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Dear Mr. Mazzaferro,

With this letter, De Nederlandsche Bank N.V. (DNB) notifies the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) of its intention to impose an Other Systemically Important Institutions (O-SII) buffer of 1% on N.V. Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (BNG Bank). This intended measure is in accordance with Article 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU and Article 105d of the Dutch Besluit prudentiële regels Wft. BNG Bank is classified as an O-SII in DNB's updated framework for determining systemic relevance, which is made fully compliant with the EBA Guideline for the identification of O-SIIs (EBA/GL/2014/10). The buffer requirement shall be phased-in between January 2016 and January 2019 in equal steps of 25%.

Previous communication

On 29 April 2014, DNB notified the ESRB of its intention to impose an additional buffer requirement on four systemic banks in the Netherlands (the first four banks in the table below). In 2015, DNB formalised the decision for these buffer requirements. For each bank, the highest of the two buffer requirements shall



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apply because they are applied at the consolidated level and the systemic risk buffer (SRB) applies to all exposures.

	O-SII buffer	SRB
ING Bank N.V.*	2%	3%
Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-	2%	3%
Boerenleenbank B.A.		
ABN AMRO Bank N.V.	2%	3%
SNS Bank N.V.	1%	n/a
N.V. Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten	1%	n/a

All buffer requirements are phased in from January 2016 to January 2019 in equal steps of 25%.

* A G-SII buffer of 1% also applies to ING Bank. Since the highest of the three measures shall apply, the 3% SRB is binding.

The **updated** motivations for the O-SII buffer requirements for each bank are provided in Annex 1 to this letter, pursuant to article 131(7) of Directive 2013/36/EU. No updated motivation has been provided for the SRB since it has not been changed or reviewed.

Yours sincerely,

Job Swank

Executive Director

of Monetary Affairs and Financial Stability

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Annex 1 Notification templates

O-SII buffer Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten N.V.

1. Notifying national authority (If several designated authorities, please mention all of them)		
1.1 Name of the notifying authority	De Nederlandsche Bank N.V. (DNB)	
1.2 Date when the decision referred to in Article 5 of the SSMR shall be taken.	11 December 2015	
2. Buffer levels and the inst	itution to which they apply	
2.1 Categorisation of measures	Which measure do you intend to implement? - 0-SII buffer (Art. 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU)	
2.2 Concerned institution or group of institutions	On which institution is the measure applied? a. Name of the individual institution and identifier (LEI code) N.V. Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (529900GGYMNGRQTD0093), below called "BNG Bank" b. Name of the parent company of the institution N/A c. Name of the subsidiaries of the institution Annual report 2014, see page 300 https://www.bngbank.nl/investors/financials/annual-report d. If parent institution, are subsidiaries notified as O-SII? N/A	
2.3 Level of the buffer applied	What is the level of the buffer (in %) applied to the institution? 1% O-SII buffer, phased in from January 2016 to January 2019 in equal steps of 25%.	
2.4 Firm level at which the buffer is applied	The O-SII buffer is set on a consolidated level.	
2.5 Information on other buffers already in application	Is the institution subject to a systemic risk buffer? No If yes, please provide the following information: a. What is the level of the systemic risk buffer (in %) applied to the concerned institution N/A b. Is the systemic risk buffer applied to all exposures located in your Member State only?	

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	N/A
2.6 Annual review of the G-SII	This box is to specify the outcome of the annual review of the G-SII or O-SII. What
or O-SII	are the new levels? N/A
(Articles 131.6 and 131.12)	
	of the G-SII and O-SII buffer
3.1 Description of the G-SII	N/A
(Article 131.2)	
	N/A
3.2 Indicators used for	
designation of the G-SII	
(Article 131.2 and 131.9)	
3.3 Description of the O-SII	DNB uses the criteria outlined and defined in the methodology of the EBA Guidelines
(Article 131.3)	on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) CRD IV in
	relation to the assessment of O-SIIs:
3.4 Indicators used for	
designation of the O-SII	
(Article 131.3)	

