatory own funds; values of the indicators used by the institution to measure global interest rate risk (specify the

- values of static or dynamic gaps, the results of sensitivity analysis of earnings, calculations of net present value, and stress tests);
- the sensitivity of the shock results to a change in the underlying assumptions used (specify the impact of a non-parallel change in the yield curve, differences between different market rates (basis risk) and changes to assumptions about customer behaviour; the economic capital allocated in respect of the institution's exposure to global interest rate risk.

#### 13.2. System for monitoring global interest rate risk

- for earning measures and economic value measures, a general description of the limits set on global interest rate risk (specify the nature and level of limits, for example in terms of gaps, sensitivity in terms of capital or earnings, the date during the past year when the limits were reviewed, and the procedure for monitoring breaches of limits);
- a general description of reports used to manage global interest rate risk (*specify in particular the frequency and recipients of the reports*);
- roles of the effective managers, the supervisory body and, where applicable, the risk committee, in defining a global strategy regarding interest rate risk and current and future interest rate risk appetite of the institution (cf. Articles L. 511-92 and L. 511-93 of the *Code monétaire et financier*), and in setting up the limits (cf. Article 224 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 13.3. Permanent control system for global interest rate risk management

 specify whether there is a unit responsible for monitoring and managing global interest rate risk, and more generally how this oversight is integrated into the permanent control system.

#### 13.4. Results of permanent controls on global interest rate risk

- main shortcomings observed;
- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent controls (*tools*, *persons in charge*, *etc.*);
- the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the institution have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 13.5. Overall conclusions on exposure to global interest rate risk

#### 14. Intermediation risk for investment services providers

- statements of the overall distribution of exposures by group of counterparties and by principal (by internal rating, financial instrument, market, or any other criteria that is significant in the context of the business conducted by the institution);
- information on risk management (security taken, margin calls on positions, collateral, etc.) and on the procedures followed in the event of the failure of a principal (insufficient margin, refusal of the transaction);
- a general description of the system of exposure limits for intermediation risk by beneficiary, by associated debtors, etc. (specify the level of limits in relation to the transaction volume of the beneficiaries and in relation to capital);
- the procedures and frequency with which the limits on intermediation risk are reviewed (*specify the date of the most recent review*);

- any breaches of credit limits observed during the past year (*specify their causes*, the counterparties involved, the size of the overall exposure, the number of breaches, their duration and their amounts);
- the procedures for authorising such breaches and the measures taken to regularise them;
- the factors analysed to assess the risk associated with the principal when taking an exposure (methodology, data analysed);
- a typology of the errors that have occurred in the past year in the acceptance and execution of orders (methods and frequency of analysis conducted by the head of internal control, threshold set by the effective managers for documenting such errors);
- results of permanent controls on intermediation risk;
- main conclusions of the risk analysis conducted.

#### 15. Settlement/delivery risk

- a description of the system for measuring settlement/delivery risk (highlighting the various phases of the settlement process and the treatment of new transactions in addition to pending transactions, etc.);
- a general description of the settlement/delivery risk limits (*specify the level of the limits, by type of counterparty, in relation to the counterparties' transaction volumes and in relation to capital*);
- the frequency with which settlement/delivery limits are reviewed (specify the date of the most recent review);
- any breaches of limits noted during the past year (*specify their causes, the number of breaches, and their number, duration and amounts*);
- the procedures for authorising such breaches and the measures taken to regularise them;
- an analysis of pending 'fails' (indicate their anteriority, their causes, and the action plan for clearing them);
- the results of permanent controls on settlement/delivery risk;
- main conclusions of the risk analysis conducted.

#### For investment services providers that guarantee completion:

- a description of the different instruments covered and of each settlement system used, identifying the various phases of the settlement process;
- the procedures for monitoring cash and securities flows;
- the procedures for monitoring and treating "fails";
- the procedures for measuring funding sources, securities and cash that can easily be transferred to ensure that exposures to counterparty can be covered.

#### 16. Liquidity risk<sup>3</sup>

N.B.: For the financial year 2015, this part shall include a description of the adaptations taken by the institution to comply with the new provisions introduced by the order of 3 November 2014 regarding the internal control of banking sector companies, payment services and investment services subject to ACPR supervision (transposing the CRD IV).

a general description of the overall framework for identifying, measuring, managing and monitoring liquidity risks: specify the scope of the framework in terms of entities and transactions, taking into account the off-balance sheet exposures, the role of the effective managers and the supervisory body, and the division of responsibilities for managing liquidity risks, the risk profile and the risk tolerance (cf. Articles 181 and 183 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

information on the diversification of the financing structure and the sources of funding: description of the financing structure and the sources of funding used by the institution (*specify the various funding channels, their amounts, maturities, main counterparties and use of liquidity risks mitigation instruments*), description of the indicators used to measure the diversification of funding sources (cf. Article 160 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 16.1. Tools and methodologies for measuring liquidity risks

- a description of the tools and methodology used to manage liquidity risks: specify the assumptions and maturities adopted to estimate the indicators used by the institution (cf. Article 156 of the Order of 3 November 2014) taking into account the complexity of activities, risk profile and risk tolerance of the institution, describe the tools and indicators used for each currency in which the institution conducts significant activities and specify the alternative scenarios as provided for in Article 168 of the Order of 3 November 2014;
- where applicable, description and justification of the scenarios that are specific to certain foreign implantations, legal entities or business lines (cf. Article 171 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- information on deposits and their diversification (in terms of the number of depositors);
- a description of the assumptions used to constitute the stock of liquid assets;
- a description of the means implemented to ensure that the institution is always aware of the stock of liquid assets needed, and the assumptions used to adjust this stock level to the different time horizons under consideration;
- procedures for taking into account/acknowledging the internal cost of liquidity and analysis of the liquidity cost indicators evolution during the past financial year;
- a description of financing plans (methods for assessing the institution's ability to raise funds from its funding sources under normal conditions and in periods of stress for all maturities and all currencies (underlying assumptions, test results, etc.), procedures for taking into account reputation risk;
- a description of the stress scenarios used to measure the risk incurred in the event of large variations in market parameters (indicate the assumptions used, the frequency with which they are reviewed, and the process for validating them; summarise the results of the stress tests and the procedures for reporting them to the supervisory body), as well as main conclusions of the analysis of the risk incurred in the event of large variations in market parameters;
- a description of the liquidity restoration plans setting up the strategies and measures implemented in order to address a potential liquidity shortage, which should be regularly tested: specify the

<sup>3.</sup> In accordance with Article 45 of Regulation 97-02, branches of institutions whose registered offices are in another EU Member State, or in a country that is a member of the European Economic Area, should provide a report on the measurement and supervision of liquidity risk.

operational measures used to ensure an immediate implementation of these recovery plans (holding immediately available collateral...).

