

## Notification template for Article 131 CRD – Other Systemically Important Institutions (O-SII)

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1. Notifying national authority																
<b>1.1 Name of the notifying authority</b>	Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF)															
2. Description of the measure																
<b>2.1 Concerned institution or group of institutions</b>	The following institutions are intended to be designated as O-SIIs in Luxembourg and will be subject to an O-SII buffer:															
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	It is to be noted that the O-SII buffer for Société Générale is lowered to 1.0% in application of article 59-9 (4) of the Law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector. The G-SII buffer of the parent company of Société Générale is set at 1% for 2021.									
<b>2.3 Name of the EU ultimate parent institution</b>	Please provide the name and the LEI code of the EU ultimate parent institution of the group of each of the concerned institutions, in case the EU ultimate parent institution is not the concerned institution itself.									
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<b>2.4 Names of subsidiaries</b>	If any of the concerned institutions is a parent institution and the buffer is applied on a (sub)consolidated level, please name the subsidiaries of the institution that are notified as O-SIIs (please give name and LEI code). N/A									
<b>3. Timing of the measure</b>										
<b>3.1 Timing of the Decision</b>	What is the date of the official decision? <u>For SSM countries when notifying the ECB:</u> provide the date when the decision referred to in Article 5 of the SSMR shall be taken. 12 November 2020									
<b>3.2 Timing of the Publication</b>	What is the date of publication of the notified measure? The opinion from our national macroprudential authority on the identification of O-SIIs and the buffer setting has been published on 26 October 2020. The CSSF Regulation implementing this opinion will be published before end December 2020.									
<b>3.3 Disclosure</b>	Information about the communication strategy of the notified measure to the market. The CSSF will publish the list of designated institutions and the applicable O-SII buffer requirement on its website.									
<b>3.4 Timing of Application</b>	What is the intended date of activation (i.e. as of which date shall the measure be applicable)? 1 January 2021									
<b>3.5 Phasing in</b>	What is the intended timeline for the phase-in of the measure? The O-SII buffer in Luxembourg was implemented within a four-year phase-in period, i.e. from 1 January 2016 until 1 January 2019. Accordingly, the fully phased-in buffer applies as of 1 January 2019.									
<b>3.6 Review of the measure</b>	When will the measure be reviewed (Article 131(6) and 131(12) specify that the buffer, the identification of O-SIIs and the allocation into subcategories must be reviewed at least annually)? The list of designated institutions as well as the applicable buffer levels will be reviewed on an annual basis as provided for in Article 59-3 (7) of the Law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector.									
<b>4. Reason for O-SII identification and activation of the O-SII buffer</b>										

**4.1 Scores of concerned institution or group of institutions, as per EBA guidelines on the assessment of O-SIIs (Article 131.3)**

Please list here the name, overall scores, category scores, and indicator values of the identified O-SIIs related to

- a. size;
- b. importance for the economy of the relevant Member State or the Union, capturing substitutability/financial institution infrastructure;
- c. complexity, including the additional complexities from cross-border activity;
- d. interconnectedness of the institution or (sub-)group with the financial system.

**This information is enclosed in the attached Annex II**

When notifying the ECB or EBA, please provide relevant information (methodology, calculations and formulas, data sources, information set used for denominators) in a separate Excel file.

**Automatically identified O-SIIs according to the EBA methodology:**

Institutions	Size	Importance	Complexity	Interconnect edness	Final Score
Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat, Luxembourg	132	249	67	69	516
BGL BNP Paribas	155	288	121	75	640
J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.	137	89	159	114	499
Société Générale	320	168	463	565	1517

**Identified OSIIs according to supervisory judgement:**

**EBA score**

Institutions	Size	Importance	Complexity	Interconnect edness	Final Score
Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A.	77	124	59	47	307
Clearstream Banking S.A.	43	196	43	37	319
RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.	54	12	122	45	232

**Score under methodology 2:**

Institutions	Size	Importance	Complexity	Interconnect edness	Interconnect ions with the investment fund sector	Final Score
Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A.	62	99	47	37	85	331
Clearstream Banking S.A.	34	157	35	30	59	314
RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.	44	9	97	36	123	309

Further information on the identification methodology is attached in a separate document to this template (Annex I).