	Criterion	Indicators
	Size	Total assets
		Value of domestic payment transactions
	Importance (including substitutability/financial system infrastructure)	Private sector deposits from depositors in the EU
	init astructure)	Private sector loans to recipients in the EU
		Value of OTC derivatives (notional)
	Complexity/cross-border activity	Cross-jurisdictional liabilities
		Cross-jurisdictional claims
	Interconnectedness	Intra financial system liabilities
		Intra financial system assets
		Debt securities outstanding
	BNG Bank automatically qualifi- threshold determined in EBA's	es as an O-SII because its score surpasses the 350 bps Guideline.
3.5 Calibrating the O-SII buffer	Several criteria were accounted for in the O-SII buffer calibration, among others: • The institution's systemic importance as measured by its O-SII score and the outcome of the relevant optional indicators • Historical losses of banks • Size of banks versus the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Netherlands • Level playing field and Single Market considerations	
3.6 In case of O-SII: Suitability, effectiveness and proportionality of measure (Article 131.7)	Please provide: a) the justification for why the O-SII buffer is considered likely to be effective and proportionate to mitigate the risk; The impact of the failure of a systemic bank on the domestic financial sector and the real economy is much larger than the impact of failure of a non-systemic bank. Therefore, the probability of default of systemic banks should be significantly reduced. This can be accomplished by increasing the loss absorption capacity through higher buffer requirements. As a bank's systemic importance rises, it will typically be required to maintain a proportionally higher systemic buffer. In the EBA framework the bank scores relatively high on the indicators size and interconnectedness (amongst others due to its large amount of debt securities outstanding). As BNG Bank is smaller than the three largest	

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	Dutch banks and does not manage deposits of clients, DNB considers the bank as relatively less systemically relevant. Therefore, a 1% O-SII buffer is
	applied.
	b) an assessment of the likely positive or negative impact of the O-SII buffer
	on the single market, based on information which is available to the
	Member State.
	The higher capital requirements will structurally increase the solvency of systemic banks in the Netherlands. This positively affects the stability of the Dutch financial system and with that, the Single Market.
	As the measure applies to Dutch banks at a consolidated level, there may
	be an impact on individuals or companies outside the Netherlands through
	exposures of subsidiaries and branches of Dutch banks in other
	jurisdictions. However, given the current capitalisation level of BNG Bank
	and the phasing-in of the buffer requirement, DNB expects the impact to be
	limited.
3.7 In Case of O-SII,	Please motivate set out the assessment showing that the O-SII buffer requirement may not entail disproportionate adverse effects on the whole or parts of the
Assessment of likely impact	financial system in other Member States or of the EU as a whole forming or creating
on the internal market	an obstacle to the functioning of the internal market.
(Article 131.6)	See 3.6
	The 0-SII buffer is applied at the consolidated level, which avoids (jurisdictional)
	shifts of activities within groups due to regulatory arbitrage. Systemic banks may
	take measures to reduce their systemic importance, possibly including a shift of
3.8 Assessment of leakages	activities to non-regulated entities. However, due to the level of the capital increase
olo ribbesoment of reunages	and the current capitalisation of BNG Bank we expect these incentives to be small.
	Furthermore, if banks reduce their systemic importance in an orderly manner, this
	could also be beneficial for financial stability.
3.9 Other relevant	N/A
information	,
4. Combinations and timing of	the G-SII or O-SII notified
4.1 combinations between G- SII and OSII buffers (Article 131.14)	In case both G-SII and O-SII criteria applied to the same institution at the consolidated level, which of the two buffers is the highest? $\rm N/A$
_	a. In case an SRB was also applicable to the same institution, which of the SRB
4.2 Combinations with SRB	buffer or the G-SII or the O-SII buffer was the highest?
buffers	N/A
(Article 131.14 + Article	b. Is there a possibility of accumulation with SRB?
133.5)	2. Is there a possibility of accumulation with order.
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4.3 Combined buffer requirement (Article 131.16 and Article 131.17)	 a. Does the combined buffer requirement apply to the institution? Yes b. Is the combined buffer requirement above the sum of the buffers described in Article 131-16 and Article 131-17? Yes 	
4.4 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8)	N/A	
4.5 Timing of the measure	What is the intended date of activation (i.e. as of which date shall the measure be applicable)? The O-SII buffer will be phased-in between January 2016 and January 2019 in equal steps of 25%.	
4.6 Review of the measure	What is the envisaged duration of the measure? What are conditions for its deactivation? a. How often will the G-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? N/A b. How often will the O-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? Once a year	
5. Miscellaneous		
5.1 Disclosure	Where do you disclose the SII-buffer to the public? On www.dnb.nl	
5.2 Contact person(s) at notifying authority	Contact person(s) for further inquiries (name, phone number and e-mail address) Petra Spaargaren, +31205246279, P.J.Spaargaren@dnb.nl Shahin Kamalodin, +31205242240, S.A.Kamalodin@dnb.nl	
5.3 Any other relevant information		

O-SII and G-SII buffer ING Bank N.V.