#### 16.2. System for monitoring liquidity risk

- a general description of the limits on liquidity risks and the liquidity risks tolerance level (specify the levels by type of business, by currency and by type of counterparty, in relation to the counterparties' transaction volume and in relation to capital);
- the frequency with which limits on liquidity risk are reviewed (specify the date of the most recent review);
- the frequency of reviewing the criteria for the identification, valuation, liquidity, assets availability
  and consideration of liquidity risks mitigation instruments (specify the date of the most recent
  review);
- the frequency of reviewing the assumptions and alternative assumptions related to the financing situation, the liquidity positions and the risk mitigation factors (specify the date of the most recent review);
- any breaches of limits noted during the past year (*specify their causes, the number of breaches, and their amounts*);
- the procedures for authorising such breaches and the measures taken to regularise them;
- a general description of the reports used to manage liquidity risk (including their frequency and recipients);
- a description of incidents occurring in the past year;
- a description of quality and composition of liquidity buffer measure and management systems;
- control processes executed by the risk management function of liquid assets;
- the procedures of approval and reviewing by the supervisory body of the strategies and policies for taking up, managing, monitoring and mitigating liquidity risks (cf. Article L. 511-60 of the *Code* monétaire et financier).

#### 16.3. Permanent control system for the management of liquidity risks

presentation of the control environment for the management of liquidity risks (specify the role of permanent control).

### 16.4. For credit institutions (and branches of credit institutions whose registered office is in a foreign country)

- the method used to take into account the internal cost of liquidity and an analysis of the change in liquidity cost of indicators over the year;
- institutions using the Standard Approach for liquidity risks should provide an annex to their Internal Control Report which includes:
  - a description of the characteristic and assumptions used to construct a projected cash-flow table, and any changes in these characteristics and assumptions made during the year;
  - an analysis of liquidity gaps in the cash flow tables during the year.
- institutions using the Advanced Approach for liquidity risks should specify how their internal methodology takes into account the systemic repercussions that could be caused by the institution's size relative to its market, in each of the EU Member States in which it conducts business (cf. Article 150 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 16.5. Results of permanent controls on liquidity risks

main shortcomings observed;

- measures taken to correct the shortcomings observed, the expected date for carrying out these
  measures, and the state of progress in implementing them as at the date this Report was drafted;
- the procedures for following up on the recommendations generated by permanent controls (*tools*, *persons in charge*, *etc*.);
- the procedures for verifying that the corrective measures ordered by the supervised institutions have been carried out by the appropriate persons in a reasonable period of time (cf. Articles 11 f) and 26 a) of the Order of 3 November 2014).

#### 16.6. Overall conclusions on exposure to liquidity risks

#### 17. Risk of excessive leverage

This part shall not apply to financing companies (*sociétés de financement*) (cf. Article 230 of the Order of 3 November 2014).

- a description of policies, processes and indicators (including leverage ratio and mismatches between assets and obligations) used for identifying, managing, and monitoring the risk of excessive leverage in a precautionary manner (cf. Article 211 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- target of leverage ratio determined by the institution;
- stress scenarios used to assess the institution resistance in case of reductions of its own funds through expected or realised losses (cf. Article 212 of the Order of 3 November 2014), including plans to strengthen own funds under stress circumstances.

## 18. Internal control system relating to the segregation of funds invested by investment firms, payments institutions and electronic money institutions

- a description of the tool for calculating the amount of customers' assets, the procedures for investing them, and related verifications (in particular cf. Article 255 g) of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- communication of the report of the statutory auditors on the adequacy of the arrangements for complying with regulatory provisions on segregation.

#### 19. Internal control system relating to the banking separation

- a description of the indicators in place to monitor the compliance with the provisions of/ Title I of the Law n°2013-672 of 26 July 2013 of separation and regulation of banking activities, in particular those relating to market making activities (cf. Article 6 of the Order of 9 September 2014 implementing Title I of the banking separation law);
- a general description of the results of indicators put in place;
- results of the permanent control as regards compliance to the requirements set out in Article 2 of the Order of 9 September 2014 implementing Title I of the Law n°2013-672 of 26 July 2013 of separation and regulation of banking activities; corrective actions and measures set up to address observed shortcomings.

#### 20. Specific information requested of financial conglomerates

 balance sheet totals for the group as a whole and for the banking, insurance and non-financial sectors.

## 20.1. Internal control and risk assessment system applied to all of the entities belonging to the financial conglomerate

- a presentation of the conditions in which the activities of insurance entities are covered by the conglomerate's internal control system;
- a presentation of the procedures for assessing the impact of growth strategies on the risk profile of the conglomerate and for setting additional capital requirements;
- a presentation of the procedures for identifying, measuring, monitoring and controlling intraconglomerate transactions between different entities within the conglomerate, as well as risk concentrations;
- the results of permanent controls conducted on insurance entities.

#### 20.2. Information on risks associated with entities in the insurance sector

- a description of the risks borne by insurance entities that are of the same nature as the risks associated with banking and finance;
- a description of the risks specific to the insurance business (*specify which risks are managed centrally and what procedures are used, and which activities remain decentralised*).

