



## Corporate Banking

# Conditions for Processing Banking Transactions via the Corporate Banking Portal and HBCI/FinTS Service

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## 1. Scope of services

(1) The Customer may use the Corporate Banking Portal and execute banking transactions within the scope offered by the Bank. The execution shall be subject to the conditions for the relevant banking transactions (for example Corporate Customer Terms and Conditions for Payment Services, special conditions for Commerzbank online banking securities transactions, special conditions for securities transactions). The Customer can also access information from the Bank.

(2) The Customer and the authorised persons shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Participant" or "User". This also includes the "User" pursuant to the Conditions for Long-distance Data Transmission who uses the long-distance data transmission made available through the Corporate Banking Portal. The account and deposit shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Account".

(3) The Customer and the Bank may agree on special limits for certain service limits.

## 2. Preconditions for the use of the Corporate Banking Portal and the HBCI/FinTS Service

For the execution of banking transactions, the Participant/User needs the personalised security features and authentication instruments agreed with the Bank in order to prove his/her identity as the authorised Participant/User (cf. Number 3) and to authorise orders (cf. Number 4). Each Participant/User may agree with the Bank which personalised security feature and authentication instrument he/she is to use.

### 2.1 Personalised security features

The personalised security features which may also be alphanumeric are:

- the personal identification number (PIN),
- transaction authorisation numbers (photoTAN), usable once only, and
- the signature PIN/code word and the data of the personal electronic key for the electronic signature.

### 2.2 Authentication instruments

The photoTAN can be generated and made available to the Participant/User via a mobile or reading device. The Participant/User may use further authentication instruments to authorise transactions:

- a chipcard with signature function, or
- other authentication instrument containing the signature

key, including the storage of the electronic signature key in a technical environment provided by the Bank (or by a service provider authorised by the Bank) that is protected against unauthorised access.

- an app personalised for the Participant/User by the Bank in the initialisation process.

## 3. Access to the Corporate Banking Portal

The Participant/User is allowed access to the Corporate Banking Portal if:

- the Participant/User has transmitted the participant number/registration name and the PIN,
- the verification of this data by the Bank has shown that an access authorisation for the Participant/User exists, and
- access has not been blocked (cf. Nos. 9.1 and 10). After access to the Corporate Banking Portal has been enabled, the Participant/User can retrieve information or place orders.

## 4. Execution of orders

### 4.1 Placing orders and authorisation

The authorisation to implement individual transactions (for example credit transfer, time deposits) is carried out – depending on the selected type of service – by the agreed personalised security features:

- photoTAN,
- PIN,
- electronic signature, or
- by simple clearance after signing in with the participant number or registration name and PIN.

### 4.2 Supplementary regulations for long-distance data transmission in the EBICS standard when using the photo-TAN procedure

4.2.1 The Customer instructs the Bank to save the personal key of the Participant/User in a technical environment that is protected against unauthorised access. The Bank shall also be entitled to instruct a reliable service provider to do this. The code word necessary to authorise the personal key shall be replaced by a TAN in the photoTAN procedure.

4.2.2 The Conditions for Long-distance Data Transmission shall be supplemented as follows:

- Supplemental to No. 4. (2) of the Conditions for Long-distance Data Transmission, the storage of the electronic key in a technical environment provided by the Bank (or by a service provider authorised by the Bank) (see No. 2.1.1, (5) of Annex 1a to the Conditions for Long-distance Data Transmission) shall be permitted.
- To No. 7 (3) is agreed that the Bank may verify whether the correct photoTAN was entered.
- the Participant's/User's authorisation for the relevant order type has been verified,
- the data format for the agreed type of service is adhered to,
- the separately agreed drawing limit for the service type or the standard limit is not exceeded,
- the preconditions for execution according to the relevant special conditions applicable to the relevant order type are fulfilled, and
- sufficient cover in the account (credit balance or granted credit) is available.

4.2.3 Annex 1a of the Conditions for Long-distance Data Transmission shall be supplemented as follows:

- The authentication signature in No. 1.2 may also be rendered in the photoTAN procedure in the technical environment of the Bank or of an authorised service provider. These will carry out the necessary verification for the Customer.
- To No. 2.2 (5) is agreed that the photoTAN will be used instead of a code word if the security medium of the Participant is saved by the Bank in a technical environment that is protected against unauthorised access.
- The authorisation of orders in accordance with No. 3 may also be granted by entering the photoTAN shown on the mobile or reading device and the electronic signature subsequently generated in the secure technical environment.
- In the case of a distributed electronic signature (DES) in accordance with No. 3.1 para. 1, the approval and thus the authorisation with the second banking signature may take place by using the photoTAN or by authorising an order using the app provided by the Bank.

