



AMENDMENTS № 21 AIFC GLOSSARY

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In these amendments, underlining indicates a new text and strikethrough indicates a removed text.

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1. APPLICATION

The AIFC Glossary sets out interpretative provisions of words and expressions used in the following AIFC Financial Services Regulations and Rules:

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(u) AIFC Rules on Digital Asset Activities (DAA)

(v) AIFC Rules on Providing Money Services (PMS).

2. INTERPRETATION

<u>Account Information Services</u>	<u>An online service of collecting, either directly or through a technical service provider, and consolidating information held on one or more Payment Accounts of a Client with one or more account servicing Money Service Providers.</u>
<u>Acquiring of Payment Transactions</u>	<u>A Money Service provided by a Money Service Provider by which it contracts with a Payee to accept and process Payment Transactions, resulting in a transfer of Funds to the Payee.</u>
<u>Annual Audited Expenditure</u>	<u>Expenses and losses of Money Service Provider calculated in accordance with PMS 10.1.3.</u>
<u>Business Day</u>	<u>In PMS, means any day on which the relevant Money Service Provider is open for business for the purpose of executing Payment Transactions.</u>
Capital Resources	In PRU(INV) has the meaning given in PRU(INV) 3.2. In PRU(INT) has the meaning given in PRU(INT) 3.1(1). <u>In PMS has the meaning given in PMS 10.2.1.</u>
<u>Credit Transfers</u>	<u>A Money Service involving the crediting of a Payee's Payment Account with a Payment Transaction, or a series of Payment Transactions, from a Payer's Payment Account by the Money Service Provider that holds the Payer's Payment Account, based on an instruction given by the Payer.</u>
Digital Asset (or Private Electronic Currency or Private E-money)	A digital representation of value that (1) can be digitally traded and functions as (a) a medium of exchange; or (b) a unit of account; or (c) a store of value; (2) can be exchanged back-and-forth for Fiat Currency, but is neither issued nor guaranteed by the government of any jurisdiction, and (3) fulfils the above

	<p>functions only by agreement within the community of users of the Digital Asset; and accordingly (4) is to be distinguished from Fiat Currency and E-money.</p> <p>An Excluded Digital Asset is excluded from the scope of the DAA.</p>
<u>Direct Debits</u>	<u>A Money Service for debiting the Payer's Payment Account where a Payment Transaction is initiated by the Payee based on consent given by the Payer to the Payee, the Payee's Money Service Provider, or the Payer's own Money Service Provider.</u>
<u>Durable Medium</u>	<p>Any instrument which enables a Client to store information addressed personally to that Client in a manner that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <u>is accessible for future reference for a period of time adequate for the purposes of the information; and</u> (b) <u>allows the information to be reproduced in an unchanged form.</u>
E-currency Electronic Money (or E-money)	<u>Electronically, including magnetically, stored monetary value as represented by a claim on the issuer, which is issued on receipt of Funds, except for Digital Assets, for the purpose of making electronically transfer of value, including Payment Transactions and which is accepted by other Person than the issuer.</u>
<u>Electronic Money Capital Requirement</u>	<u>The capital requirement applicable to a Money Service Provider issuing Electronic Money, calculated in accordance with PMS 10.1.4.</u>
<u>Expenditure Based Capital Minimum</u>	<u>The minimum capital requirement applicable to a Money Service Provider, calculated in accordance with PMS 10.1.2., based on the Money Service Provider's Annual Audited Expenditure.</u>
<u>Funds</u>	<p>In PMS, means any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <u>Fiat Currency;</u> (b) <u>Electronic Money; and</u> (c) <u>Digital Assets.</u>
<u>Issuing of Payment Instruments</u>	<u>A Money Service by a Money Service Provider contracting to provide a Payer with a Payment Instrument to initiate and process the Payer's Payment Transactions;</u>
<u>Major Operational or Security Incident</u>	<u>A major operational or security incident that has a high adverse impact on Financial Services.</u>
<u>Money Remittance</u>	<p><u>A service for the transfer or transmission of Money (or any representation of monetary value) or Funds, where no Payment Accounts are created in the name of either the Payer or the Payee. This service involves one or both of the following activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(a) receiving Funds from a Payer for the purpose of transferring a corresponding amount of Funds to a Payee or to another Money Service Provider acting on behalf of the Payee; or</u> <u>(b) Funds are received on behalf of, and made available to, the Payee.</u>