#### 20.3. Information on intra-group transactions

- information on material intra-group transactions during the year between entities within the conglomerate that conduct banking or investment services business on the one hand, and entities that conduct insurance business on the other hand:
  - a description of these transactions, differentiating between the categories defined in Article 4 of *Commission Bancaire* Instruction 2005-04, and noting the degree of interdependence of the activities within the conglomerate;
  - for each type of transaction, the direction of the transaction in the majority of cases (from a banking or investment services entity to an insurance entity, or the opposite), and the objective of the transactions):
  - the procedures for internal pricing for these transactions.
- quantitative information on each intra-group transaction whose amount exceeds 5% of the sum of the capital requirements for the different sectors, calculated on the basis of the previous year's financial statements:
  - if they exceed the threshold: the cumulative nominal amount of such transactions giving rise to financial flows excluding market transactions (loans, collateral; asset sales, etc.), the total amount of commissions paid; and for transactions in financial futures, the total credit risk equivalent (or if that is not available, the total notional amount);
  - for each individual transaction that exceeds the threshold, the nominal amount of the transaction and the date it was completed. Financial conglomerates should also provide a description of the transaction, indicating the identity of the counterparties, the direction of the transaction, and the objectives sought, using the following format:

Type of transaction	Transaction conclusion date	Nominal amount for balance sheet items, the notional amount and the equivalent credit risk for financial futures.	Description of the transaction (counterparties, direction, aims, etc.)

## 21. Annex on the security of cashless payment instruments provided or managed by the institution

#### Document to be sent in duplicate

#### Background

This annex is devoted to the security of **cashless payment instruments** (as defined in Article L. 311-3 of the Monetary and Financial Code) issued or managed by the institution. Any instrument enabling a person to transfer funds, whatever the medium or technical process used, is considered as a payment instrument.

The annex is sent by the General Secretariat of the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution* to the Banque de France in accordance with its mission as defined in Article L. 141-4 of the Monetary and Financial Code aforesaid.

Institutions managing payment instruments, without issuing them, shall fill in this annex. Institutions that neither issue nor manage cashless payment instruments should be labelled "Institution that neither issues nor manages cashless payment instruments as part of its business".

#### Features and contents of this annex

Since this Annex is mainly intended for the Banque de France, it shall be treated separately from the rest of the reports prepared in accordance with Articles 258 to 266 of the Order of 3 November 2014.

Using this Annex, the "institutions concerned" present how they **assess, measure and monitor the security of the cashless payment instruments** that they issue or manage with regard to any internal procedures and the recommendations of external institutions such as those listed in the Annex.

The Banque de France expects institutions to provide information on the following four points:

- identification of the payments instruments issued or managed by the institution;
- procedures and measures implemented to manage risks stemming from the operational processes associated with the payment instruments issued or managed;
- types of controls focusing on the security of payment instruments put in place by the institution;
- expected changes in the landscape of the payment instruments issued or managed by the institution;

This annex is comprised of:

- a descriptive section summing up the four points mentioned above and that is set out in the completion methodology of the Annex;
- an **assessment section**, which enables the institution to gauge the quality of its answers in relation to the defined security objectives (Annex A).

The following is excluded from the scope of this Annex: all data on fraud relating to payment instruments as a whole, which are now reported in the questionnaire entitled "Inventory of fraud in cashless payment systems" (*Recensement de la fraude sur les moyens de paiement scripturaux* on ONEGATE/OSCAMPS).

The content shall be:

- comprehensive (any information necessary for a proper assessment of payment instruments is relevant);
- delimited (only the information regarding payment instruments is relevant).

The institutions concerned may also consult a list of most frequently asked questions, which is regularly updated on the ACPR's website.

#### Completion methodology of the annex

This completion guide explains each of the points mentioned above and defines the terms used. Unless there are internal constraints, the format of the table provided in this document must be rigorously respected when providing the relevant information.

Institutions that have responded to the Banque de France's Cheque Security Framework questionnaire (*Référentiel de Sécurité Cheque - RSC*) for the year under review, are exempted from following the plan proposed for cheques; they are exempted as well from submitting the RSC statement in the cashless payment instruments annex of the annual report.

It may be useful for institutions members of the French Bankcard Consortium GIE Cartes Bancaires to draw on the response format proposed by this consortium, but they must supplement this with their specific features and for each identified gross risk, with the remaining risk after applying risk mitigation measures.

This does not exempt institutions from having to complete the table provided in the Annex for the other four-party cards (VISA-only, MasterCard-only, etc.) and three-party cards that they issue or manage.

#### I. Identification of the payments instruments issued or managed by the institution

Provide, for each payment instrument issued or managed, a brief description (e.g. SDD, SCT etc.), the type of customer (individuals, professionals, etc.) and its characteristics (phase in the life cycle<sup>4</sup>, how they work for new payment instruments<sup>5</sup>, etc.).

The institution shall provide at least once the detailed features of all payment instruments issued or managed. For financial years to come, only new innovative payment instruments or those with new functions require a detailed description.

## II. <u>Procedures and measures implemented to manage risks stemming from the</u> operational processes associated with the payment instruments issued or managed

#### For each payment instrument:

- summarise the main risks to which the operational processes associated with the payment instrument in question are exposed (gross risks). Assess the probability that an event or a situation might occur and its impact before taking into account preventive or corrective measures;
- specify the <u>procedures and measures adopted by the institution to manage these risks</u> (risk mitigation measures implemented), including the first-level controls carried out by operational staff and that do not come within the remit of compliance personnel (they are described in Section III "types of controls focusing on the security of payment instruments");
- provide information on <u>the implementation of recommendations issued by external institutions regarding the security of payment instruments</u> (see annex B).

As regards the solutions implemented in the area of risk management, briefly describe the risks that persist after applying the above-mentioned risk mitigation measures (**residual risks**).

Banque de France expects consistency between the fraud actually noted by the institution and the provided residual risks estimate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Phases in the life cycle include: study, launch, development, maturity, decline, withdrawal, etc.

<sup>5</sup> List here the different versions of the payment instrument (e.g. debit card, credit card, contactless cards, mobile payment, etc.) and briefly explain how this payment instrument works.