#### **4.3 Report according to the German Foreign Trade Ordinance (AWV)**

In connection with payments in favour of non-residents, the Participant/User must report the transaction according to the Foreign Trade Ordinance ("Außenwirtschaftsverordnung", AWV).

#### **4.4 Revocation of orders**

The revocability of an order shall be subject to the special conditions applicable for the relevant order type. Orders can only be revoked outside the Corporate Banking Portal and HBCI/FinTS Service, unless the Bank expressly provides for a revocation option in the Corporate Banking Portal or HBCI/FinTS Service.

### **5. Processing of orders by the Bank**

(1) The orders placed within the scope of the Corporate Banking Portal shall be processed according to the regulations applicable for the processing of the relevant order type (for example credit transfer or securities order).

(2) Payment orders (credit transfer, direct debit) shall be subject to the following special regulations. The Bank will execute the order if the following conditions are met:

- the Participant/User has proved his identity by means of his personalised security feature,

If preconditions for execution according to sentence 1 are complied with, the Bank will execute the payment order. Such execution shall not be in breach of any other legal provisions

(3) If the preconditions for execution according to para. (2), sentence 1, bullet points 1-5 are not complied with, the Bank will not execute the payment order. The Bank will provide information to the Participant/User online or otherwise about the non-execution of the order and, as far as possible, the reasons for the non-execution as well as the possibilities of correcting any errors which have caused the non-execution. This shall not apply if the statement of reasons is in breach of any other legal provisions. If the Bank executes the order in the absence of sufficient cover in the account, a tolerated overdraft arises for which an increased interest rate shall be payable.

### **6. Notification to the Customer on drawings**

The Bank shall notify the Customer of the drawings made via the Corporate Banking Portal or HBCI/FinTS Service in the form agreed for account and securities account information and in accordance with the conditions applicable for the order.

### **7. Duties of care of the Participant/User**

#### **7.1 Technical connection**

The Participant/User shall be obliged to establish the technical connection to the Corporate Banking Portal only through the Corporate Banking Portal access channels (for example Internet address) notified by the Bank separately. The Customer shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate data backup for his own systems and for taking sufficient precautions against viruses and other harmful programs (for example Trojans, worms, etc.) and keeping them constantly up to date. The Bank's apps may be obtained only from app providers which the Bank has notified to the Customer. The Customer shall take responsibility for complying with the country-specific provisions for the use of the Internet.

#### **7.2 Keeping the personalised security features secret and careful safekeeping of the authentication instruments**

- (1) The Participant/User shall
- keep his personalised security features (see No. 2.1) secret and transmit them to the Bank only via the Corporate Banking Portal access channels notified by the Bank separately or via the apps issued by the Bank, and
  - keep his authentication instrument safe (see No. 2.1) to prevent access by other persons.

This is because any other person who is in possession of the authentication instrument can misuse the Corporate Banking Portal procedure in combination with the related personalised security feature.

(2) In particular, the following points are to be observed for the protection of the personalised security feature and the authentication instrument:

- The personalised security feature PIN and the signature PIN/code word may not be stored electronically (for example in the Customer system) by the Participant/User. The personal electronic key generated by the Participant/User shall be under the control of the Participant/User only or in a technical environment made available by the Bank (or by a service provider authorised by the Bank) that is protected against unauthorised access.
- If a "Technical User" is used in the course of fully automated data transmission, the electronically stored signature must be kept in a secure and correspondingly suitable technical environment. The "Technical User" shall not be entitled to issue the order itself. It may merely transmit the order data.
- When entering the personalised security feature, it has to be ensured that no other person can spy it out.
- The personalised security features may not be entered outside the separately agreed Internet pages or on apps other than those of the Bank (for example not on online pages of traders).
- The personalised security features may not be transmitted outside the Corporate Banking Portal or HBCI/FinTS Service, for instance not by e-mail.
- The signature PIN/code word for the electronic signature may not be kept together with the authentication instrument.
- The Participant/User may not use more than one photoTAN for the authorisation of an order.

