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Chapter 3

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/34

Preamble

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,
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Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2014/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on the comparability of fees related to payment accounts, payment account switching and access to payment accounts with basic features, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 4(6) thereof,

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Whereas:

(1) Directive 2014/92/EU requires Member States to ensure that payment service providers provide the consumer with a fee information document on paper or another durable medium containing the standardised terms in the final list of the most representative services linked to a payment account and, where such services are offered by a payment service provider, the corresponding fees for each service. The final lists are to be published by Member States, integrating the Union standardised terminology laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/32.

(2) In order to ensure that the fee information document achieves the aims of Directive 2014/92/EU and, at the same time, provides the consumer with all relevant information in a way that enhances comparison and transparency, payment service providers should use a standardised template for the fee information document along with clear instructions on how to complete the fee information document.

(3) Since the fee information document is meant to inform consumers before entering into a contract for a payment account in order to enable them to compare payment account offers, a payment service provider should use the standardised template for producing one fee information document in respect of each of the payment accounts offered to a consumer.

(4) In order to allow consumers to choose the most suitable account offer for their needs, while still ensuring a high level of standardisation, it should be possible to present an appropriate combination of packages and therefore the payment service provider should be able to produce more than one fee information document in respect of that payment account, provided that at least one package is included in each document.

(5) In order to make it easier for the consumer to understand the content of the different types of packages and their fees, the fee information document should list the packages separately.

(6) If services that exceed the quantity covered by a package are not included in the national final list of most representative services and therefore, are not displayed in the fee information document, they should be shown in a separate table and not combined with information on the content of the packages, in order to give consumers a clear overview of the package.


(7) As the content of each fee information document provided to consumers depends on the individual payment service provider's offer of services and on each Member State's final list of the most representative services linked to a payment account, in order to ensure comparability of payment account offered in the single market, the template for the fee information document should provide certain headings under which the different services should be grouped.

(8) The template for the fee information document should include a separate table, to be used by those payment service providers which are required to supply also a comprehensive cost indicator.

(9) This Regulation is based on the draft implementing technical standards submitted by the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority) ("EBA") to the Commission.

(10) The EBA has 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:



Article 1 Template for the fee information document and its common symbol

(1) Payment service providers shall use the template as laid down in the Annex and complete it as set out in Articles 2 to 13.

(2) Payment service providers shall not modify the template for the fee information document in completing it other than provided for in this Regulation. In particular, payment service providers shall follow the order of information, headings and sub-headings laid down in the template. The fee information document shall:

(a) be presented in A4 portrait format;

(b) contain the title "Fee Information Document" at the top of the first page, with the title centred and positioned between the logo of the payment service provider at the top left-hand side of the document and the common symbol at the top right-hand side of the document;

(c) contain the common symbol of the size 2,5 cm × 2,5 cm and displayed as shown in the template laid down in the Annex;

(d) use font type Arial or another font type similar to Arial and font size 11, with exceptions for the title "Fee Information Document", which uses font size 16 in bold type; font size 14 in bold type for the headings, and font size 12 in bold for the sub-headings, unless an increase in the font size or use of braille font type for visually impaired persons is either required under UK law or agreed between the consumer and the payment service provider;

(e) be produced in black and white, with exception of the logo of the payment service provider and the common symbol which may be presented in colour, as laid down in Article 2;

(f) contain the headings in semi-dark grey using the colour pattern with reference number 166,166,166 of the RGB colour model and the sub-headings in light-grey colour using the colour pattern with reference number 191,191,191 of the RGB colour model;

(g) have its pages numbered.

(3) A payment service provider shall provide a separate fee information document in respect of each of the payment accounts it offers to consumers.

(4) Notwithstanding the provision of a payment account with basic features referred to in Part 4 of the Payment Accounts Regulations (SI 2015/2038), where a payment service provider offers only one payment account to consumers that can be combined with different packages of services referred to in Schedule 1(3) of the Payment Accounts Regulations (SI 2015/2038), the payment service provider may produce more than one fee information document in respect of that account, provided that each fee information document contains at least one package.



Article 2 Common symbol and logo of the payment service provider

(1) Where the common symbol is displayed in colour it shall follow the colour pattern with reference number 0/51/153 (hexadecimal: 003399) of the RGB colour model for the background and colour pattern 255/204/0 (hexadecimal: FFCC00) of the RGB colour model for the symbol.

