

# Terms and Conditions for banking transactions via Berenberg Corporate Portal



## 1 Service

(1) The Customer may conduct banking business via Berenberg Corporate Portal by using the range of banking services offered by the Bank. The use of the offered range of services is subject to the terms and conditions of such services (e.g. Conditions for Credit Transfers). In addition, the Customer may use Berenberg Corporate Portal to obtain information from the Bank.

(2) If the Berenberg Corporate Portal shall include further accounts maintained by the Customer with other banks, the Customer shall instruct such banks to transfer the relevant information to the Bank and entitle such banks to receive such data that has been transmitted by the Bank. The Bank will act in such circumstances solely as receiving or transmitting agent. The Customer shall inform the Bank in due time about the necessary details.

(3) The Customer and attorney(s) are hereinafter collectively referred to as »Participant(s)«. Account(s) and safe custody account(s) are herein after collectively referred to as »Account(s)«.

(4) The use of Berenberg Corporate Portal is subject to the transaction limits agreed separately with the Bank.

## 2 Preconditions for the use of Berenberg Corporate Portal

For identification to the Bank as an authorised Participant (see No. 3) and for the authorisation of orders (see No. 4), the Bank authenticates the Participant using the authentication elements agreed for this purpose and thereby verifies the identity of the Participant.

### 2.1 Authentication elements Authentication elements are

- knowledge elements, i.e. something that only the Participant knows (e.g. personal identification number [PIN]),
- possession elements, i.e. something that only the Participant owns (e.g. device for generating or receiving transaction numbers [TAN] that can be used once and which prove the subscriber's ownership, such as the girocard with TAN generator or the mobile device), or
- elements of inherence, i.e. something that the Participant is (e.g. fingerprint as a biometric feature of the Participant).

The Participant is authenticated by the Participant transmitting the knowledge element, proof of possession and/or proof of inherence element to the bank in accordance with the bank's request.

## 3 Accessing the Berenberg Corporate Portal

The Participant is given access to the Berenberg Corporate Portal once

- the Participant enters the individual Customer identification number on the input screen provided for this purpose and identifies himself/herself by using the authentication elements requested by the Bank,

- a check of this data by the Bank establishes that the Participant is authorised to access the Berenberg Corporate Portal, and
- the access is not blocked (see Nos. 9.1 and 10).

Once the Participant has been granted access to the Berenberg Corporate Portal, the Participant is authorised to query information or issue orders.

## 4 Processing of orders via the Berenberg Corporate Portal

### 4.1 Issuing orders and authorisation

For orders (e.g. credit transfers) to be effective, the Participant must authorise them using the authentication elements requested by the Bank.

### 4.2 Reporting regulations under German foreign trade ordinance (AWV)

In case of payments to non-residents the Participant is obliged to comply with the requirements under the German foreign trade ordinance (AWV).

### 4.3 Revocation of orders

Whether or not an order can be revoked is governed by the special conditions applicable to the relevant type of order. Orders can only be revoked outside the Berenberg Corporate Portal unless the Bank expressly provides a facility for revoking them as part of the Berenberg Corporate Portal.

## 5 Processing of banking orders by the Bank

(1) Orders received by the Bank via the Berenberg Corporate Portal are processed in accordance with the provisions of the special conditions applicable to the relevant type of order.

(2) For orders, in particular payment orders (credit transfers, direct debits) the following shall apply:

The Bank will execute an order when the following conditions for execution have been met:

- the Participant has authorised the order (see No. 4.1);
- the Participant is authorised to issue the relevant type of order;
- the data format has been adhered to;
- the separately agreed transaction limit has not been exceeded;
- the conditions for execution as set out in the special conditions applicable to the relevant type of order have been met; and
- there are sufficient funds in the account.

If the conditions for execution set out above have been met, the Bank executes the order. The execution must not breach any further regulation.

(3) If the conditions for execution set out under para. 2 sentence 1 are not met, the Bank will not execute the order. The Bank will notify the Participant online or by other means of information about the non-execution and, as far as possible, state the reasons for rejection as well as the



possibilities for rectifying the errors that led to rejection. Such statement will not be given if the Bank is not allowed to give such information. If due to a lack of sufficient funds the execution of an order leads to a tolerated overdraft a higher interest rate has to be paid.

## 6 Account holder notification of transactions

The Bank shall inform the account holder at least once a month about the transactions executed via Berenberg Corporate Portal through the agreed account information channel and in accordance with the conditions applicable to the relevant type of order.

## 7 Participant's duties of care and attention

### 7.1 Technical connection to the online banking service Berenberg Corporate Portal

The Participant shall establish the technical connection to the Berenberg Corporate Portal exclusively via the channels notified separately by the Bank (e.g. Internet address). The Customer is responsible for ensuring that he/she maintains an adequate backup for his/her own systems and always state of the art precautions against viruses and other malicious programs (such as Trojans, worms etc.). The Customer has sole responsibility to comply with the local regulations governing the use of Internet.