Care must be taken to keep this section separate from the description of operational processes implemented by the institution. In this section, only the analysis, processing and monitoring of the risks to which these processes are exposed should be addressed.

#### III. Different types of controls focusing on the security of payment instruments

The institutions concerned should give a brief description of the controls implemented in the area of the security of payment instruments (specify, for each control, whether it is conducted for a specific payment instrument or for all payment instruments across the board), with a view to ensuring their compliance with internal standards and external recommendations. In this description, the institution should specify:

- the entity conducting the control:
  - the person who has carried out the control(s) (specify the person in charge of the control);
  - the hierarchical and, where appropriate, functional position of this entity. For example: the control has been carried out by the head of the Compliance, Internal Control and Risk Department, reporting to the General Directorate, etc.
- the controlled entity:
  - which elements have been controlled?
- at which level of the process has/have the control(s) been conducted? It is not necessary to describe all the processes but identify, using a common language, which task is being referred to.
- frequency of controls:
  - whether the control(s) are periodic or permanent?
  - what is the frequency of these control(s)?
  - regarding permanent control, which missions were related to means of payment during the past year and what missions are planned for next year?
- *observations made during the control(s):* 
  - which problems were brought to light by the control(s)?
- corrective actions (taken or planned):
  - in the light of the above observations, which solutions have been implemented or planned to resolve these problems? The institution shall complete its answer with the implementation timeline of these solutions.

#### IV. Expected outlook and developments

This section concerns the developments expected by the institution, such as the issuance of a new payment instrument or any change affecting payment instruments currently issued or managed.

A clear distinction must be made between the **expected outlook and developments** and the corrective actions taken or planned in the framework of the above-mentioned controls.

<u>Examples for outlook and developments:</u> Migration to SEPA for credit transfers and direct debits, the launch of a virtual or prepaid card, withdrawal of a payment instrument, etc.

#### Important remark concerning mutual banking groups

- In the case of a company affiliated to a central body that issues and/or manages a cashless payment instrument (responsible for overall risk analysis):
  - The central body alone should produce risk analysis in this Annex. The affiliated company is therefore relieved of this task. It must nevertheless mention "that it refers to the central body's decisions in the area of risk analysis and risk mitigation measures". The risks specific to the company itself, which have not been described in the analysis provided by the central body, must nevertheless be specified by the affiliated company.
  - This also applies to the periodic control function. If this function is exercised under the central body's responsibility and described by this body in the "periodic control" section, only the controls specific to the affiliated company should be provided by the latter.
  - Lastly, this applies to the description of expected developments. The affiliated company should only describe the developments specific to it and not addressed by the central body.
- In the case where the central body neither issues nor manages payment instruments, but remains responsible for the control function (in particular controls focusing on payment instruments):
  - The affiliated company should describe, clearly and accurately, all controls focusing on payment instruments implemented by the central body and should at no time refer to the central body's internal control report (which does not include an annex on the security of payment instruments).

#### Reporting table:

<u>Presentation</u>: in order to help the reporting institution to prepare their responses and to harmonise the data from different institutions, all information may be reported using the reporting table presented hereafter. The use of this reporting model is encouraged. However the institution may use its own reporting format if it contains at least the data mentioned below.

Payment instrument:					
Identification and I	Management of Risks (by p	ayment instrument)			
Gross risks <sup>6</sup>		Risk mitigation measures implemented & Residual risks & Recommendations of external institutions			Residual risks
B) Expected outlook ar	nd developments ( <u>by paym</u>	ent instrument)			
C) The control function	n ( <u>focusing on payment i</u>	nstrument)			
Entity conducting the control	The controlled entity	Frequency of the control	Observations		Corrective actions (implemented or planned)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> If the institution is unable to rate its gross risks, it shall put "unrated gross risks" in the corresponding column.

#### **Terminology**

**Cashless payment instrument**: payment instruments other than banknotes and coins that allow for the transfer of funds, irrespective of the product or technical process used:

**Operational processes**: all related and interacting activities necessary for operating payment instruments.

**Operational risk**: risk of a loss resulting from a deficiency or failure attributable to processes, persons, systems or external events.

**Gross risks**: risks that could affect the smooth functioning and security of payment instruments, before the institution has implemented procedures and measures to manage them.

**Risk mitigation measures**: all actions taken by the institution to better contain its risks by reducing their impact and their frequency of occurrence.

**Residual risk**: the risk persisting after taking account of risk mitigation measures.

**Compliance**: compliance with rules, regulations, codes and professional guidelines.

**Internal control**: system to provide a reasonable assurance that compliance obligations are met.

**Periodic control (or audit)**: compliance control carried out in the form of investigations (audit missions).

**Permanent control**: all procedures, systems and controls implemented to check, on an ongoing basis, compliance with the rules, recommendations and codes of conduct concerning the security of payment instruments.

**Developments**: all the major technological or organisational changes that could have an impact on the security of payment instruments, excluding corrective actions taken in the framework of permanent or periodical controls.

#### Annex A

## **Analytical matrix**

#### Introduction

This analytical matrix allows supervised institutions to perform self-assessments. It is complementary to the risk reporting and internal control table focused on cashless payments, but it is not a substitute for these processes.

Since 2011, these two documents have been used to provide annual reporting on the degree of control over the payment instruments issued or managed by an institution, and the level of security achieved.

The ultimate aim of this analytical matrix is to assess the security of the systems in place. It allows for four levels of security, with each level corresponding to criteria based on specific objectives.

The matrix must be completed on the basis of information provided in the reporting table transmitted by the institution in the framework of the annex. In effect, the institution must assess whether the elements provided in its reporting table meet the security objectives listed in the questionnaire.

The institution must tick the corresponding box and justify this choice in the commentaries field associated with each answer.

## Criteria for the analysis of the contents of annexes (Fundamental criteria)

Six criteria have been selected for a formalised analysis of the contents of annexes. These criteria aim to determine the level of control of the security of payment instruments by the institution and to give a view of its control activities in this domain.

1) <u>Assessment of the risk identification system:</u> implementation of a system aimed at identifying and analysing main internal and external factors likely to undermine the security of payment instruments.