Notifying national authority (If several designated authorities, please mention all of them)		
1.1 Name of the notifying	De Nederlandsche Bank N.V. (DNB)	
authority		

	2013/107003	
1.2 Date when the decision referred to in Article 5 of the SSMR shall be taken.	11 December 2015	
2. Buffer levels and the in	stitution to which they apply	
2.1 Categorisation of measures	Which measure do you intend to implement? O-SII buffer (Art. 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU) G-SII buffer (Art. 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU)	
2.2 Concerned institution or group of institutions	On which institution is the measure applied? a. Name of the individual institution and identifier (LEI code)	
2.3 Level of the buffer applied	What is the level of the buffer (in %) applied to the institution? 2% O-SII buffer, phased in from January 2016 to January 2019 in equal steps of 25%. 1% G-SII buffer, also phased in from January 2016 to January 2019 in equal steps of 25%.	
2.4 Firm level at which the buffer is applied	Both the O-SII and G-SII buffers are set on a consolidated level.	
2.5 Information on other buffers already in application	Is the institution subject to a systemic risk buffer? Yes If yes, please provide the following information: a. What is the level of the systemic risk buffer (in %) applied to the concerned institution 3% b. Is the systemic risk buffer applied to all exposures located in your Member State only? No	
2.6 Annual review of the G-SII or O-SII (Articles 131.6 and 131.12)	This box is to specify the outcome of the annual review of the G-SII or O-SII. What are the new levels? - Maintained	
3. Rational for activation of the G-SII and O-SII buffer		

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3.1 Description of the G-SII (Article 131.2)	ING Bank N.V. has been identified as a G-SII in accordance with the EBA regulatory technical standards (RTS). ¹	
3.2 Indicators used for designation of the G-SII (Article 131.2 and 131.9)	The indicators that were used for the G-SII scoring can be found in the EBA RTS. By comparing the information published on the website of ING Band (http://www.ing.com/ING-in-Society/Sustainability/Stakeholder-engagement/Global-systemically-important-bank-indicators.htm) with the global denominators published by the BCB (https://www.bis.org/bcbs/gsib/denominators.htm) the G-SII scores for ING Band for each category can be calculated. The scores are as follows: Score (bps)	
3.3 Description of the O-SII (Article 131.3)	DNB uses the criteria outlined and defined in the methodology of the EBA Guidelines on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) CRD IV in	
3.4 Indicators used for designation of the O-SII (Article 131.3)	relation to the assessment of O-SIIs:	

 $^{^1}$ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1222/2014 of 8 October 2014 supplementing Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards for the specification of the methodology for the identification of global systemically important institutions and for the definition of subcategories of global systemically important institutions.

	Criterion	Indicators
	Size	Total assets
		Value of domestic payment transactions
	Importance (including substitutability/financial system infrastructure)	Private sector deposits from depositors in the EU
	illiastructure)	Private sector loans to recipients in the EU
		Value of OTC derivatives (notional)
	Complexity/cross-border activity	Cross-jurisdictional liabilities
		Cross-jurisdictional claims
	Interconnectedness	Intra financial system liabilities
		Intra financial system assets
		Debt securities outstanding
	ING Bank N.V. automatically quabps threshold determined in EB	alifies as an O-SII because its score surpasses the 350 BA's Guideline.
3.5 Calibrating the O-SII buffer	Several criteria were accounted for in the O-SII buffer calibration, among others: • The institution's systemic importance as measured by its O-SII score and the outcome of the relevant optional indicators • Historical losses of banks • Size of banks versus the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Netherlands • Level playing field and Single Market considerations	
3.6 In case of O-SII: Suitability, effectiveness and proportionality of measure (Article 131.7)	Please provide: a) the justification for why the O-SII buffer is considered likely to be effective and proportionate to mitigate the risk; The impact of the failure of a systemic bank on the domestic financial sector and the real economy is much larger than the impact of failure of a non-systemic bank. Therefore, the probability of default of systemic banks should be significantly reduced. This can be accomplished by increasing the loss absorption capacity through higher buffer requirements. As a bank's systemic importance rises, it will typically be required to maintain a proportionally higher systemic buffer. As ING is the largest bank in the Netherlands, highly interconnected with other domestic financial institutions and very important for the Dutch economy, the maximum O-SII buffer (2%) is applied.	

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	b) an assessment of the likely positive or negative impact of the O-SII buffer on the single market, based on information which is available to the Member State. The higher capital requirements will structurally increase the solvency of systemic banks in the Netherlands. This positively affects the stability of the Dutch financial system and with that, the Single Market. As the measure applies to Dutch banks at a consolidated level, there may be an impact on individuals or companies outside the Netherlands through exposures of subsidiaries and branches of Dutch banks in other jurisdictions. However, given the current capitalisation of ING Bank N.V. and the phasing-in of the buffer requirement, DNB expects the impact to be limited.
3.7 In Case of O-SII, Assessment of likely impact on the internal market (Article 131.6)	Please motivate set out the assessment showing that the O-SII buffer requirement may not entail disproportionate adverse effects on the whole or parts of the financial system in other Member States or of the EU as a whole forming or creating an obstacle to the functioning of the internal market. See section 3.6
3.8 Assessment of leakages	The O-SII buffer is applied at the consolidated level, which avoids (jurisdictional) shifts of activities within groups due to regulatory arbitrage. Systemic banks may take measures to reduce their systemic importance, possibly including a shift of activities to non-regulated entities. However, due to the phase-in period and the current capital level of ING Bank we expect these incentives to be small. Furthermore, if banks reduce their systemic importance in an orderly manner, this could also be beneficial for financial stability.
3.9 Other relevant information	N/A
4. Combinations and timi	ng of the G-SII or O-SII notified
4.1 combinations between G- SII and OSII buffers (Article 131.14)	In case both G-SII and O-SII criteria applied to the same institution at the consolidated level, which of the two buffers is the highest? The O-SII buffer.
4.2 Combinations with SRB buffers (Article 131.14 + Article 133.5)	 a. In case an SRB was also applicable to the same institution, which of the SRB buffer or the G-SII or the O-SII buffer was the highest? SRB b. Is there a possibility of accumulation with SRB? No, because the SRB is set on a consolidated basis and applies to all exposures.

