

# Annex 1 to the Terms and Conditions

## Definitions

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Account	The primary account and one or more subaccounts (LOM accounts) used for payment settlements and of which the account holder has the right of disposal.
Account holder	Banks and other financial sector undertakings with a NOK account at Norges Bank.
Bits	Bits AS as the operator of NICS pursuant to the <i>Act of 17 December 1999 No. 95 on Payment Systems etc.</i>
Clearing	The calculation of net payment positions stemming from single payments.
Clearing system	A system for calculating net payment positions.
Collateral	Assets that an account holder has pledged as collateral for loans from Norges Bank and for its own loans or another account holder's loans under the SCP arrangement.
Contingency account	A passive account that does not provide access to borrowing and deposit facilities at Norges Bank until it has been activated.
Enhanced contingency mechanism	The Market Infrastructure Resiliency Service (MIRS) operated by SWIFT, which can replace the main functions of NBO in the event of an operational crisis.
F-deposits	Deposits at Norges Bank at a fixed or floating rate and a fixed term determined by Norges Bank.
F-loans	Loans from Norges Bank at a fixed or floating rate and a fixed term determined by Norges Bank.
Gross payment order	A payment order between two account holders at Norges Bank.

Initiation of insolvency proceedings	Initiation of insolvency proceedings refers to when debt settlement proceedings are opened, pursuant to Section 4, fourth paragraph, of the <i>Act on Debt Settlement Proceedings and Bankruptcy (Bankruptcy Act)</i> , when bankruptcy proceedings are opened pursuant to Section 74, first paragraph, of the <i>Bankruptcy Act</i> , when a decision is adopted to wind up an institution under public administration pursuant to Section 10-29 of the <i>Act on financial Institutions and Financial Groups (Financial Institutions Act)</i> , or corresponding rules in accordance with current law of the state in which the account holder has its head office.
LOM account	<p>Liquidity Optimisation Mechanism. A sub account to the primary account, used to settle payment orders. The use of the following LOM accounts is regulated by these Terms and Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <u>VPO LOM</u> is used to settle payment orders cleared in VPO NOK.</li><li>- <u>CLS LOM</u> is used to settle payment orders between the account holder and CLS from foreign exchange trading.</li><li>- <u>Straks LOM</u> is used as collateral for settlement of payments between participants in NICS Real and for settlement of such payments at Norges Bank.</li><li>- <u>NBO LOM</u> is used to settle all other payment orders.</li></ul>
NBO	Norges Bank's settlement system. Norges Bank's system for account management and settlement of payment orders.
NBO Online	Norges Bank's online information and transaction system for an account holder's access to its accounts at Norges Bank.

NICS	<p>Norwegian Interbank Clearing system. The banks' interbank system for clearing and submission of payment orders. NICS has the following main functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <u>NICS Net</u> clears payments between the banks and sends a net payment position for each bank to a settlement bank. In Norges Bank, the payment positions are settled on each bank's NBO LOM account.</li><li>- <u>NICS Gross</u> submits single payment orders to Norges Bank for settlement on each bank's NBO LOM account.</li><li>- <u>NICS Real</u> clears instant retail payments between the banks and submits a net payment position for each bank to a settlement bank. In Norges Bank, the payment positions are settled on each bank's Straks LOM account.</li></ul>
Operating schedule for NBO	<p>The regular daily activities of the settlement system, including opening and closing times and deadlines for the payment settlements.</p>
Operator	<p>An institution responsible for operating a clearing or settlement system.</p>
Payment order	<p>An order to settle a payment, including a net payment position stemming from a clearing.</p>
Payment settlement	<p>Settlement of a payment order.</p>
Primary account	<p>The account at Norges Bank in which the account holder's deposits are registered overnight.</p>
Real liquidity	<p>Funds available to an account holder in NICS Real for the execution of instant retail payments.</p>

Realisation	To sell or take possession of securities that are pledged as collateral and to take possession of deposits in a collateral account within the SCP arrangement.
SCP	Scandinavian Cash Pool. The arrangement whereby Danmarks Nationalbank, Sveriges Riksbank or Norges Bank extend loans to an account holder against collateral in the form of the account holder's deposits in a collateral account at one of the other two central banks.
Securities settlement	The settlement of the cash leg of positions in clearings from Euronext Securities Oslo.
Settlement	The final transfer of funds between accounts at Norges Bank.
Settlement account	The primary account and one or more sub accounts (LOM accounts) in NBO used to settle payment orders and of which an account holder has the right of disposal.
Settlement bank	A bank that settles payment orders with finality for another bank.
Settlement date	Each weekday from Monday until Friday inclusive except public holidays and Christmas Eve. The settlement dates for each year are published on Norges Bank's website.
Settlement day	Business day, <i>cf Section 4-2 third paragraph of the Act of 17 December 1999 No. 95 on Payment Systems etc.</i> From the date and time NBO is closed for settlement on a settlement date until the time NBO is closed for settlement the following settlement date.
Sufficient funds	Funds available to settle a payment order by debiting the account that is specified in the payment order. Available funds in the primary account may be deposits and unutilised access to loans, while in a LOM

account available funds may only be in the form of deposits.

SWIFT participant in NBO

An account holder that participates in the SWIFT closed user group for NBO and which can send and receive SWIFT messages relating to payments to be settled in NBO.

Test key

A digital code issued by Norges Bank to verify orders from the account holder to Norges Bank in a contingency situation.

VPO NOK

The securities settlement system in Euronext Securities Oslo for clearing and settlement of trades in financial instruments in Norwegian kroner (NOK).