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Pursuant to Article 74, paragraph (3) and (4) of the Payment System Act (Official Gazette 66/2018) and Article 43, paragraph (2), item (9) of the Croatian National Bank Act (Official Gazette 75/2008 and 54/2013), the Governor of the Croatian National Bank hereby issues the

Decision on transaction accounts

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(1) This Decision prescribes the manner of determining and use of the transaction account number in credit institutions.

(2) The credit institutions referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall include:

- 1) credit institutions established in the Republic of Croatia;
- 2) a branch of a credit institution established in another Member State with a head office in the Republic of Croatia;
- 3) a branch of a third-country credit institution with a head office in the Republic of Croatia.

(3) All provisions of this Decision applying to credit institutions shall also apply to the Croatian National Bank.

Article 2

The terms used in this Decision shall have the same meaning as the terms prescribed by the act governing payment operations.

Article 3

A transaction account is a payment account, as follows:

- 1) a current account or a giro account opened and maintained by a credit institution on behalf of one or several payment service users which is used for the execution of payment transactions;
- 2) an account opened and maintained by a credit institution for the purpose of executing payment transactions on its own behalf.

Article 4

(1) A credit institution shall open the transaction account referred to in Article 3, item (1) of this Decision on the basis of a framework contract concluded with a payment service user, governing the terms and conditions of opening and maintaining a transaction account or pursuant to regulations.

(2) When opening the transaction account referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, a credit institution shall establish the identity of the payment service user and carry out other procedures in accordance with the regulation governing the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.

II IBAN

Article 5

(1) A credit institution shall determine transaction accounts referred to in Article 3 of this Decision in accordance with the IBAN (International Bank Account Number) structure which complies with the international standard ISO 13616.

(2) The IBAN transaction account structure is used for the execution of national, cross-border and international payment transactions.

(3) A transaction accounts opened in accordance with the structure prescribed by this Article may be used as a unique identifier within the meaning of the provisions of the Payment System Act.

Article 6

(1) When the payee's payment account stipulated in the order to initiate a payment transactions complies with the international standard ISO 13616 IBAN structure, the credit institution shall verify whether the structure of the said IBAN structure is correct and its control numbers accurate.

III IBAN STRUCTURE

Article 7

The transaction account structure referred to in Article 5, paragraph (1) of this Decision shall consist of 21 alphanumeric characters, as follows:

- a) the first two characters represent a two-letter code for the Republic of Croatia
- b) the following two characters represent a two-digit control number
- c) the following seven characters represent the account number of the credit institution
- d) the last ten characters represent the account number with the credit institution.

Article 8

The code HR shall be used as the two-letter code for the Republic of Croatia referred to in Article 7, item (a) of this Decision.

Article 9

The two-digit control number referred to in Article 7, item (b) of this Decision shall be calculated by applying the international standard ISO 13616.

Article 10

(1) The account number of the credit institution referred to in Article 7, item c) of this Decision shall be the identification number assigned to credit institutions by the Croatian National Bank.

(2) A credit institution's account number shall consist of seven numerical characters (n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6, n7), of which:

1) the first six numerical characters (n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6) shall represent the credit institution's unique identifier;

2) the last numerical character (n7) is the control number calculated for the sequence of the first six numerical characters (n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6) pursuant to the Croatian standard HRN ISO/IEC 7064 MOD (11, 10).

Article 11

(1) The account number with the credit institution referred to in Article 7, item (d) of this Decision shall be the account number determined by the credit institution.

(2) The account number shall consist of ten numerical characters (n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6, n7, n8, n9, n10).

(3) The first numerical character (n1) in the account number shall represent the transaction account holder, in particular:

1) the numerical character "1" - for a transaction account opened by a credit institution on behalf of a payment service user that, in terms of a framework contract or a regulation underlying the opening of the transaction account, acts within the scope of his/her business or other activity or freelance occupation, a public authority body, a government administration body, a unit of local self-government and a unit or regional self-government (hereinafter referred to as 'a transaction account of a business entity'), as well as for accounts maintained by a credit institution with itself for the purpose of executing payment transactions on its own behalf;

2) the numerical character "3" - for a transaction account opened by a credit institution on the basis of a framework contract with a natural person who, in terms of this contracts, acts outside the scope of his/her business activity or freelance occupation (hereinafter referred to as 'a transaction account of a consumer').