### 7.2 Protection of authentication elements

The Participant shall take all reasonable precautions to protect his/her authentication elements (see No. 2 of these Conditions) against unauthorised access. Otherwise, there is a risk that online banking may be misused or used in any other unauthorised way (see Nos. 3 and 4 of these Conditions).

(1) In order to protect the individual authentication elements, the Participant shall pay particular attention to the following:

(a) Elements of knowledge, such as the PIN, shall be kept secret; they must in particular

- not be communicated orally (e.g. by telephone or in person),
- not passed on outside online banking in text form (e.g. by e-mail, messenger service),
- not be stored unsecured electronically (e.g. storage of the PIN in plain text in the computer or in the mobile device) and
- not be recorded on a device or stored as a transcript together with a device that serves as a possession element (e.g. girocard with TAN generator, mobile terminal, signature card) or for checking the existence element (e.g. mobile terminal with application for online banking and fingerprint sensor).

(b) Possession elements such as the girocard with TAN generator or a mobile terminal must be protected against misuse, in particular

- the girocard with TAN generator or the signature card must be kept safe from unauthorised access by other persons,
- it must be ensured that unauthorised persons cannot access the Participant's mobile terminal device (e.g. mobile phone),
- it must be ensured that other persons cannot use the online banking application (e.g. online banking app, authentication app) located on the mobile terminal device (e.g. mobile phone),
- the application for online banking (e.g. online banking app, authentication app) must be deactivated on the Participant's mobile device before the subscriber gives up possession of this mobile device (e.g. by selling or disposing of the mobile phone),
- the evidence of the ownership element (e.g. TAN) may not be passed on orally (e.g. by telephone) or in text form (e.g. by e-mail, messenger service) outside online banking, and
- the Participant who has received a code from the bank to activate the possession element (e.g. mobile phone with application for online banking) must keep it safe from unauthorised access by other persons; otherwise there is a risk that other persons will activate their device as the possession element for the Participant's online banking.

(c) Elements of inherence, such as the Participant's fingerprint, may only be used as an authentication element on a participant's mobile device for online banking if no other person's elements of being are stored on the mobile device. If the mobile device used for online banking stores the existence elements of other persons, the knowledge element issued by the Bank (e.g. PIN) is to be used for online banking and not the inherence element stored on the mobile device.

(d) Furthermore, please note:

- The password for the electronic signature must not be kept together with the authentication element.
- The electronic key generated by the Participant must not be stored unsecured electronically (e.g. in the Customer systems or on a mobile device) by a Participant. The electronic key generated by the Participant must remain within the sole power of disposal of the relevant Participant or in a technical environment provided by the Bank (or by a service provider approved by the Bank) that is protected against unauthorised access.
- If a so-called »Technical Participant« is acting in connection with an automatic transfer of data, the electronically stored signature of such Technical Participant is to be stored in a safe technical environment. The Technical Participant has no right to give orders on his/her own. He/she is acting solely as a transmitting agent.
- An authentication element is only to be entered in a manner that assures that it may not be detected by anyone else.
- An authentication element must not be entered on Internet pages other than the ones agreed upon separately (e.g. not on online broker websites).



- An authentication element must not be forwarded outside the online banking system, e.g. by e-mail.
- If the electronic key is stored on a mobile device (e.g. smartphone) of the Participant, it must be ensured that unauthorised persons cannot access and use this device.
- It must be ensured that other persons cannot use the authentication elements on the mobile device.

(2) The Bank's app for participating in the Berenberg Corporate Portal or for authorising orders must be obtained directly from the Bank or from a provider named to the customer by the Bank.

### 7.3 Checking the order data against the data shown by the Bank

To the extent that the Bank shows data from the Participant's order transmitted via the Berenberg Corporate Portal (e.g. amount, creditor account number, securities identification number) to the Participant in the Customer system for confirmation, the Participant is obliged, before giving his/her confirmation, to check that the data shown corresponds to the data intended for the transaction.

### 7.4 Further duties of care and attention

The Customer shall ensure that the duties of care under are met this agreement by the authorised representatives (i.e. the Participants).

## 8 Encryption techniques used abroad

In countries where the use, import and/or export of encryption techniques is restricted, the online-access provided by the Bank must not be used. If necessary, the Participant must arrange for the necessary permits, notices or other necessary measures. The Participant has to inform the Bank about any prohibitions, licensing and notification requirements known to him/her.

## 9 Disclosure and notification obligations

### 9.1 Blocking notice

- (1) If the Participant becomes aware
- that an authentication medium (e.g. mobile device) is missing, has been stolen or misused, or
  - that the authentication medium or authentication element has been used without authorisation,
- the Participant must notify the Bank thereof without delay (blocking notice). The Participant can also give a blocking notice to the Bank at any time using the telephone number +49 40 350 60-0.

(2) The Participant must immediately report any theft or misuse to the police.

(3) Should the Participant suspect unauthorised or fraudulent use of an authentication element, the Participant must also immediately submit a blocking notice.