(2) The logo of the payment service provider shall be of an equivalent size to the size of the common symbol.

(3) The logo may only be displayed in colour if the common symbol is also displayed in colour. Where printed in black and white the common symbol shall be clearly readable.



Article 3 Name of the account provider

The name of the payment services provider that provides the account shall be included in bold type and left aligned.

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Article 4 Account name

The name of the account shall be included in bold type, left aligned and below the name of the account provider.



Article 5 Date

The date when the payment service provider last updated the fee information document shall be included, using the font prescribed in Article 1(2)(d), left aligned and included below the account name.



Article 6 Introductory statement

(1) The text of the introductory statement specified in the template shall be reproduced in the fee information document, using line spacing 1,15, 0 pt before and 10 pt after the text.

(2) Payment service providers shall replace the square brackets with the names of the relevant pre-contractual and contractual documents.

Article 7 Services and Fees table

(1) Payment service providers shall list the services that are included in the final linked services list of most representative services linked to a payment account referred to in Regulation 3 of the Payment Accounts Regulations (SI 2015/2038), where payment service provider offer such services, and their corresponding fees in the table on services and fees as follows:

- (a) the services shall be inserted in the column "Service", left aligned, in bold type;
- (b) each service shall be listed only once and shall be displayed under the respective sub-heading shown in the table, such as the provision or the maintenance of the account shall be listed under sub-heading "General account services";
- (c) the fees corresponding to the services shall be shown in the column "Fee", right aligned;
- (d) where the fee is charged with regular frequency rather than on a per use basis, the frequency shall be indicated in the column "Fee", left aligned, followed by the corresponding fee for that period, right aligned; the total annual fee shall be disclosed on the line directly underneath the frequency, in bold type, left aligned and using the wording "Total annual fee" with the corresponding fee right aligned;
- (e) the line spacing shall be single, 0 pt before and 0 pt after each service and fee.

(2) Where none of the services offered by a payment services provider, which would correspond a sub-heading, are included in the final linked services list of most representative services linked to a payment account, the entire row related to that sub-heading shall be deleted, including the title of the sub-heading.

(3) Where payment service providers do not offer one or more services from the final linked services list of the most representative services referred to in Regulation 3 of the Payment Accounts Regulations (SI 2015/2038), or where the service is not made available with the account, the phrase "service not available" shall be used.

(4) Where separate fees are charged in one or more of the following ways, payment services providers shall provide, in the column "Fee" of that service and on a separate line, a description of each fee-charging instance, channel or condition ("types of fees"):


(a) for different fee-charging instances of the provision of the same service, such as an initial set-up fee and subsequent execution fees for the same service;

(b) for different channels through which the same service is requested, used or provided, such as by phone, branch or online;

(c) depending on whether a specific condition for the same service is met, such as adherence to a minimum or maximum threshold amount for credit transfers or cash withdrawals.

The description shall be left aligned and the fee shall be right aligned.

(5) Where fees are charged dependent on a combination of several types of fees, such as fees that differ by channel and are then further separated depending on whether a threshold amount is met, payment service providers shall, in addition to applying paragraph 4, right indent the description of each additional type of fee.



Article 8 Presentation of packages of services charged as part of fees under the sub-heading General account services

- (1) Where a package of services linked to a payment account is charged as part of the fees under the sub-heading "General account services", all services included in the package, regardless of whether they are included in the final linked services list of most representative services linked to a payment account referred to in Regulation 3 of the Payment Accounts Regulations (SI 2015/2038), shall be listed in the section of the table on general account service, in the row on package of services.
- (2) Payment service providers shall include information on the additional fee for any service that exceeds the quantity covered by the package of services as set out in Article 10.
- (3) Where the number of all services covered by the package of services is not limited, payment service providers shall delete the statement at the bottom of the row "Services beyond these quantities will be charged separately".
- (4) The entire row on package of services shall be deleted, where a package of services is not offered with the account and when the package of services is charged separately from any fees for general account services.