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4.3 Combined buffer requirement (Article 131.16 and Article 131.17)	 a. Does the combined buffer requirement apply to the institution? Yes b. Is the combined buffer requirement above the sum of the buffers described in Article 131-16 and Article 131-17? Yes 	
4.4 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8)	O-SII buffer for ING België amounts to 1.5%, phased in over three years (i.e. 0.5% from 1 January 2016, 1% from 1 January 2017 and 1.5% from 1 January 2018).	
4.5 Timing of the measure	What is the intended date of activation (i.e. as of which date shall the measure be applicable)? The O-SII buffer and G-SII buffer for ING Bank N.V. will be phased-in between January 2016 and January 2019 in equal steps of 25%.	
4.6 Review of the measure	What is the envisaged duration of the measure? What are conditions for its deactivation? a. How often will the G-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? Once a year b. How often will the O-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? Once a year	
5. Miscellaneous		
5.1 Disclosure	Where do you disclose the SII-buffer to the public? On www.dnb.nl	
5.2 Contact person(s) at notifying authority	Contact person(s) for further inquiries (name, phone number and e-mail address) Petra Spaargaren, +31205246279, P.J.Spaargaren@dnb.nl Shahin Kamalodin, +31205242240, S.A.Kamalodin@dnb.nl	
5.3 Any other relevant information		

O-SII buffer Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A.

1. Notifying national authority (If several designated authorities, please mention all of them)	
1.1 Name of the notifying authority	De Nederlandsche Bank N.V. (DNB)

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1.2 Date when the decision referred to in Article 5 of the	11 December 2015	
SSMR shall be taken.		
2. Buffer levels and the institution	on to which they apply	
2.1 Categorisation of measures	Which measure do you intend to implement? - O-SII buffer (Art. 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU)	
2.2 Concerned institution or group of institutions	On which institution is the measure applied? a. Name of the individual institution and identifier (LEI code) Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A. (DG3RU1DBUFHT4ZF9WN62), from now on called "Rabobank" b. Name of the parent company of the institution Rabobank Group c. Name of the subsidiaries of the institution	
	Consolidated Financial Statements 2014, page 92, see https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/consolidated-financial-statements-2014-rabobank-group.pdf d. If parent institution, are subsidiaries notified as 0-SII?	
	N/A	
2.3 Level of the buffer applied	What is the level of the buffer (in %) applied to the institution? 2% O-SII buffer, phased in from January 2016 to January 2019 in equal steps of 25%.	
2.4 Firm level at which the buffer is applied	The O-SII buffer is set on a consolidated level.	
2.5 Information on other buffers already in application	Is the institution subject to a systemic risk buffer? Yes If yes, please provide the following information: a. What is the level of the systemic risk buffer (in %) applied to the concerned institution 3% b. Is the systemic risk buffer applied to all exposures located in your Member State only? No	
2.6 Annual review of the G-SII or O-SII (Articles 131.6 and 131.12)	This box is to specify the outcome of the annual review of the G-SII or O-SII. What are the new levels? - Maintained	
3. Rationale for activation	of the G-SII and O-SII buffer	

3.1 Description of the G-SII (Article 131.2)	N/A	
3.2 Indicators used for designation of the G-SII (Article 131.2 and 131.9)	N/A	
3.3 Description of the O-SII	DNB uses the criteria outlined and defined in the methodology of the EBA Guidelines	
(Article 131.3)	on the criteria to determine the relation to the assessment of 0	e conditions of application of Article 131(3) CRD IV in
	Criterion	Indicators
	Size	Total assets
	In a second distribution	Value of domestic payment transactions
	Importance (including substitutability/financial system	Private sector deposits from depositors in the EU
	infrastructure)	Private sector loans to recipients in the EU
3.4 Indicators used for designation of the O-SII (Article 131.3)	Complexity/cross-border activity	Value of OTC derivatives (notional)
		Cross-jurisdictional liabilities
		Cross-jurisdictional claims
	Interconnectedness	Intra financial system liabilities
		Intra financial system assets
		Debt securities outstanding
	Rabobank automatically qualifies as an O-SII because its score surpasses the 350 bps threshold determined in EBA's Guideline.	
3.5 Calibrating the O-SII buffer	Several criteria were accounted for in the O-SII buffer calibration, among others: The institution's systemic importance as measured by its O-SII score and the outcome of the relevant optional indicators Historical losses of banks Size of banks versus the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Netherlands Level playing field and Single Market considerations	

