Pursuant to Article 43, paragraph (2), item (10) of the Act on the Croatian National Bank (Official Gazette 75/2008, 4/2013 and 47/2020) and Article 119, paragraphs (1), (4) and (5) of the Credit Institutions Act (Official Gazette 159/2013, 19/2015, 102/2015, 15/2018, 70/2019, 47/2020 and 146/2020), the Governor of the Croatian National Bank hereby issues the

Decision on the countercyclical buffer rate

Subject matter and legal persons subject to the Decision

Article 1

(1) This Decision prescribes the level of the countercyclical buffer rate for the Republic of Croatia.

(2) The provisions of this Decision shall apply to all credit institutions with head offices in the Republic of Croatia that have been authorised by the Croatian National Bank.

(3) The provisions of this Decision shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to branches of third-country credit institutions authorised by the Croatian National Bank to establish a branch of a third-country credit institution.

(4) The terms used in this Decision shall have the same meaning as in the Credit Institutions Act.

Scope of application of the Decision

Article 2

A credit institution shall apply the provisions of this Decision on an individual and a consolidated basis in the manner determined in Part One, Title II of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (hereinafter referred to as 'Regulation (EU) No 575/2013').

Level of the rate

Article 3

The countercyclical buffer rate for the Republic of Croatia shall be 0.5% of the total risk exposure amount calculated in accordance with Article 92, paragraph (3) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013.

Entry into force

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force on 31 March 2023.

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Zagreb, 28 March 2022

Croatian National Bank Governor

Boris Vujčić