### 7.3 Security of the Customer system

The Participant/User must adhere to the security notices on the Internet pages of the Bank, particularly the measures to protect the hardware and software used, and install up-to-date, state-of-the-art virus protection and firewall systems. In particular, the operating system and security precautions of the mobile device may not be modified or deactivated.

### 7.4 Verification of the order data by means of the data displayed by the Bank

If the Bank displays data to the Participant/User contained in his/her Corporate Banking Portal order (for example amount, account number of payee, securities identification number) in the Customer system or via another device of the Participant/User (for example, photoTAN reader, photoTAN app, chip card reader with display) for confirmation, the Participant/User shall be obliged to verify that the displayed data conform with the data of the intended transaction prior to confirmation.

### 7.5 Other obligations of care of the Customer

The Customer shall ensure that the obligations of care arising from this contract are also complied with by his/her authorised persons (i.e. all Participants/Users).

## 8. Encryption technology abroad

The online access made available by the Bank may not be used in countries where restrictions of use or import and export restrictions for encryption techniques exist. If appropriate, the Participant must arrange for the necessary permits, notifications or other necessary measures to be made. The Participant must inform the Bank about any prohibitions, permit obligations and notification obligations of which he/she becomes aware.

## 9. Notification and information duties

### 9.1 Blocking request

(1) If the Participant/User detects

- the loss or theft of the authentication instrument,
- the misuse, or
- any other unauthorised use of his/her authentication instrument or personal security feature, the Participant/User shall notify the Bank thereof without delay (blocking request). The Participant/User may make a blocking request to the Bank whenever required also by means of the blocking hotline notified to him/her separately.

(2) The Participant/User shall report any theft or misuse to the police without delay.

(3) If the Participant/User has the suspicion that another person

- has come into the possession of his authentication instrument in an unauthorised manner or has otherwise gained knowledge of his personalised security feature, or
- has used the authentication instrument or personalised security feature, he/she must also give a blocking request.

### 9.2 Notification of unauthorised or incorrectly executed orders

The Customer shall notify the Bank as soon as he/she detects an unauthorised or incorrectly executed order.

## 10. Blocking of access

### 10.1 Blocking of access at the request of the Participant/User

At the request of the Participant/User, especially in the event of a blocking request according to No. 9.1 above, the Bank will block the following:

- the Corporate Banking Portal access for that Participant/User and, if the Participant/User so demands, the access for all Participants/Users of the Customer, or
- the Participant's/User's authentication instrument.

### 10.2 Blocking of access at the request of the Bank

(1) The Bank may block the Corporate Banking Portal access for a Participant/User if

- the Bank is entitled to terminate the cooperation agreement for foreign and transaction business for good cause,
- this is justified due to objective reasons in connection with the security of the authentication instrument or the personalised security feature, or
- there is suspicion of unauthorised or fraudulent use of the authentication instrument or the personalised security feature.

(2) The Bank shall notify the Customer by stating the relevant reasons for blocking the access, if possible, before the access is blocked, but at the latest immediately afterwards.

### **10.3 Unblocking of access**

The Bank will unblock the access or exchange the personalised security feature or authentication instrument if the reasons for blocking the access are no longer applicable. It will notify the Customer thereof without delay.

### **10.4 Automatic blocking**

(1) The chip card with signature function will be blocked if the signature PIN/code word for the electronic signature has been entered incorrectly three times in succession. The chip card cannot be unblocked by the Bank.

(2) The transmitted signature will be blocked if the signature PIN/code word for the signature has been entered incorrectly three times in succession. The Participant/User must generate a new electronic signature, transmit the same to the Bank again and clear it with the Bank by an initialisation letter ("INI-Brief").

(3) The PIN is blocked if it has been entered incorrectly three times in succession.

(4) The Participant is blocked from using the photoTAN procedure if the TAN has been entered incorrectly five times in succession.

(5) The Participant/User may contact the Bank in order to restore the functionality of the Business Customer Portal. The Bank shall notify the Customer at once that the account has been blocked, providing the reasons therefor, unless to do so would compromise objectively justified security considerations or constitute a breach of provisions of Community or international regulations or of official court or administrative orders.