No answer		Commentary on the assessment:
Incorrect		
Incomplete		
Correct		

#### Assessment criteria:

- a) Does the institution have a risk classification framework (standard typology, criteria for identification, analysis and monitoring, etc.) based on a recognised methodology and has it set up an integrated system for the analysis and identification of risks?
- b) Do the institution's risk analysis systems take into account internal and external changes?
- c) Are all risks identified classified in order of priority (from the largest to the smallest in terms of their potential impact and their likelihood)?

	Correspondence table
No answer	No communication from the institution concerning the identification of risks.
Incorrect	None of the assessment criteria are satisfied.
Incomplete	Satisfaction of at least one of the three criteria.
Correct	Satisfaction of all the criteria.

<b>2</b> )	Risk mitigation:	Implementation	of an effe	ective asses	ssment of the	risks identified	and of
	appropriate solution	ons.					

No answer	Commentary on the assessment:
Incorrect	
Incomplete	
Correct	

#### Assessment criteria:

- a) For the principal risks identified, does the institution analyse the potential impacts (quantified or not, financial or non-financial) and its estimated degree of control of these risks?
- b) Based on the conclusions of these analyses, does the institution determine specific actions for which responsibility is clearly defined?
- c) Are operational staffs involved in selecting risk mitigation measures?
- d) Are preventive measures put in place in order to guard against risks that are not accepted by the institution and that are likely to undermine the security of payment instruments?

	Correspondence table
No answer	No communication from the institution concerning risk mitigation measures.
Incorrect	None of the assessment criteria are satisfied.
Incomplete	Satisfaction of at least one of the four criteria.
Correct	Satisfaction of all the assessment criteria.

3) <u>Application of the principles and recommendations of external bodies:</u> Implementation of recommendations issued by external bodies regarding payment instruments security (see the indicative list of these recommendations in the annex).

No answer		Commentary on the assessment:
Incorrect		
Incomplete		
Correct		

#### Assessment criteria:

- a) Are the above-mentioned recommendations concerning payment instruments security clearly identified and integrated into the institution's procedures?
- b) Is the implementation of the different recommendations monitored by the institution's compliance officer or by an employee with specifically defined compliance duties?

	Correspondence table
No answer	No communication from the institution concerning risk mitigation measures.
Incorrect	None of the assessment criteria are satisfied.
Incomplete	Satisfaction of at least one of the two criteria.
Correct	Satisfaction of all the assessment criteria.

**The impact of risk mitigation and risk monitoring measures:** The mitigation strategies adopted should aim to strengthen the security of payments means and limit the identified risks.

No answer		Commentary on the assessment:
Incorrect		
Incomplete		
Correct		

#### Assessment criteria:

- a) Do the measures implemented contribute to enhancing the security of payment instruments by diminishing the impact of the risk and/or the likelihood of its occurrence?
- b) Does the institution ensure that the measures adopted do not create other risks?
- c) Has a system for monitoring the identified risks and the evolution of these risks been set up?

	Correspondence table
No answer	No communication from the institution concerning the organisation of controls.
Incorrect	None of the assessment criteria are satisfied.
Incomplete	Satisfaction of at least one of the three criteria.
Correct	Satisfaction of all the assessment criteria.

5) <u>The risk control framework:</u> The controls implemented should be appropriate and correspond to the nature and the complexity of the identified risks.

No answer	Commentary on the assessment:
Incorrect	
Incomplete	
Correct	

#### Assessment criteria:

- a) Are the control activities commensurate with the scale of each risk and conceived to diminish each risk?
- b) Does the institution ensure that its control activities fully satisfy compliance requirements and all applicable regulations?
- c) Is the implementation of remedial measures subject to regular monitoring by the audit and control services?

	Correspondence table				
No answer	No communication from the institution concerning the organisation of controls.				
Incorrect	None of the assessment criteria are satisfied.				
Incomplete	Satisfaction of at least one of the three criteria.				
Correct	Satisfaction of all the assessment criteria.				

**6)** <u>Frequency of controls:</u> The internal control system for cashless payment instruments should be subject to permanent control.

No answer		Commentary on the assessment:
Incorrect		
Incomplete		
Correct		

#### Assessment criteria:

- a) Are there regular controls aimed at strengthening the existing process and enhancing the security of all the activities relating to payment instruments?
- b) Does the institution conduct unannounced inspections to ensure that the principles and procedures of control of the activity are respected?
- c) Has the institution implemented precise guidelines regarding the frequency of controls?
- d) Does the periodic control system have the capacity to cover the entire auditable scope within a reasonable timeframe?

	Correspondence table				
No answer	No communication from the institution concerning the organisation of controls.				
Incorrect	None of the assessment criteria are satisfied.				
Incomplete	Satisfaction of at least one of the three criteria.				
Correct	Satisfaction of all the assessment criteria.				

## Respect of response format (Presentation criteria)

Respect the response format below is required so that the Banque de France can obtain harmonised response data that is easy to exploit. This aspect of the response is subject to a specific score.

**Response format**: The institution has fully respected the format recommendations and has completed the reporting table.

No answer	Commentary on the assessment:
Incorrect	
Incomplete	
Correct	

#### Assessment criteria:

- a) Has the reporting table has been completed by the institution?
- b) Has the reporting table not been used by the institution for expressly communicated internal reasons?

	Correspondence table				
No answer	No information concerning this institution.				
Incorrect	None of the assessment criteria are satisfied.				
Incomplete	Partial satisfaction of one of the two criteria (e.g. table only partially completed or				
	not completed for all payment instruments)				
Correct	Satisfaction of criteria A or B without restriction.				

#### **Annex B**

## **Examples of recommendations**

Pursuant to the annex on means of payment provided for in Article 262 of the order of 3 November 2014, the institution should indicate if it has complied with the recommendations relating to payment means security issued by external bodies. A non-exhaustive list of these recommendations is summarised below:

## A- Recommendations issued by the European Forum on the Security of Retail Payments (SecuRe Pay):

SecuRe Pay published its first report on the security of internet payments on 31 January 2013. It contains a number of recommendations and good practices which should have been implemented by 1 February 2015.

