

Pursuant to Article 5, Paragraph 1, Item b, Article 20, Paragraph 2, Item b and Article 37 of the Law on the Banking Agency of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No. 59/13 and 4/17), Article 6, Paragraph 1, Item b and Article 19, Paragraph 1, Item b of the Statute of the Banking Agency of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No. 63/17), the Management Board of the Banking Agency of Republika Srpska, at the 48<sup>th</sup> session, held on 15 November 2022, adopted the

**DECISION ON AMENDMENTS  
TO THE  
DECISION ON CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING LICENSES,  
APPROVALS AND CONSENTS TO BANKS OPERATING IN REPUBLIKA SRPSKA**

**Article 1**

In Article 1 of the Decision on conditions and procedure for issuing licenses, approvals and consents to banks operating in Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No. 4/18 and 26/22), in Paragraph 3, Item 6, after the wording "banks", the wording "as well as amendments to the statute" shall be added.

In Article 1, Paragraph 3, Item 24, after the wording "the Agency", a comma shall be added and the wording "audits of the consolidated financial statements of the banking group, and audits in accordance with Article 167 of the Banking Law of Republika Srpska".

In Article 1, Paragraph 3, Item 25, the wording "Decision on minimum standards of information system management in banks" shall be replaced with the wording "Decision on information system management in banks".

In Article 1, Paragraph 9, after the wording "determined", the wording "by the decision or" shall be added.

**Article 2**

In Article 2, Paragraph 3, after the wording "information", the wording "or document" shall be added.

**Article 3**

In Article 7, Paragraph 6, after the wording "article", the wording "as well as to already existing organizational units" shall be added.

**Article 4**

In Article 12, Paragraph 3 shall be amended and read as follows:

"The bank, along with the request for the issuance of prior consent to the statute, and for its amendments, submits to the Agency the statute, i.e., the amendments to the statute, which must be signed by authorized persons, as well as the decision on amendments to the statute adopted by the bank's assembly."

In Article 12, after Paragraph 3, a new Paragraph 4 shall be added and read as follows:

"The bank is obliged, within 8 days from the day of obtaining the Agency's consent, to submit to the Agency the statute, i.e., amendments to the statute in the form of a notarized document, as well as the decision on amendments to the statute adopted by the bank's assembly and in the form of a notarized document."

Previous Paragraphs 4 and 5 shall become Paragraphs 5 and 6.

**Article 5**

In Sub-chapter 15.1., after the wording "the Agency", the wording "audits of consolidated financial statements" shall be added.

In Article 38, Paragraph 1, shall be amended and read as follows:

„Conditions and criteria that must be met by the external auditor in order to be able to audit financial statements, regular audit for the needs of the Agency, audit of consolidated financial statements of the

banking group, audit in accordance with Article 167 of the Banking Law of Republika Srpska and audit of financial statements in case of status change are as follows:

1. possesses a license issued by the competent authority and is registered in the register of companies for auditing,
2. has at least three authorized auditors with a valid license employed for a full-time,
3. in the team of auditors performing the audit in a particular bank, at least three members must have at least three years of experience in auditing the financial statements of banks, who are employed by an external auditor or engaged by an external auditor,
4. there are no restrictions for conducting the audit stipulated by Article 170 of the Banking Law of Republika Srpska and
5. has published an annual report on transparency from Article 45 of the Law on Accounting and Auditing of Republika Srpska”.

In Article 38, Paragraph 2, after Item 3, Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall be added and read as follows:

- „4. current extract from the court register of the external auditor,
5. license, i.e. the decision on the issuance of a work permit for the performance of audit work, issued by the competent authority,
6. extract from the register of auditing companies, issued by the competent authority,
7. licenses for authorized auditors who are employed by an external auditor or engaged by an external auditor, with information about their work experience,
8. statement by the external auditor that there are no restrictions for the audit stipulated by Article 170 of the Banking Law of Republika Srpska, that the conditions stipulated by Article 40 of the Law on Accounting and Auditing of Republika Srpska are met and that the annual transparency report from Article 45 of the Law on Accounting and Auditing of Republika has been published”.

In Paragraph 3, after the wording “auditor”, the wording “from Paragraph 1 of this Article” shall be added.

In Paragraph 3, the wording “for audit of financial statements and regular audit for the needs of the Agency” shall be deleted.

Paragraph 4 shall be deleted, and previous Paragraphs 5 and 6 shall become Paragraphs 4 and 5.

### **Article 6**

In Article 39, Paragraph 2, after Item 5, Item 6 shall be added and read as follows:

- „6. current extract from the court register of the external auditor”.

## **FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 7**

This Decision shall come into force on the eighth day from the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of Republika Srpska.

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PRESIDENT OF THE  
MANAGEMENT BOARD  
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