## **11. Liability in the use of personalised security features and/or authentication instruments**

### **11.1 Liability of the Customer for unauthorised payment transactions before a blocking request is made**

(1) If unauthorised payment transactions occur before a blocking request is made due to the use of an authentication instrument which has been lost or stolen or has otherwise gone missing or due to other misuse of the personalised security feature or authentication instrument, the Customer shall be liable for the loss incurred by the Bank if the loss, theft, or otherwise missing or other misuse of the personalised security feature or authentication instrument is the Participant's/User's fault. The Customer shall also be liable if he/she has not been careful in selecting any of his nominated Participants and/or has not regularly checked the Participant's compliance with the obligations under these conditions. If the Bank has contributed to the occurrence of a loss through any fault of its own, the principles of contributory negligence shall determine the extent to which the Bank and the Customer must bear the loss.

(2) The Customer shall not be obliged to refund the loss according to paras. (1) and (2) above if the Participant/User was unable to give the blocking request according to No. 9.1 because the Bank had failed to ensure that the blocking request could be received and the loss was incurred as a result.

(3) The liability for losses caused during the period for which the standard limit or the Corporate Banking Portal drawing limit agreed with the Customer applies, shall be limited to the amount of the relevant limit.

### **11.2 Liability for unauthorised securities transactions or other types of service before a blocking request is made**

If unauthorised securities transactions or unauthorised payment transactions for the agreed type of service occur before a blocking request is made due to the use of a lost or stolen or otherwise missing authentication instrument or any other misuse of the personalised security feature or authentication instrument and the Bank has incurred a loss as a result, the Customer shall be liable for the resulting loss to the Bank if the loss, theft or other misuse of the personalised security feature or authentication instrument is the Participant's/User's fault. The Customer shall also be liable if he has not been careful in selecting any of his nominated Participants and/or has not regularly checked the Participant's compliance with the obligations under these conditions. If the Bank has contributed to the occurrence of a loss through any fault of its own, the principles of contributory negligence shall determine the extent to which the Bank and the Customer must bear the loss.

### **11.3 Liability of the Bank after the blocking request is made**

As soon as the Bank receives a blocking request by a Participant/User, it will bear all losses incurred after the date of the blocking request arising from unauthorised drawings. This shall not apply if the Participant/User has acted with fraudulent intent.

## **12. Availability**

The Bank shall strive to keep the services provided available to the greatest extent possible. This does not imply guaranteed availability. In particular, technical problems, maintenance and network problems (for example non-availability of a third-party server) over which the Bank has no control may cause intermittent disruptions that prevent access.

## **13. Links to third-party websites**

If the Internet page provides access to third-party websites, this is only done in order to allow the Customer and User easier access to information on the Internet. The contents of such sites shall not constitute internal statements by the Bank and are not reviewed by the Bank.

## **14. Rights of use**

This Agreement does not permit the Customer to create links or frame links to its websites without the Bank's prior written consent. The Customer hereby undertakes to use the websites and their content for its own purposes only. In particular, the Customer is not authorised to make the contents available to third parties, to incorporate it into other products or procedures or to decode the source code of in-

dividual Internet pages without the Bank's consent. Notices of the rights of the Bank or third parties may not be removed or made unrecognisable. The Customer will not use brand names, domain names or other trademarks of the Bank or third parties without the Bank's prior consent. Under these conditions, the Customer does not receive any irrevocable, exclusive or assignable rights of use.

### **15. Hotline ("Help Desk")**

The Bank will set up a telephone hotline (the "Help Desk") to process technical, operational or functionality questions regarding the services provided. The Bank will staff the Help Desk on banking days applicable to the German banking industry. Phone numbers and opening hours shall be communicated by the normal information channels: (for example [firmenkundenportal.de/kontakt](http://firmenkundenportal.de/kontakt)).

### **16. Miscellaneous**

(1) In the interest of proper cooperation, the Bank hereby reserves the right to make changes of a technical or organisational nature, based on a general, standard modification in technical standards, in specifications applicable to the banking industry or in legal or regulatory provisions. With regard to significant technical or organisational modifications beyond this, having a significant impact on the rights and obligations of the Customer or of the Bank, the Bank shall notify the Customer of these modifications at least six weeks before the proposed date on which the modifications are to go into effect. The Customer's consent shall be deemed granted if he/she has not communicated his/her rejection within six weeks of receipt of the notification.

(2) These conditions shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany.

(3) If this Agreement should contain a loophole, or if a provision herein should be invalid or unenforceable, this fact shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions. In such an event, the Parties to the agreement hereby covenant to agree upon a valid or enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to fulfilling the spirit and purpose of the provision to be replaced.