The full recommendations can be viewed at:

 $\underline{http://www.ecb.int/pub/pdf/other/recommendations security internet payment soutcome of pcfinal version after pc}{201301en.pdf}$ 

- Recommendations on governance and risk assessment
  - drafting of a comprehensive security policy that is properly documented and regularly reviewed;
  - detailed risk assessments for internet payments, drafting of a procedure for change management and for the management of incidents;
  - a procedure for reporting security incidents to senior management and to the competent authorities, assessment of how e-merchants handle sensitive payment data;
  - implementation of security measures to mitigate identified risks. These measures should comply with security principles such as the "least privilege" principle, and use state-of-the-art technology, and should incorporate multiple layers of security defence (defence in depth);
  - procedure for business continuity and for the traceability of transactions.
- Recommendations on customer identification
  - implementation of Know Your Customer procedures (KYC), provision of information to the customer on how to perform secure internet payment transactions and on the procedures to follow in the event of a security incident;
- Recommandations on strong customer authentication
  - strong customer authentication for the issue of electronic direct debit mandates (except where the beneficiary has previously been authenticated using the same procedure, or in the case of low-value payments or transfers between two accounts of the same customer. Transfers within the same payment service provider (PSP) must be justified by a transaction risk analysis);
  - strong customer authentication for any changes to sensitive payment data (including data used for the actual authentication);
  - strong customer authentication for higher-risk card payments, including those made via wallet services;

- secure procedures for customer enrolment.
- Recommendations on management of log-in sessions
  - definition of log-in and time-out rules for internet payment service sessions;
  - monitoring of payment transactions, implementation of fraud detection systems;
  - protection of sensitive data.
- Recommendations on communication with customers
  - implementation of secured channels for communicating with customers where necessary;
  - procedures for customer assistance;
  - setting of limits for internet payment transactions, provision of a facility for customers to disable internet payments;
  - provision of a facility for customers to check the status of the execution of their payment transactions, provision of detailed electronic statements, accessible in a safe and trusted environment.

#### B- Guidelines edicted by the European Banking Authority (EBA)

On 19 December 2014, the EBA has published Guidelines on the security of internet payments which establish a set of minimum requirements in the field of the security of internet payments and were to entry into force on 1 August 2015. These guidelines are based on the recommendations of the European Forum on the Security of Retail Payments (SecuRe Pay).

The final guidelines are available using this link:

 $\frac{https://www.eba.europa.eu/documents/10180/934179/EBA-GL-2014-12+\%28Guidelines+on+the+security+of+internet+payments\%29.pdf/f27bf266-580a-4ad0-aaec-59ce52286af0$ 

- Guidelines on governance and risk analysis:
  - drafting of a global, documented and regularly updated security policy:
  - analysing the risk on internet payment transactions, drafting of a change management and incident management process;
  - procedure for reporting to the management and the competent authorities, monitoring of the conditions under which e-merchants manage sensitive data;
  - setting up measures intended to mitigate identified risks and to ensure defence in depth of the systems;
  - setting up systems ensuring full traceability of transactions and e-mandate process flow.

- Guidelines on control and security measures:
  - <u>implementation of client knowledge procedures (Know Your Customer, KYC), customer information on transaction security;</u>
  - use of strong customer authentication for internet payments initiations and for access to sensitive payment data;
  - determining rules for access to internet payment services and access time;
  - securing the providing of tools, software and authentication data to customers;
  - setting up transaction monitoring and fraud detection systems;
  - protection of stored, processed or transmitted sensitive payment data.
- Guidelines on customer awareness and communication:
  - customer assistance procedures;
  - <u>setting limits for internet payment services, possibility for customers to disable the internet payment functionality;</u>
  - possibility for customers to check the execution of transactions, providing electronic statements available in a safe and trusted environment.

#### **C-** Eurosystem supervisory frameworks for payment instruments

These frameworks cover transfer, taking and payment card and were updated, based on the recommendations of the SecuRe Pay. They are available online, respectively, under the following links:

http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/oversightframeworkcredittransferschemes2010en.pdf

http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/oversightframeworkdirectdebitschemes2010en.pdf

http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/oversightfwcardpaymentsss200801en.pdf

#### **D-** Recommendations of the Banking Card Observatory

The Banking Card Observatory is a body whose purpose is to encourage the exchange of information and consultation between all parties concerned by the smooth operation of the security of payment card systems. Every year it issue recommendations to this effect.

- Payments by mobile telephone and contactless smart cards:
- Implementation of measures allowing, whenever necessary, to verify the holder's consent. For example, by setting up simple tools for activating or deactivating the new initiation methods or for confirming transactions;
- Conduct of risk analyses and security studies before any large-scale deployment;

- For the mobile telephone payments, provision of a personal payment code that is different from the SIM card activation PIN, and from the user's payment card PIN; if the user can modify the personal code, the issuing bank should recommend choosing a code that is different from the user's other codes;
- Entities involved in transactions relating to contactless payments by mobile phone, should implement cryptographic protection measures to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of data exchanged between systems.
- Security of remote payments:
- Strengthening of security methods in order to make remote transactions as secure as face-to-face and UPT transactions.
  - For example: Giving preference to remote payment methods that allows strong holder authentication, i.e. a system that allows vendors to verify not only card and holder authenticity but also the holder's consent to the transaction.
- Facilitate the use of already available technical solutions (one-time codes, stand-alone EMV card readers, etc.) whilst controlling the cost of their development and ensuring that their deployment is accompanied by measures to inform and educate cardholders.
- <u>Use of biometry as authentication factor for card payment transactions:</u>
- need of a biometric authentication risk analysis in order to ensure that the level of protection offered by the implemented solutions is at least equivalent to the one provided by the techniques in place (by PIN and chip for proximity payments, by one-time authentication for remote payments).
- Impact of co-branding on payment card security:
- whenever an institution introduces a new co-branded card, it should ensure full implementation of the existing security measures in the payment card environment regarding the collection, storage and management of sensitive data;
- If several applications are carried on the same card, issuers should select cards that can deliver a proven and recognised level of protection for the payment application.
- Payment Card Industry (PCI) security measures:
- Adoption and implementation of PCI security measures across the entire acceptance and acquisition process.
- Security tips for cardholders:
- The security tips published by the Observatory must be communicated to cardholders informing them of good practices to adopt and the risks they may face.
- Prepaid cards:
- the distribution of prepaid cards should be accompanied by measures aimed at protecting consumers, notably by informing users of how to use these instruments and by the provision of transparent tariff information;
- these cards have a similar risk profile to conventional payment cards and should therefore be subject
  to the same security measures both with respect to both for face-to-face transactions and for remote
  transactions;

