

## CENTRAL BANK OF BAHRAIN

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(as required under BC-4.7 for Vol 1 and BC-4.6 for Vol 2)

When seeking the CBB's prior approval for new or expanded customer products, the following information must be provided to the CBB with the prior approval request:

- 1. A detailed product description, including its features, structure, target market or customers, terms and conditions and distribution channels. Product illustrations should also be included where appropriate.
- 2. Sample product term sheet.
- 3. Details of any proposed outsourcing arrangements if any.
- 4. Description of the product's key risks from the bank's and customer's perspectives.
- 5. For new electronic/internet or mobile based products and services, banks must also submit an independent assessment of the IT-related risks<sup>1</sup> and security measures put in place to mitigate the risks.
- 6. A list of all fees and charges of the new or expanded product and their justification.
- 7. For new products involving the use of IT, internet or other technology, the CBB may ask the retail bank to conduct a demonstration/presentation.
- 8. A copy of the proposed contract and promotional material.
- 9. For Shari'a compliant products and services, the Shari'a Supervisory Board pronouncement must be submitted.

<sup>1</sup> Examples of IT-related risks include (but not limited to) strategic, compliance, system support, operational, security, business resumption and reputation.