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	Please provide:
	a) the justification for why the O-SII buffer is considered likely to be effective
	and proportionate to mitigate the risk;
	The impact of the failure of a systemic bank on the domestic financial
	sector and the real economy is much larger than the impact of failure of a
	non-systemic bank. Therefore, the probability of default of systemic banks
	should be significantly reduced. This can be accomplished by increasing
	the loss absorption capacity through higher buffer requirements. As a
	bank's systemic importance rises, it will typically be required to maintain a
	proportionally higher systemic buffer.
	As Rabobank is the second largest bank in the Netherlands, highly
3.6 In case of O-SII:	interconnected with other domestic financial institutions and very
Suitability, effectiveness and	important for the Dutch economy, the maximum O-SII buffer (2%) is
proportionality of measure	applied.
(Article 131.7)	b) an assessment of the likely positive or negative impact of the O-SII buffer
	on the single market, based on information which is available to the
	Member State.
	The higher capital requirements will structurally increase the solvency of
	systemic banks in the Netherlands. This positively affects the stability of
	the Dutch financial system and with that, the Single Market.
	As the measure applies to Dutch banks at a consolidated level, there may
	be an impact on individuals or companies outside the Netherlands through
	exposures of subsidiaries and branches of Dutch banks in other
	jurisdictions. However, given the current capitalisation of Rabobank and
	the phasing-in of the buffer requirement, DNB expects the impact to be
	limited.
0.71	Please motivate set out the assessment showing that the O-SII buffer requirement
3.7 In Case of O-SII,	may not entail disproportionate adverse effects on the whole or parts of the
Assessment of likely impact	financial system in other Member States or of the EU as a whole forming or creating
on the internal market	an obstacle to the functioning of the internal market.
(Article 131.6)	See section 3.6
	The O-SII buffer is applied at the consolidated level, which avoids (jurisdictional)
	shifts of activities within groups due to regulatory arbitrage. Systemic banks may
	take measures to reduce their systemic importance, possibly including a shift of
3.8 Assessment of leakages	activities to non-regulated entities. However, due to the phase-in period and the
C .	current capital level of Rabobank we expect these incentives to be small.
	Furthermore, if banks reduce their systemic importance in an orderly manner, this
	could also be beneficial for financial stability.
3.9 Other relevant	N/A
information	N/A
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4. Combinations and timing of the G-SII or O-SII notified		
4.1 combinations between G- SII and OSII buffers (Article 131.14)	In case both G-SII and O-SII criteria applied to the same institution at the consolidated level, which of the two buffers is the highest? $\rm N/A$	
4.2 Combinations with SRB buffers (Article 131.14 + Article 133.5)	 a. In case an SRB was also applicable to the same institution, which of the SRB buffer or the G-SII or the O-SII buffer was the highest? SRB b. Is there a possibility of accumulation with SRB? No, because the SRB is set on a consolidated basis and applies to all exposures. 	
4.3 Combined buffer requirement (Article 131.16 and Article 131.17)	 a. Does the combined buffer requirement apply to the institution? Yes b. Is the combined buffer requirement above the sum of the buffers described in Article 131-16 and Article 131-17? Yes 	
4.4 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8)	N/A	
4.5 Timing of the measure	What is the intended date of activation (i.e. as of which date shall the measure be applicable)? The 0-SII buffer will be phased-in between January 2016 and January 2019 in equal steps of 25%	
4.6 Review of the measure	What is the envisaged duration of the measure? What are conditions for its deactivation? a. How often will the G-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? N/A b. How often will the O-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? Once a year	
5. Miscellaneous		
5.1 Disclosure	Where do you disclose the SII-buffer to the public? On www.dnb.nl	

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5.2 Contact person(s) at notifying authority	Contact person(s) for further inquiries (name, phone number and e-mail address) Petra Spaargaren, +31205246279, P.J.Spaargaren@dnb.nl Shahin Kamalodin, +31205242240, <u>S.A.Kamalodin@dnb.nl</u>
5.3 Any other relevant information	

