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Re

Dutch reactions to the consultation on the application of the Core Principals to retail systems

Dear Jean-Michel,

On 30 September 2002 ended the public consultation period for the oversight framework on retail payments. Market parties could give their comments by passing them to the ECB directly or through the NCBs. It's my pleasure to send you two Dutch reactions that we received. One from Nederlandse Vereniging van Banken (the Netherlands bankers Association) and one from Interpay, our national Automated Clearing House. The letter of Interpay is attached to the Cebamail-message.

Because the comments of the NVB are very short I have incorporated them in this letter. The NVB underlines the report and the followed consultation procedure. They have taken note that the Eurosystem wants to play a broad role in the field of retail payments in order to stimulate the efficiency of payment systems and instruments. The NVB is of the opinion that it is very important that the ECB ensures that the oversight standards are implemented in the same way through the eurozone, to guarantee a level playing field. Finally, as regards the possible creation of an European ACH, the NVB stresses that the admissioncriteria, rules and regulations of the Eurosystem need to be very clear for users and authorities.

Best regards,

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