<p><b>4.2 Methodology and indicators used for designation of the O-SII (Article 131.3)</b></p>	<p>Please provide information on:</p> <p>a. whether you followed the EBA guidelines on the assessment of O-SIIs  <b>The assessment of O-SIIs in Luxembourg was conducted in conformity with the scoring methodology set out in the EBA Guidelines.</b></p> <p><b>Furthermore an extended methodology was applied to complement the standard methodology and accommodate the specifics of the Luxembourgish banking sector.</b></p> <p>b. which threshold score has been set to identify O-SIIs  <b>A cut-off threshold of 325 basis points (bps) was applied, which is lower than the one provided for by the EBA Guidelines, i.e. 350 bps.</b></p> <p>c. which overall score is attributed to the O-SIIs  <b>Information on the overall scores is provided in section 4.</b></p> <p>d. which of the optional indicators have been used to justify supervisory assessment decisions, if any, and what are the scores</p> <p><b>Three institutions have been designated as O-SIIs by application of supervisory judgement and the enhanced framework based on the EBA identification methodology to capture particular features of the Luxembourg financial sector. Two indicators are added to the EBA framework, i.e. an indicator of centrality developed by the BCL and assets under custody from investment funds. This enhanced framework is based on five categories of indicators which are equally weighted at 20%.</b></p> <p><b>The Banque internationale à Luxembourg has been designated as systemically important institution given its score under the enhanced methodology its significance to the Luxembourg economy, in particular, its important exposure to the real estate sector as well as its large deposit base.</b></p> <p><b>Clearstream Banking has been identified given its score close the designation threshold of 325 bps and its role as market infrastructure.</b></p> <p><b>RBC Investor Services Bank has been designated given the importance of its interconnectedness with the investment fund sector as well as its role as custodian of assets from investment funds.</b></p> <p>e. why these optional indicators are relevant for the Member State</p> <p><b>As explained in point d. two indicators have been included in the EBA identification methodology which acknowledge the importance of the fund industry for the banking sector in Luxembourg and are aimed at capturing bank-fund interlinkages in the Luxembourg banking sector.</b></p> <p><b>The first indicator is a centrality measure constructed by the BCL which gives weight to the interconnections between banks and funds in the Luxembourgish financial industry. This measure takes into account direct liabilities between two entities, and values the importance of the entities towards which a bank has its liabilities. In other words, it measures a bank’s importance not only from its first-order (direct) liabilities but also from higher-order (indirect) liabilities via counterparties’ counterparties.</b></p> <p><b>The second indicator is the amount of assets an institution has under custody takes which takes account of bank-investment fund interconnectedness. The</b></p>
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	<p><b>rationale to include this indicator is that banks with a high amount of assets under custody provide important market infrastructure and can cause disruptions to the financial system if they exit the market, for instance because assets are not serviced correctly anymore or because clients suffer from costs related to recovering their assets and looking for a new service provider. In this sense, banks offering custodial services to the domestic investment fund sector are important for financial stability.</b></p> <p>f. why the bank is systemically important in terms of those particular optional indicators <b>Cf. point d.</b></p> <p>g. whether relevant entities with relative total assets not in excess of 0.02% have been excluded from the identification process <b>No credit institutions have been excluded for the assessment. The identification exercise covers the entire Luxembourg banking sector.</b></p> <p>h. names and scores of all relevant entities not excluded from the identification process (could be sent in a separate excel file, see 4.1) <b>This information is enclosed in the attached Annex II.</b></p> <p>i. whether non-bank institutions have been included in the calculations <b>CRR investment firms were excluded from the score of application of the EBA Guidelines as they are not considered to pose systemic risks to the financial stability in Luxembourg due to their small size.</b></p>															
<p><b>4.3 Supervisory judgement</b></p>	<p>Has any of the institutions listed in 2.1 been identified through supervisory judgement as laid down in EBA guidelines on the assessment of O-SIIs? If yes, please list the respective institutions.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="528 1025 1177 1227"> <thead> <tr> <th>Institutions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clearstream Banking S.A.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Institutions	Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A.	Clearstream Banking S.A.	RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.											
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<p><b>4.4 Calibrating the O-SII buffer</b></p>	<p>Please provide information on the criteria and indicators used to calibrate the level of the O-SII buffer requirement and the mapping to institution-specific buffer requirements.</p> <p>The methodology used for the calibration of O-SII buffers is a statistical approach involving linear regression and a scaling framework with the goal to ensure consistency between O-SII buffers and the buffers applied to global systemically important banks (G-SIBs). In part inspired by the methodologies applied by other countries, the technique used provides for four sub-categories by applying a cut-off threshold of 325 bps. The following table shows the different ranges and corresponding buffer levels:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 1518 1390 1720"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subcategories</th> <th>Score range</th> <th>O-SII buffer level</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Subcategory 1</td> <td>325 ≤ score &lt; 650</td> <td>0.5 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subcategory 2</td> <td>650 ≤ score &lt; 975</td> <td>1.0 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subcategory 3</td> <td>975 ≤ score &lt; 1300</td> <td>1.5 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subcategory 4</td> <td>1300 ≤ score</td> <td>2.0 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subcategories	Score range	O-SII buffer level	Subcategory 1	325 ≤ score < 650	0.5 %	Subcategory 2	650 ≤ score < 975	1.0 %	Subcategory 3	975 ≤ score < 1300	1.5 %	Subcategory 4	1300 ≤ score	2.0 %
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<p><b>4.5 Effectiveness and proportionality of measure</b></p>	<p>Please provide a justification for why the O-SII buffer is considered likely to be effective and proportionate to mitigate the risk.</p> <p>While contributing to a sound financial system, the O-SII buffer to be maintained by designated institutions, will contribute to increase the resilience of the sector and to reduce potential negative externalities such as excessive risk taking and moral hazard. The O-SII buffer is not expected to have a disproportionately negative effect on designated banks given the sufficiently high overall level of regulatory capital available. Therefore, the O-SII buffer requirement is not expected to hamper activity of the designated O-SIIs.</p>															

