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For the attention of all SEPA Credit Transfer (SCT) Scheme Participants

Re: Non-respect of the SCT Rulebook rules concerning Originator and Beneficiary accounts

Dear all,

It has been brought to the attention of the EPC that some SCT Participants have acted/are acting in a manner that is not compliant with the rules of the SCT Scheme. These Participants are allowing “one leg out” payments, where either the Originator or Beneficiary is not a holder of a SEPA account with an SCT Participant, and are in fact outside of SEPA.

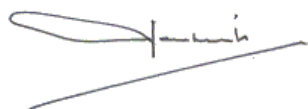
Section 2.2 of the SCT Rulebook states the following:

“A SEPA Credit Transfer is a payment instrument for the execution of credit transfers in euro between customer payment accounts located in SEPA. The SEPA Credit Transfer is executed on behalf of an Originator holding a payment account with an Originator Bank in favour of a Beneficiary holding a payment account at a Beneficiary Bank.”

Through this Open Letter, EPC reminds all Participants that each has signed a multi-lateral contract with all other Participants in which it has committed to remain compliant with the SCT Rulebook at all times. EPC urges any Participant that currently allows or has allowed such payments to take the necessary steps to stop such payments forthwith, and to comply fully with the rules of the SCT Scheme.

We would urge all Participants to take all available actions, including those identified in the Scheme Management Internal Rules, whenever confronted by such a non-compliant payment.

Yours sincerely,



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EPC Chair



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