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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(2) The registration of one external credit assessment institution has been withdrawn since the adoption of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1800.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

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(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.

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

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ANNEX

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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
AM Best Europe-Rating Services Ltd							
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		
ARC Ratings S.A.							
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		
ASSEKURATA Assekuranz Rating-Agentur GmbH							
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		
Axesor S.A.							
Global rating scale	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D, E
Banque de France							
Global long-term issuer credit ratings scale		3++	3+, 3	4+	4, 5+	5, 6	7, 8, 9, P
BCRA – Credit Rating Agency AD							
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	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC, CC, C, D

ratings scale							
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		
Capital Intelligence							
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		
Cerved Rating Agency S.p.A.							
Corporate long-term	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