

Compliance statement referred to in Article 26(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011

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<p>B. UniCredit Bank GmbH chooses to not apply the following provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 in respect of the non-significant benchmark or non-significant benchmarks identified below.</p> <p>As UniCredit Bank GmbH, we support the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 to establish a regulatory framework at the European Union level. However, for reasons of proportionality, and given the multitude of different types and sizes of benchmarks, a less detailed system should apply to us. In the following, we describe which individual corporate rules apply. In our opinion, these represent a reasonable and equivalent substitute for the articles of the Benchmark Regulation as given below, which we do not wish to apply.</p>																																																																																																																																																																				
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<p>2. (i) The provision or provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 that do not apply</p> <p>(ii) For each provision, the reasons why it is appropriate for the administrator not to comply with that provision</p>	<p>2. (i)</p> <p>Article 4(2): The provision of a benchmark shall be operationally separated from any part of an administrator's business that may create an actual or potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>Article 4(7) (c), (d), (e): Administrators shall ensure that their employees and any other natural persons whose services are placed at their disposal or under their control and who are directly involved in the provision of a benchmark: (c) do not have any interests or business connections that compromise the activities of the administrator concerned; (d) are prohibited from contributing to a benchmark determination by way of engaging in bids, offers and trades on a personal basis or on behalf of market participants, except where such way of contribution is explicitly required as part of the benchmark methodology and is subject to specific rules therein; and (e) are subject to effective procedures to control the exchange of information with other employees involved in activities that may create a risk of conflicts of interest or with third parties, where that information may affect the benchmark.</p> <p>Article 4(8): An administrator shall establish specific internal control procedures to ensure the integrity and reliability of the employee or person determining the benchmark, including at least internal sign-off by management before the dissemination of the benchmark.</p> <p>Article 5(2): Administrators shall develop and maintain robust procedures regarding their oversight function, which shall be made available to the relevant competent authorities.</p> <p>Article 5(3): The oversight function shall operate with integrity and shall have the following responsibilities, which shall be adjusted by the administrator based on the complexity, use and vulnerability of the benchmark: a) reviewing the benchmark's definition and methodology at least annually; b) overseeing any changes to the benchmark methodology and being able to request the administrator to consult on such changes; c) overseeing the administrator's control framework, the management and operation of the benchmark, and, where the benchmark is based on input data from contributors, the code of conduct referred to in Article 15; d) reviewing and approving procedures for cessation of the benchmark, including any</p>																																																																												

consultation about a cessation;
e) overseeing any third party involved in the provision of the benchmark, including calculation or dissemination agents;
f) assessing internal and external audits or reviews, and monitoring the implementation of identified remedial actions;
g) where the benchmark is based on input data from contributors, monitoring the input data and contributors and the actions of the administrator in challenging or validating contributions of input data;
h) where the benchmark is based on input data from contributors, taking effective measures in respect of any breaches of the code of conduct referred to in Article 15; and
i) reporting to the relevant competent authorities any misconduct by contributors, where the benchmark is based on input data from contributors, or administrators, of which the oversight function becomes aware, and any anomalous or suspicious input data.

Article 5(4):

The oversight function shall be carried out by a separate committee or by means of another appropriate governance arrangement.

Article 6(3):

The control framework shall include:

- a) management of operational risk;
- b) adequate and effective business continuity and disaster recovery plans;
- c) contingency procedures that are in place in the event of a disruption to the process of the provision of the benchmark.

Article 6(5):

The control framework shall be documented, reviewed and updated as appropriate and made available to the relevant competent authority and, upon request, to users.

Article 7(2):

An administrator shall designate an internal function with the necessary capability to review and report on the administrator's compliance with the benchmark methodology and this Regulation.

Article 11(2):

Administrators shall ensure that their controls in respect of input data include:
b) a process for evaluating a contributor's input data and for stopping the contributor from providing further input data, or applying other penalties for non-compliance against the contributor, where appropriate; and
c) a process for validating input data, including against other indicators or data, to ensure its integrity and accuracy.