O-SII buffer ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

1. Notifying national authority (If several designated authorities, please mention all of them)		
1.1 Name of the notifying authority	De Nederlandsche Bank N.V. (DNB)	
1.2 Date when the decision referred to in Article 5 of the SSMR shall be taken.	11 December 2015	
2. Buffer levels and the institution	on to which they apply	
2.1 Categorisation of measures	Which measure do you intend to implement? - 0-SII buffer (Art. 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU)	
2.2 Concerned institution or group of institutions	On which institution is the measure applied? a. Name of the individual institution and identifier (LEI code) ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (BFXS5XCH7N0Y05NIXW11), below called "ABN AMRO" b. Name of the parent company of the institution ABN AMRO Group N.V. c. Name of the subsidiaries of the institution Annual report, page 373, see https://extra.abnamro.nl/corporatereporting/2014/annualreport/pdf-download d. If parent institution, are subsidiaries notified as O-SII? N/A	
2.3 Level of the buffer applied	What is the level of the buffer (in %) applied to the institution? 2% O-SII buffer, phased in from January 2016 to January 2019 in equal steps of 25%	
2.4 Firm level at which the buffer is applied	The O-SII buffer is set on a consolidated level.	

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2.5 Information on other	Is the institution subject to a systemic risk buffer? Yes
	If yes, please provide the following information:
	a. What is the level of the systemic risk buffer (in %) applied to the
	concerned institution
buffers already in application	3%
buriers arready in application	b. Is the systemic risk buffer applied to all exposures located in your Member
	State only?
	No
2.6 Annual review of the G-SII	This box is to specify the outcome of the annual review of the G-SII or O-SII. What
or O-SII	are the new levels?
(Articles 131.6 and 131.12)	- Maintained
3. Rational for activation	of the G-SII and O-SII buffer
3.1 Description of the G-SII	N/A
(Article 131.2)	
	N/A
	N/A
3.2 Indicators used for	
designation of the G-SII	
(Article 131.2 and 131.9)	
0.00	DNB uses the criteria outlined and defined in the methodology of the EBA Guidelines
3.3 Description of the O-SII	on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) CRD IV in
(Article 131.3)	relation to the assessment of O-SIIs:
3.4 Indicators used for	
designation of the O-SII	
(Article 131.3)	

	Criterion	Indicators
	Size	Total assets
		Value of domestic payment transactions
	Importance (including substitutability/financial system infrastructure)	Private sector deposits from depositors in the EU
	imiastructure	Private sector loans to recipients in the EU
		Value of OTC derivatives (notional)
	Complexity/cross-border activity	Cross-jurisdictional liabilities
		Cross-jurisdictional claims
	Interconnectedness	Intra financial system liabilities
		Intra financial system assets
		Debt securities outstanding
	ABN AMRO automatically quali bps threshold determined in EB	ifies as an O-SII because its score surpasses the 350 A's Guideline.
3.5 Calibrating the O-SII buffer	The institution's systemic is outcome of the relevant optiona Historical losses of banks	s Domestic Product (GDP) of the Netherlands
3.6 In case of O-SII: Suitability, effectiveness and proportionality of measure (Article 131.7)	and proportionate to r The impact of the far sector and the real ec non-systemic bank. Th should be significantl the loss absorption of bank's systemic impor proportionally higher As ABN AMRO is th interconnected with	ilure of a systemic bank on the domestic financial onomy is much larger than the impact of failure of a nerefore, the probability of default of systemic banks y reduced. This can be accomplished by increasing capacity through higher buffer requirements. As a retance rises, it will typically be required to maintain a

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	applied. b) an assessment of the likely positive or negative impact of the O-SII buffer on the single market, based on information which is available to the Member State. The higher capital requirements will structurally increase the solvency of systemic banks in the Netherlands. This positively affects the stability of the Dutch financial system and with that, the Single Market. As the measure applies to Dutch banks at a consolidated level, there may be an impact on individuals or companies outside the Netherlands through exposures of subsidiaries and branches of Dutch banks in other jurisdictions. However, given the current capitalisation of ABN AMRO and
3.7 In Case of O-SII, Assessment of likely impact on the internal market (Article 131.6)	the phasing-in of the buffer requirement, DNB expects the impact to be limited. Please motivate set out the assessment showing that the O-SII buffer requirement may not entail disproportionate adverse effects on the whole or parts of the financial system in other Member States or of the EU as a whole forming or creating an obstacle to the functioning of the internal market. See section 3.6
3.8 Assessment of leakages	The O-SII buffer is applied at the consolidated level, which avoids (jurisdictional) shifts of activities within groups due to regulatory arbitrage. Systemic banks may take measures to reduce their systemic importance, possibly including a shift of activities to non-regulated entities. However, due to the phase-in period and the current capital level of ABN AMRO we expect these incentives to be small. Furthermore, if banks reduce their systemic importance in an orderly manner, this could also be beneficial for financial stability.
3.9 Other relevant information	N/A
4. Combinations and timi	ng of the G-SII or O-SII notified
4.1 combinations between G- SII and OSII buffers (Article 131.14)	In case both G-SII and O-SII criteria applied to the same institution at the consolidated level, which of the two buffers is the highest? $\rm N/A$
4.2 Combinations with SRB buffers (Article 131.14 + Article 133.5)	 a. In case an SRB was also applicable to the same institution, which of the SRB buffer or the G-SII or the O-SII buffer was the highest? SRB b. Is there a possibility of accumulation with SRB? No, because the SRB is set on a consolidated basis and applies to all exposures.