<u>Money Services</u>	<u>Any of the activities defined in paragraph 21 of Schedule 1 of GEN when carried out as a regular occupation or business activity, other than any of the activities specified in paragraph 21 (3) Schedule 1 of GEN (activities which do not constitute Providing Money Services).</u>
<u>Money Service Provider</u>	<u>A Centre Participant that has been licensed by the AFSA to carry on the Regulated Activity of Providing Money Services.</u>
<u>Payee</u>	<u>A Client who is the intended recipient of Funds which are the subject of a Payment Transaction.</u>
<u>Payer</u>	<u>(a) a Client who holds a Payment Account and initiates, or consents to the initiation of, a Payment Order from that Payment Account; or</u> <u>(b) in the absence of a Payment Account, a Client who gives a Payment Order.</u>
<u>Payment Account</u>	<u>An account held by a Money Service Provider in the name of one or more Clients, used for the execution of one or more Payment Transactions, and which allows for the sending and receiving of Funds to and from third parties.</u>
<u>Payment Initiation Services</u>	<u>An online service to initiate a Payment Order at the request of the Client, with respect to a Payment Account held at another Money Service Provider.</u>
<u>Payment Instruments</u>	<u>An individualised device or devices and/or set of procedures agreed upon between the Client and the Money Service Provider, which enables the initiation of a Payment Transaction.</u>
<u>Payment Order</u>	<u>An instruction given by a Payer or Payee to its Money Service Provider, requesting the execution of a Payment Transaction.</u>
<u>Payment System</u>	<u>A Funds transfer system with formal and standardised arrangements and common rules for the processing, clearing and/or settlement of Payment Transactions.</u>
<u>Payment System Operator</u>	<u>A body corporate legally responsible for operating a Payment System.</u>
<u>Payment Transactions</u>	<u>An act of placing, transferring or withdrawing Funds, based on a Payment Order placed by the Payer, or on their behalf, or by the Payee, or on their behalf, regardless of any underlying obligations between the Payer and the Payee.</u>
<u>Personalised Security Credentials</u>	<u>Personalised features provided by the Money Service Provider to a Client for the purposes of authentication.</u>
<u>Providing Money Services in relation to Digital Assets</u>	<u>Providing Money Services of buying and selling of Digital Asset, as well as Money Services provided under paragraph 21 Schedule 1 GEN, including with the use of Digital Assets.</u>
<u>Reference Exchange Rate</u>	<u>The exchange rate which is used as the basis to calculate any currency exchange and which is made available by the Money Service Provider or comes from a publicly available source.</u>

<u>Reference Interest Rate</u>	<u>The interest rate which is used as the basis for calculating any interest to be applied and which comes from a publicly available source which can be verified by both parties to a client agreement for Money Services.</u>
<u>Selling of Electronic Money;</u>	<u>Sale or distribution of Electronic Money by the issuer or by any Person other than the issuer.</u>
<u>Selling of Payment Instruments;</u>	<u>Sale or distribution of Payment Instruments by the issuer or by any Person other than the issuer.</u>
<u>Sensitive Payment Data</u>	<u>Information, including Personalised Security Credentials, that could be exploited for fraudulent purposes. However, in the context of Account Information Services and Payment Initiation Services, such information does not include the name of an account holder or an account number.</u>
<u>Strong Customer Authentication</u>	<p><u>The process of authenticating a Client's identity through the use of two or more independent elements. These elements must belong to different categories such that the breach of one element does not compromise the reliability of the other elements. The categories include:</u></p> <p><u>(a) something known only by the Client ("knowledge");</u> <u>(b) something held only by the Client ("possession");</u> <u>(c) something inherent to the Client ("inherence").</u></p> <p><u>The design of Strong Customer Authentication ensures that authentication data is securely protected.</u></p>
<u>Unique Identifier</u>	<p><u>Combination of letters, numbers or symbols specified to the Client by the Money Service Provider and to be provided by the Client in relation to a Payment Transaction in order to identify unambiguously one or both of —</u></p> <p><u>(a) another Client who is a party to the Payment Transaction;</u> <u>(b) the other Client's Payment Account.</u></p>
<u>Value Date</u>	<u>A reference time used by a Money Service Provider for the calculation of interest on the Funds that have been either debited from or credited to a Payment Account.</u>