Article 11(3):

Where the input data of a benchmark is contributed from a front office function, meaning any department, division, group, or personnel of contributors or any of its affiliates that performs any pricing, trading, sales, marketing, advertising, solicitation, structuring, or brokerage activities, the administrator shall:
a) obtain data from other sources that corroborate that input data; and
b) ensure that contributors have in place adequate internal oversight and verification procedures.

Article 13(2):

The procedures required under point (c) of paragraph 1 shall provide for:
a) advance notice, with a clear time frame, that gives the opportunity to analyse and comment upon the impact of such proposed material changes; and
b) the comments referred to in point (a) of this paragraph, and the administrator's response to those comments, to be made accessible after any consultation, except where confidentiality has been requested by the originator of the comments.

Article 14(2):

An administrator shall monitor input data and contributors in order to be able to

	<p>notify the competent authority and provide all relevant information where the administrator suspects that, in relation to a benchmark, any conduct has taken place that may involve manipulation or attempted manipulation of the benchmark, under Regulation (EU) No 596/2014, including collusion to do so.</p> <p>Article 15(2): The code of conduct shall include at least the following elements: a) a clear description of the input data to be provided and the requirements necessary to ensure that input data is provided in accordance with Articles 11 and 14; b) identification of the persons that may contribute input data to the administrator and procedures to verify the identity of a contributor and any submitters, as well as authorisation of any submitters that contribute input data on behalf of a contributor; c) policies to ensure that a contributor provides all relevant input data; d) the systems and controls that a contributor is required to establish, including: (i) procedures for contributing input data, including requirements for the contributor to specify whether input data is transaction data and whether input data conforms to the administrator's requirements; (ii) policies on the use of discretion in contributing input data; (iii) any requirement for the validation of input data before it is provided to the administrator; (iv) record-keeping policies; (v) reporting requirements concerning suspicious input data; (vi) requirements concerning the management of conflicts of interest.</p> <p>Article 16(2): A supervised contributor shall have in place effective systems and controls to ensure the integrity and reliability of all contributions of input data to the administrator, including: a) controls regarding who may submit input data to an administrator including, where proportionate, a process for sign-off by a natural person holding a position senior to that of the submitter; b) appropriate training for submitters, covering at least this Regulation and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014; c) measures for the management of conflicts of interest, including organisational separation of employees where appropriate and consideration of how to remove incentives, created by remuneration policies, to manipulate a benchmark; d) record-keeping, for an appropriate period of time, of communications in relation to provision of input data, of all information used to enable the contributor to make each submission, and of all existing or potential conflicts of interest including, but not limited to, the contributor's exposure to financial instruments which use a benchmark as a reference; e) record-keeping of internal and external audits.</p> <p>Article 16(3): Where input data relies on expert judgement, supervised contributors shall establish, in addition to the systems and controls referred to in paragraph 2, policies guiding any use of judgement or exercise of discretion and shall retain records of the rationale for any such judgement or discretion. Where proportionate, supervised contributors shall take into account the nature of the benchmark and its input data.</p> <p>2(ii)</p> <p>Article 4(2): An operational separation between administration and usage of the administered benchmarks is in place on a team level. In order to protect the integrity and independence of benchmark determinations the relevant UniCredit Bank GmbH "Conflict of Interest Policy" and UniCredit Bank GmbH "Code of Conduct" address the identification, disclosure, prevention, management and mitigation of conflicts of interest. However, the resources necessary in order to establish an operational separation of any part of the administrator's business that may create an actual or potential conflict of interest are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks, which are far below the upper threshold for non-</p>
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significant benchmarks.