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4.3 Combined buffer requirement (Article 131.16 and Article 131.17)	 a. Does the combined buffer requirement apply to the institution? Yes b. Is the combined buffer requirement above the sum of the buffers described in Article 131-16 and Article 131-17? Yes 	
4.4 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8)	N/A	
4.5 Timing of the measure	What is the intended date of activation (i.e. as of which date shall the measure be applicable)? The O-SII buffer will be phased-in between January 2016 and January 2019.	
4.6 Review of the measure	What is the envisaged duration of the measure? What are conditions for its deactivation? a. How often will the G-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? N/A b. How often will the O-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)? Once a year	
5. Miscellaneous		
5.1 Disclosure	Where do you disclose the SII-buffer to the public? On www.dnb.nl	
5.2 Contact person(s) at notifying authority	Contact person(s) for further inquiries (name, phone number and e-mail address) Petra Spaargaren, +31205246279, P.J.Spaargaren@dnb.nl Shahin Kamalodin, +31205242240, <u>S.A.Kamalodin@dnb.nl</u>	
5.3 Any other relevant information		

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1. Notifying national authority (If several designated authorities, please mention all of them)	
1.1 Name of the notifying authority	De Nederlandsche Bank N.V. (DNB)

1.2 Date when the decision referred to in Article 5 of the SSMR shall be taken.	11 December 2015		
2. Buffer levels and the institution to which they apply			
2.1 Categorisation of measures	Which measure do you intend to implement? - O-SII buffer (Art. 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU)		
2.2 Concerned institution or group of institutions	On which institution is the measure applied? a. Name of the individual institution and identifier (LEI code) SNS Bank N.V. b. Name of the parent company of the institution N/A c. Name of the subsidiaries of the institution See annual report 2014, page 167:		
	https://www.snsbanknv.nl/en/investor-relations/annual-reports d. If parent institution, are subsidiaries notified as O-SII? N/A		
2.3 Level of the buffer applied	What is the level of the buffer (in %) applied to the institution? 1% O-SII buffer, phased in from January 2016 to January 2019 in equal steps of 25%		
2.4 Firm level at which the buffer is applied	The O-SII buffer is set on a consolidated level.		
2.5 Information on other buffers already in application	Is the institution subject to a systemic risk buffer? No If yes, please provide the following information: a. What is the level of the systemic risk buffer (in %) applied to the concerned institution N/A b. Is the systemic risk buffer applied to all exposures located in your Member State only? N/A		
2.6 Annual review of the G-SII or O-SII (Articles 131.6 and 131.12)	This box is to specify the outcome of the annual review of the G-SII or O-SII. What are the new levels? - Maintained		
3. Rationale for activation of th	ne G-SII and O-SII buffer		
3.1 Description of the G-SII (Article 131.2)	N/A		

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	N/A		
3.2 Indicators used for designation of the G-SII (Article 131.2 and 131.9)			
3.3 Description of the O-SII	DNB uses the criteria outlined	l and defined in the methodology of the EBA Guidelines	
(Article 131.3)		on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) CRD IV in	
	relation to the assessment of (O-SIIs:	
	Criterion	Indicators	
	Size	Total assets	
		Value of domestic payment transactions	
3.4 Indicators used for	Importance (including substitutability/financial system infrastructure)	Private sector deposits from depositors in the EU	
	illiastracture/	Private sector loans to recipients in the EU	
		Value of OTC derivatives (notional)	
	Complexity/cross-border activity	Cross-jurisdictional liabilities	
		Cross-jurisdictional claims	
	Interconnectedness	Intra financial system liabilities	
designation of the O-SII (Article 131.3)		Intra financial system assets	
		Debt securities outstanding	
	In addition to EBA's criteria, DNB assesses a number of optional indicators which are relevant for the Dutch banking sector, including (i) total exposure-at-default, (ii) type of customers, (iii) number of deposit accounts — retail, (iv) deposits guaranteed under deposit guarantee system, (v) potential reputational contagion, (vi) potential contagion through shareholders, (vii) potential contagion through entities in conglomerate; (vii) Degree of resolvability according to the institution's resolvability assessment. SNS Bank is the only bank that has been identified on the basis of supervisory		
		judgment based on two optional indicators (i) number and (ii) deposits guaranteed under deposit guarantee	

