

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/633**of 24 April 2018****amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800 laying down implementing technical standards with regard to the allocation of credit assessments of external credit assessment institutions to an objective scale of credit quality steps in accordance with Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2009/138/EC of 25 November 2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 109a(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) After the adoption of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800 ⁽²⁾, five new external credit assessment institutions have been registered or certified. It is therefore necessary to amend the Annex to that Implementing Regulation in order to allocate the credit assessments of those newly registered or certified external credit assessment institutions to the objective scale of credit quality steps.
- (2) The registration of one external credit assessment institution has been withdrawn since the adoption of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800. That deregistered institution should therefore be removed from the Annex to that Implementing Regulation.
- (3) This Regulation is based on the draft implementing technical standards submitted by the European supervisory authorities (the European Banking Authority, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and the European Securities and Markets Authority) to the Commission.
- (4) The European supervisory authorities have conducted open public consultations on the draft implementing technical standards on which this Regulation is based, analysed the potential related costs and benefits and requested the opinion of the Banking Stakeholder Group established in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾, the Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group established in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾, and the Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group established in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁵⁾.
- (5) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800**

The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ Directive 2009/138/EC of 25 November 2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) (OJ L 335, 17.12.2009, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800 of 11 October 2016 laying down implementing technical standards with regard to the allocation of credit assessments of external credit assessment institutions to an objective scale of credit quality steps in accordance with Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 275, 12.10.2016, p. 19).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/78/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 12).

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/79/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 48).

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 84).

*Article 2***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 2018.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Allocation of credit assessments of external credit assessment institutions to an objective scale of credit quality steps

Credit quality step	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>AM Best Europe-Rating Services Ltd</i>							
Long-term issuer credit ratings scale	aaa	aa+, aa, aa-	a+, a, a-	bbb+, bbb, bbb-	bb+, bb, bb-	b+, b, b-	ccc+, ccc, ccc-, cc, c, rs
Long-term debt ratings scale	aaa	aa+, aa, aa-	a+, a, a-	bbb+, bbb, bbb-	bb+, bb, bb-	b+, b, b-	ccc+, ccc, ccc-, cc, c, d
Financial strength ratings scale		A++, A+	A, A-	B++, B+	B, B-	C++, C+	C, C-, D, E, F, S
Short-term ratings scale		AMB-1+	AMB-1-	AMB-2, AMB-3	AMB- 4		
<i>ARC Ratings S.A.</i>							
Medium- and long-term issuers rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Medium- and long-term issues rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Short-term issuers rating scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3	B, C, D		
Short-term issues rating scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3	B, C, D		
<i>ASSEKURATA Assekuranz Rating-Agentur GmbH</i>							
Long-term credit rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC/C, D
Short-term corporate rating scale		A++	A		B, C, D		
<i>Axesor S.A.</i>							
Global rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D, E
<i>Banque de France</i>							
Global long-term issuer credit ratings scale		3++	3+, 3	4+	4, 5+	5, 6	7, 8, 9, P

<i>BCRA – Credit Rating Agency AD</i>							
Bank long-term ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	C, D
Insurance long-term ratings scale	iAAA	iAA	iA	iBBB	iBB	iB	iC, iD
Corporate long-term ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Municipality long-term ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Issue long-term ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Bank short-term ratings scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3		B, C, D	
Corporate short-term ratings scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3		B, C, D	
Municipality short-term ratings scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3		B, C, D	
Issue short-term rating scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3		B, C, D	
<i>Capital Intelligence</i>							
International long-term issuer rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	C, RS, SD, D
International long-term issue rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
International short-term issuer rating scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3		B, C, D	
International short-term issue rating scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3		B, C, D	
<i>Cerved Rating Agency S.p.A.</i>							
Corporate long-term rating scale	A1.1	A1.2, A1.3	A2.1, A2.2, A3.1	B1.1, B1.2	B2.1, B2.2	C1.1	C1.2, C2.1
<i>Creditreform Ratings AG</i>							
Long-term rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	C, D
<i>CRIF S.p.A.</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, D1, D2