- Prepaid cards are also subject to risks that are specific to the reload process and to the way they are
  distributed. Institutions should implement appropriate security systems to mitigate these specific
  risks.
- Security measures applied to in-branch and in-store instant card issuance systems:
- Conduct of a risk analysis and permanent adjustment of the security levels of these measures.

#### E- Recommendations issued by the Banque de France

The Banque de France has, for its part, issued recommendations concerning online banking security and online card payments:

- Online banking security:
- Implementation of one-time authentication solutions for all clients using online banking services.
- The security of online card payments:
- Implementation of one-time authentication of the card holder for all online purchases.

## Method for calculating the effect of a uniform shock on activities other than trading

Institutions subject to supervision should calculate the effect on current net banking income of a uniform shock over one year – and, where appropriate, the effect on capital of uniform 200 basis point shock upwards or downwards – and include the results of those calculations in their Internal Control Reports. These results should be based on a calculation methodology adapted to each institution. This annex describes the principal steps that an institution may need to include in its methodology.

#### Calculating the effect on capital of a uniform shock upwards or downwards

In the following example, the shock is at 200 basis point. However, the method is similar for shocks at the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of interest rates observed variations.

*I*<sup>st</sup> step: assign all balance sheet and off-balance sheet lines to maturity bands and calculate a net position, in euro for each maturity band. Use residual maturities.

These calculations may use the following techniques:

- Inclusion of fixed assets and own funds;
- Balance sheet and off-balance sheet items may be recognised at book value. The treatment of off-balance sheet items may be limited to financing commitments recognised at their nominal value;
- Balance sheet and off-balance sheet items may be treated without taking into account new production data. Early repayments may be taken into consideration, based on the institution's own historical data;
- Fixed-rate instruments may be treated according to their residual maturity, and variable-rate instruments on the basis of the residual maturity to the next fixing date;
- Operations consisting of a large number of small-size transactions may be estimated statistically;
- Derivatives maturities may be calculated on the basis of the maturity of the underlying instruments, and options should be treated as their delta equivalents;
- Futures and forwards, including forward rate agreements, should be treated as a combination of a short position and a long position. The maturity of a future or a forward rate agreement should be defined as the period until the exercise of the contract, plus the maturity of the underlying instrument, if applicable;
- Swaps should be treated as two notional positions with distinct maturities. For example, a swap in
  which the bank receives variable and pays fixed may be treated as a long position with a maturity
  equal to the time until the next pricing, and a short position with a maturity equal to the duration of
  the swap;
- Institutions should assume linear runoff over 10 years for checking accounts, ordinary savings accounts, Young person's passbooks savings accounts, people's passbook savings accounts, housing savings accounts, industrial development savings accounts, and other savings accounts; and linear runoff over 8 years for PEL home savings accounts (alternatively, the runoff of PEL can be assumed to be non-linear, according to the generation of contracts).

 $2^{nd}$  step: assign each net position a weight reflecting its sensitivity to a given change in interest rate. The following table provides an illustrative example. The weights are based on the assumption of an upward or downward movement of 200 basis points, and the modified duration is approximated from the midpoint of each maturity band using a discount rate of 5%. There are eight maturity bands.

#### Weighting factors by maturity band of an upward and downward interest rate shock

Maturity band	Midpoint of the maturity band	Proxy of the modified duration	Rate change	Weighting factor
Less than 3 months	1.5 months	0.12	+ or - 2%	+ or - 0.24%
3 to 6 months	4.5 months	0.36	+ or - 2%	+ or - 0.72%
6 months to one year	9 months	0.71	+ or - 2%	+ or - 1.43%
1 to 3 years	2 years	1.83	+ or - 2%	+ or - 3.66%
3 to 5 years	4 years	3.55	+ or - 2%	+ or - 7.09%
5 to 10 years	7.5 years	6.09	+ or - 2%	+ or - 12.17%
10 to 15 years	12.5 years	8.92	+ or - 2%	+ or - 17.84%
Over 15 years	17.5 years	11.21	+ or - 2%	+ or - 22.43%

 $3^{rd}$  step: the weighted positions are summed to produce a net short or long position for the banking book (defined as including all activities other than trading) in a given currency. Each currency representing more than 5% of the banking book can be reported separately.

4<sup>th</sup> step: calculate the weighted position for the entire banking book by summing the net position in the different currencies.

 $5^{th}$  step: compare the weighted position for the entire banking book with the amount of own funds (Tier 1 and Tier 2).

Calculating the effect on current net banking income of a uniform 200 basis point shock over one year

 $I^{st}$  step: assign all balance sheet and off-balance sheet lines that are exposed to interest rate risk to maturity bands (less than 3 months, 3 to 6 months, 6 months to 1 year) in euro up to 1 year.

 $2^{nd}$  step: calculate the gap between assets and liabilities for each maturity band.

 $3^{rd}$  step: sum the resulting gaps and multiply by 2%.

4<sup>th</sup> step: compare the value obtained with net banking income for the year.