5. Cross-border and cross-sector impact of the measure													
<b>5.1 Assessment of cross-border effects and the likely impact on the internal market</b> <b>(Recommendation ESRB/2015/2)</b>	<p>Assessment of the cross-border effects of the implementation of the draft measure.</p> <p>a. Assessment of the spillover channels operating via risk adjustment and regulatory arbitrage. The relevant indicators provided in Chapter 11 of the ESRB Handbook on Operationalising Macro-prudential Policy in the Banking Sector<sup>1</sup> can be used.</p> <p>b. Assessment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ cross-border effects (leakages and regulatory arbitrage) of the implementation of the measure in your own jurisdiction (inward spillovers); and</li> <li>○ cross-border effects on other Member States and on the Single Market of the measure (outward spillovers).</li> </ul> <p><b>N/A</b></p>												
<b>5.2 Assessment of leakages and regulatory arbitrage within the notifying Member State</b>	<p>Referring to your country's specific characteristics, what is the scope for "leakages and regulatory arbitrage" in your own jurisdiction (i.e., circumvention of the measure/leakages to other parts of the financial sector)?</p> <p>2 out of the 7 designated O-SIIs are subsidiaries of G-SIIs and have the highest level of consolidation within another Member State (FR), which implies that the applicable O-SII buffer requirement shall not exceed the G-SII buffer rate applicable at the group level in the EU.</p>												
6. Combinations and interactions with other measures													
<b>6.1 Combinations between G-SII and O-SII buffers</b> <b>(Article 131.14)</b>	<p>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?</p> <p>N/A, as no banks in Luxembourg are subject to both an O-SII and G-SII buffer on a consolidated basis.</p>												
<b>6.2 Combinations with SRB buffers</b> <b>(Article 131.14 + Article 133.5)</b>	<p>Are any of the institutions subject to a systemic risk buffer?</p> <p>No institutions are subject to a systemic risk buffer in Luxembourg.</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the level of the systemic risk buffer (in %) applied to the concerned institution</li> <li>b. Is the systemic risk buffer applied to all exposures located in your Member State only?</li> <li>c. Is the systemic risk buffer applied at the same consolidation level as the O-SII buffer?</li> </ul> <p><b>N/A</b></p>												
<b>6.3 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8)</b>	<p>In case the O-SII is a subsidiary of an EU parent institution which is subject to a G-SII or O-SII buffer on a consolidated basis, what is the G-SII or O-SII buffer rate on a consolidated basis of the parent institution?</p> <p>The November 2019 FSB G-SIB list outlines the levels of additional capital buffers for 2021. According to this list the following G-SII buffers apply to the Luxembourg subsidiaries of G-SIIs:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Institutions</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Parent institutions</th> <th style="width: 25%;">G-SII buffer of the parent as of 2021</th> <th style="width: 25%;">O-SII buffer of the parent as of 2021<sup>2</sup></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Société Générale</td> <td>Société Générale</td> <td>1%</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BGL BNP Paribas</td> <td>BNP Paribas</td> <td>1.5%</td> <td>1.5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The O-SII buffer to be applied to Société Générale is capped at 1% at the sub-consolidated level as the applicable G-SII buffer of the French parent company remains at 1% at the consolidated level.</p>	Institutions	Parent institutions	G-SII buffer of the parent as of 2021	O-SII buffer of the parent as of 2021 <sup>2</sup>	Société Générale	Société Générale	1%	1%	BGL BNP Paribas	BNP Paribas	1.5%	1.5%
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<sup>2</sup> These buffer rates are based on the notifications provided by the countries this year.

<b>6.4 Interaction with other measures</b>	<p>How does the buffer requirement interact with other measures addressing the same risk (e.g. with other supervisory measures)?</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>Identified O-SIIs are also subject to the following macroprudential measures, which further enhance the resilience of the banking system in Luxembourg :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The capital conservation buffer of 2.5% was implemented in Luxembourg as of January 2014 (without phase-in).</li> <li>• The Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) is fully applicable in Luxembourg as from January 2016 (without phase-in). The CCyB is designed to ensure that credit institutions accumulate, during periods of economic growth, a sufficient capital base to absorb losses in stressed periods. The current buffer rate is set at 0.25%.</li> </ul>

<b>7. Miscellaneous</b>	
<b>7.1 Contact person(s) at notifying authority</b>	<p>Contact person(s) for further inquiries (name, phone number and e-mail address)</p> <p>Dirk Mevis (<a href="mailto:dirk.mevis@cssf.lu">dirk.mevis@cssf.lu</a>)</p> <p>Vania Tinoco Pereira (<a href="mailto:vania.tinoco-pereira@cssf.lu">vania.tinoco-pereira@cssf.lu</a>)</p>
<b>7.2 Any other relevant information</b>	N/A