



Regulatory Alert



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Update on the way business transactions are conducted by Bahrain Businesses

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MoIC) has issued Resolution No. (43) of 2024 on 12 June 2024 which mandates all commercial businesses registered in the Kingdom of Bahrain to conduct their financial transactions through at least one bank account with a CBB-licensed bank.

- 1. Requirement for bank accounts:** all registered commercial businesses, regardless of their legal form (individual establishments, virtual (Sijili), companies), are required to open a business bank account.
- 2. Electronic Payment Services:** all businesses must also provide electronic payment services (this could be payment by credit card and/or through Benefit).
- 3. Transactions:** all payments in relation to financial transactions shall be conducted through the business bank account.
- 4. Implementation Timeline:**
 - the regulation will take effect on **12 December 2024**.
 - existing businesses must comply within **6 months** of this date (deadline set for **12 June 2025**).
- 5. Branches:** One bank account is sufficient to cover all branches of a business.

Next Steps:

We advise all clients to begin preparations for compliance with this Resolution well ahead of the deadlines. We expect further guidance to be issued by the MoIC on this Resolution.

For further details, please refer to the [attached summary received by the MoIC](#).

Contact us

Our team is available to assist you in navigating these regulatory changes and ensuring your compliance with the MoIC's requirements. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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