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

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1.	Notifying national authority

1.1 Name of the notifying authority	Národná banka Slovenska

2.	Description of the measure

2.1 Concerned institution or group of institutions	The institutions to which the measure is applied:

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<tr><th>Bank</th><th>Lei Code</th></tr>
<tr><td>Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s.</td><td>549300JB1P61FUTPEZ75</td></tr>
<tr><td>Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.</td><td>549300S2T3FWVVXWJI89</td></tr>
<tr><td>Tatra banka, a.s.</td><td>3157002JBFAI478MD587</td></tr>
<tr><td>Československá obchodná banka, a.s.</td><td>52990096Q5LMCH1WU462</td></tr>
<tr><td>Poštová banka, a.s.</td><td>315700PLTAXHBHZP5J02</td></tr>
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The measure is applied on both individual and sub-consolidated level.

2.2 Level of the buffer applied

Bank	O-SII buffer from 1 January 2022
Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s.	1.75%
Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.	2.00%
Tatra banka, a.s.	1.50%
Československá obchodná banka, a.s.	1.00%
Poštová banka, a.s.	0.25%

2.3 Name of the EU ultimate parent institution

Bank	Ultimate Parent	Lei Code
Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s.	Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo	815600A0090DB5D4D574
Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.	Erste Group Bank AG	PQOH26KWDF7CG10L6792
Tatra banka, a.s.	Raiffeisen Bank International AG	529900JP9C734S1LE008
Československá obchodná banka, a.s.	KBC Group NV	213800X3Q9LSAKRUWY91
Poštová banka, a.s.	J&T Financne Group SE	315700E9POA724IWFP59

2.4 Names of subsidiaries	Bank	Subsidiary	Lei Code
	Československá obchodná banka, a.s.	ČSOB stavebná sporiteľňa, a.s.	097900BEMW0000006310

3. Timing of the measure

3.1 Timing of the Decision	The official decision is planned on 25 May 2021.
3.2 Timing of the Publication	The decision will be published within 10 working days after the decision is taken.
3.3 Disclosure	The decision will be published on the website of Národná banka Slovenska and will be also delivered via mail to all the identified O-SIIs.
3.4 Timing of Application	Under Article 33d of the Slovak Banking Act (Article 131(12) CRD) the list of O-SIIs and the O-SII buffers should be reviewed at least annually. NBS identified O-SIIs in Slovakia and set the O-SII buffer and the systemic risk buffer for these institutions first in May 2015, with the activation of the measures from 1 January 2016. The decision to reset O-SII buffers based on this annual revision should be applicable from 1 January 2022.
3.5 Phasing in	As this decision is about to reset O-SII buffers, there is no phase-in planned and the O-SII buffers will be fully applied from 1 January 2022.
3.6 Review of the measure	The next decision should be taken in May 2022.

4. Reason for O-SII identification and activation of the O-SII buffer

4.1 Scores of concerned institution or group of institutions, as per EBA guidelines on the assessment of O-SIIs (Article 131.3)	Bank	Overall score (in basis points)	
	Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s.	2 275	
	Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.	1 769	
	Tatra banka, a.s.	1 406	
	Československá obchodná banka, a.s.	1 207	
	Poštová banka, a.s.	506	

4.2 Methodology and indicators used for designation of the O-SII (Article 131.3)	Please provide information on: a. whether you followed the EBA guidelines on the assessment of O-SIIs The EBA guidelines were fully followed when identifying O-SIIs. b. which threshold score has been set to identify O-SIIs Due to the relatively small number of banks in the Slovak banking sector the threshold was set to 425 basis points. c. which overall score is attributed to the O-SIIs See section 4.1 above. d. which of the optional indicators have been used to justify supervisory assessment decisions, if any, and what are the scores 3 optional indicators have been used: total RWA, retail loans and retail deposits. e. why these optional indicators are relevant for the Member State

	The Slovak banking sector is relatively traditional and conservative, focusing mainly on the domestic market. Therefore, the retail sector is particularly important for the banks, both on the assets and liabilities side of the balance sheet. Also, risk exposures are a key indicator of the "risk adjusted size" of the banks.
	f. why the bank is systemically important in terms of those particular optional indicators The indicators have been included to better capture the specificities of the whole banking sector. Therefore, there is no single bank that can be pointed out in this regard. g. whether relevant entities with relative total assets not in excess of 0.02% have been excluded from the identification process As the Slovak banking sector consists only of 12 banks/subsidiaries and 15 branches, all banks as well as branches have been included in the calculations. 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) i. whether non-bank institutions have been included in the calculations Non-bank institutions have not been included in the calculation.
4.3 Supervisory judgement	O-SIIs have been identified by adding the three optional indicators to the list of the 10 mandatory indicators. These optional indicators have been included in a 5th category (criterion) "optional indicators". The weights have been set in line with the EBA methodology: every criterion has an equal weight and within every criterion all indicators are equally weighted. The list of identified O-SIIs would be the same using only the mandatory indicators or using the adjusted list of indicators divided into 5 criterions.
4.4 Calibrating the O-SII buffer	Identified O-SIIs are required to maintain a level of O-SII buffer (see section 6). The O-SII buffers have been calibrated according the score of the identified institutions. In comparison with previous decision due to the new measurements of CRD V, the buffer structure for O-SII is changing. While so far the total level of buffer has been determined by a combination of O-SII buffer and a systemic risk buffer, after the changes, the risk resulting from possible failure of local systemically important banks will cover only the O-SII buffer. The overall level of O-SII buffer rates and SyRB rates is unchanged by all banks except for Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s.. In the case of Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s., the overall rate reduction by 0.25% is caused by the level of O-SII buffer of the parent Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo – the O-SII buffer of 1.75% takes effect from 1 January 2022.
4.5 Effectiveness and proportionality of measure	As the decision is only to reset the O-SII buffers and SyRB within the annual review, this point is not relevant.
5. Cross-border and cross-sector impact of the measure	
5.1 Assessment of cross-border effects and the likely impact on the internal market **(Recommendation ESRB/2015/2)**	As the decision is only to reset the O-SII buffers and SyRB within the annual review, this point is not relevant.

5.2 Assessment of leakages and regulatory arbitrage within the notifying Member State	As the decision is only to reset the O-SII buffers and SyRB within the annual review, this point is not relevant.

6. Combinations and interactions with other measures	

6.1 Combinations between G-SII and O-SII buffers (Article 131.14)	N/A: there are no G-SIIs identified in Slovakia.

6.2 Combinations with SRB buffers (Article 131.14 + Article 133.5)	After the changes of CRD V the SyRB is no more applied to cover the risks arising from the systematic importance of banks, as it has been possible so far. To cover those risks, NBS will use exclusively the O-SII buffer and SyRB will be abolished.

Bank	O-SII buffer from 1 January 2022	SyRB buffer from 1 January 2022
Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s.	1.75%	N/A
Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.	2.00%	N/A
Tatra banka, a.s.	1.50%	N/A
Československá obchodná banka, a.s.	1.00%	N/A
Poštová banka, a.s.	0.25%	N/A

6.3 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8)				
Bank	Ultimate parent	O-SII buffer	G-SII buffer	
Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s.	Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo	0.75%	N/A	
Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.	Erste Group Bank AG	2%	N/A	
Tatra banka, a.s.	Raiffeisen Bank International AG	2%	N/A	
Československá obchodná banka, a.s.	KBC Group NV	1.5%	N/A	
Poštová banka, a.s.	J&T Financne Group SE	N/A	N/A	

6.4 Interaction with other measures	No interaction.

7. Miscellaneous	

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7.2 Any other relevant information	N/A