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## Circular to Credit Institutions on the Implementation of Additional Data Quality Controls on Supervisory Reporting Submissions

The Authority is hereby informing all credit institutions on the implementation of additional data quality controls on Supervisory Reporting submissions.

The European Central Bank ('ECB') in cooperation with National Competent Authorities within the Single Supervisory Mechanism publishes a set of data quality controls, referred to as EGDQ checks, in addition to those already forming part of the European Banking Authority's ('EBA') Supervisory Reporting framework, also known as FINREP/COREP. The list of EGDQ checks together with other relevant details, which is updated periodically, can be downloaded from the [ECB website](#).

The data quality controls are aimed at improving and enhancing the quality of Supervisory Reporting data submitted by credit institutions to the Authority, and subsequently to the ECB and the EBA.

The ECB has notified the Authority that it has implemented a subset of the EGDQ validation checks in its data processing and validation system, known as SUBA. The change has been implemented as from 15 February 2022. As a result, the Supervisory Reporting submissions and resubmissions made after this date through the LH Portal under project 'ITS on Supervisory Reporting', which will subsequently and automatically be forwarded to SUBA, will be assessed and validated against this set of EGDQ checks on reception.

### Significant Institutions

Credit institutions deemed to be significant in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 1024/2013 of 15 October 2013 conferring specific tasks on the European Central Bank concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions, have been notified directly on the approach to be taken in case of data quality issues emanating from the EGDQ checks.

### Other Institutions

Credit institutions other than Significant Institutions are requested to rectify, by way of a resubmission and/or explanation, the data quality issues emanating from EGDQ checks on a best effort basis, until further notice. This approach is aimed at allowing an adequate timeframe for institutions to familiarise with and adapt to these data quality controls. The

Authority will communicate any failing EGDQ checks to respective institutions bilaterally, shortly after the (re)submission.

All credit institutions are encouraged to implement the EGDQ checks in their internal processes and procedures and ensure compliance with these before submission to the Authority. Credit Institutions are also being notified that the ECB plans to phase-in additional data quality controls in SUBA over the course of this year. The Authority will keep the institutions updated with related developments.

This Circular does not currently apply to branches of EU/EEA credit institutions established locally under the freedom of establishment and non-EU credit institutions licensed to establish a branch in Malta.

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