(4) The second character (n2) in the account number shall represent the account purpose code.

(5) The account purpose codes for the transaction account of a business entity (the transaction account holder designations "1") shall be the following:

- 1) the numerical character "0" - for accounts maintained by the credit institution for the purpose of executing payment transactions on its own behalf;
- 2) the numerical characters "1", "3", "4" and "5" – for business purpose accounts;
- 3) the numerical character "7" – for specific-purpose accounts used to collect joint budget revenues;
- 4) the numerical character "8" – for budgetary accounts;
- 5) the numerical character "9" – for accounts opened on behalf of credit institutions or other payment service providers, through which the payment service providers execute payment transactions, or through which payment transactions executed on behalf of a payment service provider through a payment system are settled.

(6) The account purpose codes for the transaction account of a consumer (the transaction account holder designations "3" shall be the following:

- 1) the numerical character "1" – for a giro account;
- 2) the numerical character "2" – for a current account;
- 3) the numerical character "5" – for a specific-purpose account.

(7) The sequence of seven numerical characters (n3, n5, n6, n7, n8, n9) in the account number shall be the ordinal number of the transaction account determined by a credit institution.

(8) The last numerical character (n10) in the account number shall be the control number calculated, for the sequence of the first nine numerical characters (n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6, n7, n8 and n9) in the transaction account number, pursuant to the Croatian standard HRN ISO/IEC 7064 MOD (11, 10).

Article 12

For the purpose of opening and maintaining transaction accounts credit institutions shall use data on the numerical code of a country in accordance with the Alphabetical State and Country Code List given in Annex 1 to this Decision, while data on the tree-letter code of the currency shall be used in accordance with the List of Currencies and Currency Codes given in Annex 2 to this Decision.

IV MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS OF CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

Article 13

(1) In case of a merger of credit institutions, the number of the transaction account determined by the merged credit institution in accordance with this Decision may be used for executing payment transactions no longer than a year from the completion of the merger. The credit institution formed by the merger of credit institutions may, during this period, for the purpose of executing payment transaction, use the account number of the merged institutions. The credit institution formed by the merger of credit institutions shall, in accordance with this Decision, determine a new transaction account for the former payment service users of the merged institutions at the latest within one year from the completion of the merger.

(2) In case of acquisition of one credit institution by another, the transaction account number which was determined by the credit institution acquired by another credit institution in accordance with this Decision may be used for the purpose of executing payment transaction at the latest within one year from the completion of the acquisition. The credit institution that was formed by acquisition of a credit institution may, during this period, for the purpose of executing payment transaction, use the account number of the acquired institution. The credit institution formed by the acquisition of a credit institution shall, in accordance with this Decision, determine a new transaction account for the former payment service users of the acquired institution at the latest within one year from the completion of the acquisition.

(3) A credit institution that receives a payment order to credit the transaction account of a credit institution that merged with another credit institution or a credit institution that was acquired by another credit institution shall, in accordance with the prescribed terms and conditions, enable the execution of the payment transaction to credit a credit institution formed by merger or acquisition of another credit institution, within one year from the completion of the merger or of the acquisition, in cases where the execution of such payment transactions is enabled by the payment system in which it participates.

(4) In cases where the credit institution formed by merger or acquisition of another credit institution already determined a new transaction account number for the former payment service user of the merged or acquired credit institution in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) of this Article, the received payment transaction referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article shall be recorded as credited to the new transaction account number of this payment service user.

V. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 14

On the date of the entry into force of this Decision, the Decision on the manner of opening transaction accounts (Official Gazette 3/2011, 35/2011, 50/2011, 89/2011, 101/2011, 135/2011, 56/2012, 18/2013, 23/2013, 10/2014, 150/2014, 64/2016, 107/2017 and 1/2018) shall cease to have effect.

Article 15

This Decision shall enter into force on the eighth day after the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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