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3.5 Calibrating the O-SII buffer	Several criteria were accounted for in the O-SII buffer calibration, among others:	
	• The institution's systemic importance as measured by its O-SII score and the	
	outcome of the relevant optional indicators • Historical losses of banks	
	Firstorical losses of banks Size of banks versus the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Netherlands	
	Level playing field and Single Market considerations	
	Please provide:	
	a) the justification for why the O-SII buffer is considered likely to be effective	
	and proportionate to mitigate the risk;	
	The impact of the failure of a systemic bank on the domestic financial	
	sector and the real economy is much larger than the impact of failure of a	
	non-systemic bank. Therefore, the probability of default of systemic banks	
	should be significantly reduced. This can be accomplished by increasing	
	the loss absorption capacity through higher buffer requirements. As a	
	bank's systemic importance rises, it will typically be required to maintain a	
	proportionally higher systemic buffer.	
	Dutch consumers have placed a relatively large amount of deposits at SNS Bank. In its most recent half year report, SNS bank states that the retail	
	savings balances amounts to € 37 billion and the bank has approximately 3	
	million clients. The impact of potential problems at SNS bank would be	
	relatively high, therefore, because it would disrupt the access many	
	depositors to their funds. A large share of these deposits are insured	
3.6 In case of O-SII:	through the national deposit guarantee scheme. When a bank fails,	
Suitability, effectiveness and	depositors will be repaid up to 100,000 euros. The other domestic banks	
proportionality of measure (Article 131.7)	have to share the costs, however, since they guarantee one another's	
(Article 131.7)	deposits. This is, therefore, a direct contagion channel, as we witnessed in	
	the recent financial crisis.	
	DNB considers SNS Bank to be less systemically relevant than the three	
	largest banks. Therefore, a 1% O-SII buffer is applied.	
	b) an assessment of the likely positive or negative impact of the O-SII buffer	
	on the single market, based on information which is available to the	
	Member State.	
	The higher capital requirements will structurally increase the solvency of	
	systemic banks in the Netherlands. This positively affects the stability of	
	the Dutch financial system and with that, the Single Market.	
	As the measure applies to Dutch banks at a consolidated level, there may	
	be an impact on individuals or companies outside the Netherlands through	
	exposures of subsidiaries and branches of Dutch banks in other	
	jurisdictions. However, given the current capitalisation of SNS Bank and	
	the phasing-in of the buffer requirement, DNB expects the impact to be	

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	limited.	
3.7 In Case of O-SII, Assessment of likely impact on the internal market (Article 131.6)	Please motivate set out the assessment showing that the O-SII buffer requirement may not entail disproportionate adverse effects on the whole or parts of the financial system in other Member States or of the EU as a whole forming or creating an obstacle to the functioning of the internal market. See section 3.6	
3.8 Assessment of leakages	The O-SII buffer is applied at the consolidated level, which avoids (jurisdictional) shifts of activities within groups due to regulatory arbitrage. Systemic banks may take measures to reduce their systemic importance, possibly including a shift of activities to non-regulated entities. However, due to the level of the capital increase and the current capital level of SNS Bank we expect these incentives to be small. Furthermore, if banks reduce their systemic importance in an orderly manner, this could also be beneficial for financial stability.	
3.9 Other relevant information	N/A	
4.1 combinations between G-SII and OSII buffers (Article 131.14)	In case both G-SII and O-SII criteria applied to the same institution at the consolidated level, which of the two buffers is the highest? N/A	
4.2 Combinations with SRB buffers (Article 131.14 + Article	a. In case an SRB was also applicable to the same institution, which of the SRB buffer or the G-SII or the O-SII buffer was the highest? N/A	
133.5)	b. Is there a possibility of accumulation with SRB? N/A	
4.3 Combined buffer requirement (Article 131.16 and Article 131.17)	 a. Does the combined buffer requirement apply to the institution? Yes b. Is the combined buffer requirement above the sum of the buffers described in Article 131-16 and Article 131-17? Yes 	
4.4 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8)	N/A	

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4.5 Timing of the measure	What is the intended date of activation (i.e. as of which date shall the measure be
	applicable)?
	The O-SII buffer will be phased-in between January 2016 and January 2019 in equal
	steps of 25%
4.6 Review of the measure	What is the envisaged duration of the measure? What are conditions for its
	deactivation?
	 a. How often will the G-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)?
	N/A
	b. How often will the O-SII buffer be reviewed (maximal periodicity of 1 year)?
	Once a year
5. Miscellaneous	
	Where do you disclose the SII-buffer to the public?
5.1 Disclosure	On www.dnb.nl
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5.3 Any other relevant information	