Article 9 Presentation of packages of services charged separately from fees under the sub-heading a General account services

(1) Where payment service providers offer a package of services linked to a payment account with the account and the package is charged separately from any fees under the sub-heading "General account services", as referred to in the table of services and fees, payment service providers shall include the following information in the table on package of services:

(a) a list of all services included in the package, regardless of whether they are included in the final linked services list of most representative services linked to a payment account referred to in Regulation 3 of the Payment Accounts Regulations (SI 2015/2038);

(b) the quantity of each service covered by the package fee, which may be either a number or an indication that the number of services is not limited;

(c) the package fee, in the column "Fee", right aligned.

(2) Where the package is charged with regular frequency, the frequency shall be displayed in the "Fee" column and left aligned, with the total annual fee displayed on the line directly underneath the frequency, in bold type and using the wording "Total annual fee".

(3) Payment service providers shall include information on the additional fee for any service that exceeds the quantity covered by the package of services as set out in Article 10.

(4) Where the number of all services in the package is not limited, payment service providers shall delete the statement at the bottom of the table that reads "Services beyond these quantities will be charged separately".

(5) Where more than one package falling under paragraph 1 is included in the fee information document, payment service providers shall provide the information under this Article for each package in a separate table, indicating the brand name of the package of services, where applicable.

(6) Payment service providers shall delete the entire table, where the package of services is not offered with the account, or where the package of services is charged as part of the fee for any general account services.

Article 10 Table on additional fees for
services exceeding the quantity covered by
packages of services linked to a payment
account

(1) Payment service providers shall include in this table information on additional fees for any service that exceeds the quantity covered by a package referred to in Articles 8 and 9, if this information is not included in the table of services and fees, or where the corresponding fee for the service is different than shown in the table.

(2) Where payment services providers offer more than one package and the additional fees referred to in paragraph 1 differ dependent on the package, payment service providers shall list the different fees separately for each package and use the brand name of the package, where applicable.

(3) In completing this table, payment service providers shall follow the same presentation and structure as set out in this Regulation, where applicable.

(4) Where a fee information document does not include any information on packages of services, payment service providers shall delete the table referred to in paragraph 1.



Article 12 Brand names

Where a brand name is used, the brand name shall follow directly after the name of the service, using the font prescribed in Article 1(2)(d) and in square brackets.

Article 13 Use of electronic means

(1) Where the fee information document is provided by electronic means payment service providers may, provided that at the same time the consumer is provided with a copy of the fee information document in line with the template laid down in the Annex and completed as set out in Articles 2 to 12, modify the template in only the following ways:

(a) by way of derogation from point (d) of Article 1(2), increase the font sizes, provided that the proportion of sizes as set out in Article 1(2) is retained;

(b) where the dimensions of the electronic tools are such that using several tables and columns would make the fee information document difficult to read, use a single column or a single table if the order of information, headings and sub-headings are retained;

(c) use electronic tools, such as layering and pop-ups, provided that the title of the fee information document, the common symbol, introductory statements, headings and sub-headings, are displayed prominently and the order of information is retained.

(2) The use of the electronic tools referred to in point (c) of the paragraph 1 shall not be intrusive that it could distract the consumer from the information in the fee information document. Information provided through layering and pop-ups shall be limited to the information referred to in this Regulation.



Article 14 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*.



Signature

01/01/2021

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

01/01/2021

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2017.

01/01/2021

For the Commission

01/01/2021

The President

01/01/2021

Jean-Claude JUNCKER



ANNEX Fee information document template

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Fee information document template



Fee Information Document



Name of the account provider:

Account name:

Date:

- This document informs you about the fees for using the main services linked to the payment account. It will help you to compare these fees with those of other accounts.
- Fees may also apply for using services linked to the account which are not listed here. Full information is available in [specify names of the relevant pre-contractual and contractual documents].
- A glossary of the terms used in this document is available free of charge.

Service	Fee
General account services	
[main service] [brand name] Includes a package of services consisting of: Services beyond these quantities will be charged separately.	[•]
Payments (excluding cards)	
	[•]
Cards and cash	
	[•]
Overdrafts and related services	
	[•]

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Other services	
	[•]
Package of services	Fee
[brand name]	[•]
	[•]
Services beyond these quantities will be charged separately.	
Information on additional services	
Information on fees for services exceeding the quantity of services covered by the package of services (excluding fees listed above)	
Service	Fee
[brand name]	[•]