<i>Dagong Europe Credit Rating</i>							
Long-term credit rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Short-term credit rating scale		A-1		A-2, A-3	B, C, D		
<i>DBRS Ratings Limited</i>							
Long-term obligations rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Commercial paper and short-term debt rating scale		R-1 H, R-1 M	R-1 L	R-2, R-3	R-4, R-5, D		
Claims paying ability rating scale		IC-1	IC-2	IC-3	IC-4	IC-5	D
<i>Egan-Jones Ratings Co.</i>							
Long-term credit rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Short-term credit rating scale		A-1+	A-1	A-2	A-3, B, C, D		
<i>Euler Hermes Rating GmbH</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, SD, D
<i>European Rating Agency, a.s.</i>							
Long-term rating scale			AAA, AA, A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Short-term rating scale			S1	S2	S3, S4, NS		
<i>EuroRating Sp. z o.o.</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
<i>Fitch France S.A.S., Fitch Deutschland GmbH, Fitch Italia S.p.A., Fitch Polska S.A., Fitch Ratings España S.A.U., Fitch Ratings Limited UK, Fitch Ratings CIS Limited</i>							
Long-term issuer credit ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, RD, D
Corporate finance obligations – Long-term ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C

Long-term international IFS ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C
Short-term rating scale		F1+	F1	F2, F3	B, C, RD, D		
Short-term IFS ratings scale		F1+	F1	F2, F3	B, C		
<i>GBB-Rating Gesellschaft für Bonitätsbeurteilung mbH</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	AAA	AA		A, BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
<i>HR Ratings de México, S.A. de C.V.</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	HR AAA(G)	HR AA(G)	HR A(G)	HR BBB(G)	HR BB(G)	HR B(G)	HR C(G), HR D (G)
Global short-term rating scale	HR+1(G)	HR1(G)	HR2(G)	HR3(G)	HR4(G), HR5(G), HR D(G)		
<i>ICAP Group S.A.</i>							
Global long-term rating scale			AA, A	BB, B	C, D	E, F	G, H
<i>INC Rating Sp. z o.o.</i>							
Long-term issuer credit rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
<i>Japan Credit Rating Agency Ltd</i>							
Long-term issuer ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, LD, D
Long-term issue ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Short-term issuer ratings scale		J-1+	J-1	J-2	J-3, NJ, LD, D		
Short-term issue credit ratings scale		J-1+	J-1	J-2	J-3, NJ, D		
<i>Kroll Bond Rating Agency</i>							
Long-term credit rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Short-term credit rating scale		K1+	K1	K2, K3	B, C, D		

<i>modeFinance S.r.l.</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	A1	A2	A3	B1	B2	B3	C1, C2, C3, D
<i>Moody's Investors Service Cyprus Ltd, Moody's France S.A.S., Moody's Deutschland GmbH, Moody's Italia S.r.l., Moody's Investors Service España S.A., Moody's Investors Service Ltd</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	B	Caa, Ca, C
Bond fund rating scale	Aaa-bf	Aa-bf	A-bf	Baa-bf	Ba-bf	B-bf	Caa-bf, Ca-bf, C-bf
Global short-term rating scale		P-1	P-2	P-3	NP		
<i>Rating-Agentur Expert RA GmbH</i>							
International credit rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D, E
International reliability rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D, E
<i>Scope Ratings AG</i>							
Global long-term rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Global short-term rating scale		S-1+	S-1	S-2	S-3, S-4		
<i>Spread Research</i>							
International long-term rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
<i>Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France S.A.S., Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Italy S.r.l., Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited</i>							
Long-term issuer credit ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, R, SD/D
Long-term issue credit ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D
Insurer financial strength ratings scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, SD/D, R
Fund credit quality ratings scale	AAAf	AAf	Af	BBBf	BBf	Bf	CCCf

Mid market evaluation ratings scale		MM1	MM2	MM3, MM4	MM5, MM6	MM7, MM8, MMD	
Short-term issuer credit ratings scale	A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3	B, C, R, SD/D			
Short-term issue credit ratings scale	A-1+	A-1	A-2, A-3	B, C, D			
<i>The Economist Intelligence Unit Ltd</i>							
Sovereign rating band scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D'