Article 4(7) (c), (d), (e):

Due to the nature of UniCredit Bank GmbHs business it is ensured that employees and any other natural persons whose services are placed at their disposal or under their control and who are directly involved in the provision of a benchmark: (1) do not have any interests or business connections that compromise the activities of the administrator concerned; (2) are prohibited from engaging in bids, offers and trades on a personal basis or on behalf of market participants, and (3) are subject to effective procedures to control the exchange of information with other employees involved in activities that may create a risk of conflicts of interest or with third parties. This is ensured by the implementation of the UniCredit Global Policies "Conflict of Interest", "Outside Business Interest" and "Inside Information Management and Information Barriers" (these policies can be provided to the relevant competent authorities) in a more general manner than required in Article 4(7) (c), (d), and (e). The requirements necessary to implement Article 4(7) (c), (d), (e) specifically with respect to the determination of a benchmark or affection to a benchmark are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks.

Article 4(8):

The resources necessary in order to establish and implement internal control procedures as described in Article 4(8) are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the benchmarks administered by UniCredit Bank GmbH.

Article 5(2):

The resources necessary for the development and maintenance of robust procedures regarding the oversight function (Article 5(1)) is out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the benchmarks administered by UniCredit Bank GmbH.

Article 5(3):

A review of the benchmark's definition and methodology by the oversight function is implemented at the launch of a respective benchmark. However, an annual review of the benchmark's definition and methodology as described in point (a) of Article 5(3) is impossible due to contractual and legal reasons, i.e. the Final Terms and Conditions, which contain the sole terms and conditions applicable to the securities linked to the benchmarks administered by UniCredit Bank GmbH, and UniCredit Bank GmbH's base prospectuses and supplements prepared in accordance with Directive 2003/71/EC (Prospectus Directive).

Furthermore, the resources necessary to implement points (b), (c), (d), and (f) of Article 5(3) is out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the benchmarks administered by UniCredit Bank GmbH.

Point (e) of Article 5(3) is considered as not applicable as no third party is involved in the provision of UniCredit Bank GmbH administered benchmarks.

Points (g), (h), and (i) of Article 5(3) are considered as not applicable as administered benchmarks are not based on input data from contributors.

Article 5(4):

The resources necessary in order to establish a separate committee or by means of another appropriate governance arrangement to carry out the oversight function are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks.

Article 6(3):

Due to the nature of UniCredit Bank GmbHs business a framework including (1) the

management of operational risk, (2) adequate and effective business continuity and disaster recovery plans; (3) contingency procedures that are in place in the event of a disruption of the business by the implementation of the Capital Requirement Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 575/2013) and the implementation of the UniCredit "Business Continuity Management" (this policy can be provided to the relevant competent authorities) in a more general manner than required in Article 6(3) (1), (2), and (3).

However, the resources necessary to implement points (a), (b) and (c) specifically for the control framework as described in Article 6(1) are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks.

Article 6(5):

The control framework is implemented via an internal directive at UniCredit Bank GmbH. The control framework is documented, reviewed and updated as appropriate. However, it cannot be made available to externals but can be provided to the relevant competent authorities.

Article 7(2):

The resources necessary in order to designate an internal function with the necessary capability to review and report on the administrator's compliance with the benchmark methodology and Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks.

Article 11(2) (b):

Point (b) of Article 11(2) is considered as not applicable as administered benchmarks are not based on input data from contributors.

Article 11(2) (c):

Due to the nature of UniCredit Bank GmbH's business a process for the validation of input data, including against other indicators or data, to ensure its integrity and accuracy, is established by the implementation of the Regulation Basel III/ CAP 50.7 ("Independent price verification") in a more general manner than required in Article 11(2) (c).

However, the resources necessary to implement point (c) of Article 11(2) are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks.

Article 11(3):

Article 11(3) is considered as not applicable as administered benchmarks are not based on input data contributed from a front office function.

Article 13(2):

The resources necessary in order to comply with Article 13(2) are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks.

Article 14(2):

Due to the nature of UniCredit Bank GmbH's business a process for the monitoring of input data is established by the implementation of the Regulation Basel III/ CAP 50.7 ("Independent price verification") in a more general manner than required in Article 11(2) (c).

However, the resources necessary to implement Article 14(2) are out of proportion relative to the total value of all financial instruments, financial contracts or investment funds linked to the administered benchmarks.

Article 15(2):

Article 15(2) is considered as not applicable as administered benchmarks are not based on input data from contributors.

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