### 9.2 Notification of unauthorised or incorrectly executed orders

The Customer shall inform the Bank without delay on finding that an order was unauthorised or executed incorrectly.

## 10 Blocking

### 10.1 Blocking at the Participant's request

At the Participant's request, particularly in the case of a blocking notice as set out in No. 9.1, the Bank will block

- the Berenberg Corporate Portal access for him/her or for all Participants, or
- his/her authentication element.

### 10.2 Blocking by the Bank

(1) The Bank is authorised to block the Berenberg Corporate Portal access for a Participant in cases where

- the Bank is entitled to terminate any agreement on cooperation in cross-border and transaction business for reasonable cause,
- this appears justified on account of factual reasons relating to the security of an authentication element, or
- unauthorised or fraudulent use of an authentication element is suspected.

(2) The Bank will notify the Customer if possible prior to but at the latest immediately subsequent to the blocking, stating the reasons for the blocking.

### 10.3 Lifting the block

The Bank will lift a block, or replace the authentication elements concerned if the reasons for the block no longer apply. The Bank shall inform the Customer of this without delay.

### 10.4 Automatic blocking

The knowledge element (e.g. PIN) will be blocked if the password is entered incorrectly three times in succession. In this case, the Participant can contact the Bank in order to arrange for the Berenberg Corporate Portal access to be reactivated.

## 11 Liability in connection with the use of authentication elements

### 11.1 Liability of the Customer for unauthorised payment transactions prior to the blocking notice

(1) If the unauthorised payment transactions prior to blocking notice pertain to use of a lost, stolen or otherwise misplaced authentication element or other misuse of an authentication element, the Customer is liable to the Bank for damage thus incurred if a Participant is at fault for the loss, theft or other misplacement of the authentication element or the misuse of the authentication element. In addition, the Customer is liable if he/she has not chosen the named Participants carefully and/or did not check regularly that such Participant did comply with the obligations under these conditions. If the Bank has contributed to the incurred damage by own fault, the principles of contributory negligence shall determine the extent to which Customer and the Bank have to bear the damage. The limitation of liability pursuant to Section 675v (1) of the German Civil Code shall not apply.

(2) The Customer is not obliged to compensate the damage according to paragraph 1 if the Participant was unable to



submit the blocking notice in accordance with No. 9.1 due to failure of the Bank to enable receipt of the blocking notice and if the damage was incurred thereby.

(3) The liability for damages is restricted to the agreed transaction limit, if the incurred damage was caused within the period for which the transaction limit applies.

#### **11.2 Liability for unauthorised transactions other than payment transactions prior to the blocking notice**

If unauthorised transactions other than payment transactions prior to the blocking notice pertain to use of a lost or stolen or otherwise misplaced authentication element or other misuse of an authentication element and if the Bank suffers a loss as a result, the Customer is liable to the Bank for damage thus incurred if a Participant is at fault for the loss, theft or other misplacement of the authentication element or the misuse of an authentication element. In addition, the Customer is liable if he/she has not chosen the named Participants carefully and/or did not check regularly that such Participant did comply with the obligations under these conditions. If the Bank has contributed to the incurred damage by own fault, the principles of contributory negligence shall determine the extent to which Customer and the Bank have to bear the damage. The limitation of liability pursuant to Section 675v (1) of the German Civil Code shall not apply.

#### **11.3 Liability of the Bank as from the blocking notice**

As soon as the Bank has received a blocking notice from a Participant, it shall assume all losses arising after this time as a result of unauthorized online banking transactions. This does not apply if the Participant acted with fraudulent intent.

## **12 Availability**

The Bank aims to keep the services offered under the Berenberg Corporate Portal widely available. However, the availability shall not be guaranteed. In particular, due to technical problems, maintenance works or network problems (such as non-availability of third-party servers) out of the Bank's control, may cause temporary disruptions that prevent access.

## **13 Reference to third party websites**

If the Berenberg Corporate Portal website enables access to the third party websites, this is only to allow the Participants to access information on the Internet easily. The contents of such pages do not represent the Bank's own statements; they are not checked by the Bank.

## **14 Right of use**

The Customer is not entitled by this agreement to set links or frame links on his/her website without the prior written consent of the Bank. The Customer undertakes to use the website and its contents solely for his/her personal use. In particular, the Customer is not entitled without the prior consent to share the contents with third parties, to embed such contents into other products or processes or to discover the source code of the websites. References to rights of the Bank or third parties may not be deleted or made illegible. The Customer will not use trademarks, domain names and other marks of the Bank or third parties without the prior consent of the Bank. Under these terms and conditions the Bank does not grant any irrevocable, exclusive and transferable rights of use.

## **15 Hotline (»Helpdesk«)**

The Bank offers a telephone hotline (so-called »helpdesk«) for answering questions about the technology, operation and functionality offered in the Berenberg Corporate Portal services. The hotline which is available on German banking days at telephone number +49 40 350 60-788.