#### Annex 2

## Information expected in the annex on the organisation of the internal control system and accounting arrangements

#### 1. Overview of internal control systems<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.1. General internal control system:

- attach an organisation chart showing the units devoted to permanent control(s) (including compliance control) and periodic control, and showing the hierarchical position of their heads;
- coordination between the various persons involved in internal control;
- a description of the control of outsourced activities (as defined in Article 10(q) and (r) of the Order of 3 November 2014) and the circumstances in which the institution uses outsourcing: country, authorisation and prudential supervision of external service providers, drawing up of a contract (including a description of the principal provisions), etc.;
- steps taken in the case of an establishment in a country where local regulations prevent the application of the rules stipulated in the Order of 3 November 2014;
- steps taken in the case of a transfer of data to entities (such as to service providers) operating in a country that does not provide adequate data protection;
- the procedures for monitoring and controlling transactions conducted under the freedom to provide services.

#### 1.2. Permanent control system (including compliance control):

- a description of the organisation of the different levels that participate in permanent control and compliance control;
- scope of authority of permanent control and compliance control, including foreign activity (activities, processes and entities);
- human resources assigned to permanent control and compliance control (Article 13, first indent of the Order of 3 November 2014) (full-time equivalent staff relative to total staffing of the institution);
- description, formalisation and date(s) of updates to permanent control procedures, including those that apply to foreign business and outsourcing (including inspections of compliance);
- the procedures for reporting to the head of permanent control and the effective managers on the activities and results of compliance control.

#### 1.3. The system for combating money laundering and terrorist financing (AML/CFT):

- a description of the AML/CFT system: staffing levels, training conducted, and procedures for keeping concerned personnel informed;
- a description of monitoring and analysis systems for detecting anomalous transactions;
- a description of monitoring and analysis systems for identifying persons and entities whose assets have been frozen;
- the procedures for control of due diligence at foreign subsidiaries and branches;

Institutions may tailor this section according to their size and organisation, the nature and volume of their activities and establishments, and the types of risk to which they are exposed (in particular, when the functions of permanent and periodic control are conferred on the same person, or on the effective managers).

- conditions for using third parties to identify customers (cf. Articles L. 561-7 and R. 561-13-I of the Code monétaire et financier) a description of the circumstances in which third parties are used, a description of the procedures adhered to when using third parties and the procedures for control of due diligence conducted by third parties, specifying the country where the third party is located and describing the main provisions of the contract, if applicable;
- conditions for using service providers to identify customers (cf. Article R. 561-13-II of the Code
  monétaire et financier) a description of the circumstances in which service providers are used, a
  description of the procedures and the control system for due diligence conducted by the service
  providers, specifying the country where the service provider is located and describing the main
  provisions of the contract, if applicable;
- conditions for using the services of agents (cf. Article L. 523-1 of the Code monétaire et financier) a
  description of the procedures and the control system for due diligence conducted by agents and a
  description of the main provisions of the mandate pertaining to the AML/CFT system.

#### 1.4. Risk management function:

- a description of the organisation of the risk management function (scope of authority, staffing levels in the units responsible for risk measurement, monitoring and control, and the technical resources at their disposal);
- for groups, organisation of the risk management function;
- a description of the procedures and systems for monitoring risks arising from new products, from significant changes in existing products, from internal and external growth, and from unusual transactions (cf. Article 221 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- summary of the analysis conducted on these new products and transactions.

#### 1.5. Periodic control system:

- a description of the organisation of the different levels that participate in periodic control, including foreign business and outsourcing (activities, processes and entities);
- human resources assigned to periodic control (cf. Article 25 of the Order of 3 November 2014) (full-time equivalent staff relative to total staffing of the institution);
- description, formalisation and date(s) of updates to periodic control procedures, including those that apply to foreign business and outsourcing (including inspections of compliance), highlighting significant changes during the year.

#### 2. Overview of accounting arrangements

- description, formalisation and date(s) of updates to control procedures relating to audit trails for information contained in accounting documents, information in statements prepared for the *Autorité* de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution (ACPR), or where applicable to the ECB, and information needed to calculate management ratios;
- organisation adopted to ensure the quality and reliability of the audit trail;
- the procedures for segregating and monitoring assets held for third parties (cf. Article 92 of the Order of 3 November 2014);
- the procedures for monitoring and addressing discrepancies between the accounting information system and the management information system.

#### Annex 3

# Measures implemented for customers in fragile financial situations (order of 5 November 2015 on the certification of the banking inclusion charter and on the prevention of overindebtedness)

#### I. Training:

- 1.1 Percentage of customer advisors that have, <u>in the past year</u>, undergone appropriate training on the specific offer, the targeted customers and the follow-up of customers who receive basic banking service: %
- 1.2 Systematic training recall for trained customer advisors : Yes/No
- 1.3 Percentage of employees who are in contact with customers that have, <u>in the past year</u>, undergone training on the specific arrangements in place in the institution aimed for customers in fragile situations: %
- 1.4 Systematic refresher training for the persons referred to in 1.3 above that are already trained: Yes/No
- 1.5 Percentage of persons acting on behalf of the institution (excluding employees) that have, <u>in the past year</u>, undergone appropriate training on the specific mechanisms in place aimed for customers in fragile situations: %
- 1.6 Systematic refresher training for the persons referred to in 1.5 above that are already trained: Yes/No

#### II. Internal control<sup>8</sup>

- 2.1. Does the permanent control system (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level) cover all measures relating to:
  - 2.1.1. improving access to banking and payment services and facilitating their use? Yes/No
  - 2.1.2. preventing overindebtedness/detection? Yes/ No
  - 2.1.3. preventing overindebtedness/assistance? Yes / No
  - 2.1.4. staff training, in particular as referred to points 1.1 to 1.6 above? Yes / No
- 2.2. Are points 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 all covered by the periodic control cycle? Yes / No
- 2.3. Have significant deficiencies been identified during permanent controls and, where applicable periodic controls in the past year? Yes / No.

If the answer is « No », do not answer questions 2.4 and 2.5

- 2.4. If yes, please specify the principal deficiencies (maximum 3)
- 2.5. Have corrective actions been set up? Yes/ No

#### III. Comments or remarks on the implementation of financial inclusion and overindebtedness prevention (optional)

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 $<sup>^{8}</sup>$  Explanatory comments to be provided part III if answer is « No » to either of the questions below.