GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF DEPOSITS

Dear Sir, Madam,

Please find the following information regarding the protection of deposits applicable, in accordance with the decree dated 27 October 2015, to the term deposit transactions that can be entered into with the front office of HSBC in France.

For any further information regarding this deposit guarantee scheme, please refer to the website: www.garantiedesdepots.fr/

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Deposits in HSBC Continental Europe are protected by:	The *Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution* (the FGDR).
Limit of protection:	€100,000 per depositor per credit institution (see note 1).
If you have more accounts at the same credit institution:	All your eligible deposits recorded in your accounts at the same credit institution are aggregated and the total is subject to the limit of €100,000 (or equivalent) (see note 1).
If you have a joint account with other person(s) :	The limit of €100,000 applies to each depositor separately. The balance in a given joint account is shared out between joint account holders. The share allocated to each is added to each own balances in order to calculate the guarantee limit applying to each (see note 2).
Other special cases	See note 2.
Reimbursement period in case of credit institution's failure:	Seven working days (see note 3).
Currency of reimbursement	Euro.
Contact:	Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution (FGDR) 65, Rue de la Victoire, 75009 Paris, France Tel.: +33 (0) 158 183 808 Email: contact@garantiedesdepots.fr
More information:	Visit the FGDR's website: http://www.garantiedesdepots.fr/

Additional information:

Note 1: General limit of protection

If a deposit is unavailable because a credit institution is unable to meet its financial obligations, depositors are repaid by a deposit guarantee scheme. The limit of protection is €100,000 per person per credit institution. This means that all accounts showing a credit balance with a given credit institution are aggregated in order to determine the amount eligible for coverage under the deposit guarantee scheme (subject to the application of legal or contractual provisions relating to set off with a debit balance). The limit of protection applies in respect of that aggregated amount. The deposits and the persons eligible for this deposit guarantee scheme are set out in Article L. 312-4-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (for more details, please consult the website of the *Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution* (the FGDR*)*.

If, for instance, a customer holds an eligible saving account (excluding *Livret A*, *Livret de Développement Durable et Solidaire* and *Livret d'Epargne Populaire)* with €90,000 and a current account with €20,000, the limit of protection will be €100,000.

This method will also apply when your credit institution operates under several trading names. HSBC Continental Europe also trades under HSBC. This means that all the deposits with one or more of these trading names are in total covered up to €100,000.

Note 2: Main specific cases

Joint accounts are shared out between joint account-holders equally, unless a contractual stipulation states otherwise. The portion due to each account-holder is added up to the latter's own accounts or deposits and the deposit guarantee scheme of up to €100,000 applies to that total.

Accounts to which at least two or more persons are entitled as joint owners, members of a business partnership, association or grouping of a similar nature, without legal personality, are aggregated and treated as if made by a single depositor distinct from the joint owners or shareholders/partners.

Accounts held by *Entrepreneurs Individuels à Responsabilité Limitée* (*EIRL*s), opened in order to deposit business assets and to make bank deposits on behalf of their businesses, are aggregated and treated as if made by a single depositor distinct from the other accounts of such individuals.

Sums held in saving accounts named *Livrets A*, *Livrets de Développement Durable et Solidaire – LDDS –* and *Livrets d'Épargne Populaire – LEPs –* are guaranteed separately from such aggregated amount of €100,000 applicable to other accounts. This guarantee relates to the sums deposited in all such specific deposit accounts in the name of a given account-holder and also to the interest concerning such sums up to a maximum of €100,000 (for more details, see the website of the *Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution* - the FGDR, the French deposit guarantee and resolution fund). For instance, if a customer has a *Livret A* and a *LDDS* with a total balance of €30,000 and also a current account of €90,000, that customer will be repaid, firstly, of €30,000 regarding his or her *livrets* and, secondly, of €90,000 regarding his or her current account.

Some deposits of an exceptional nature (temporary high balances arising out of a property transaction relating to the depositor's main residence; payment to the depositor of compensation for damages; payment to the depositor retirement benefits or an inheritance)

give rise to an increased level of coverage of more than €100,000 for a limited time following their payment into an account (for more details, please consult the website of the FGDR).

Note 3: Reimbursement

The FGDR will repay eligible deposits available to depositors within seven working days from the date on which the Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution formally records the unavailability of deposits held by a member credit institution in application of the first sub-paragraph of Article L. 312-5 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

This timeframe concerns repayment which does not involve any special treatment or any additional information required to determine the repayment amount or the depositor's identity. If special treatment or additional information is required, repayment will take place as soon as possible.

The repayment will be made available, at discretion of the FGDR:

- Either by a letter containing a cheque sent by registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt;

- Or by entering the necessary information online in a secure area of the internet created especially for the purpose by the FGDR and accessible from its official website (see below), in order to enable the beneficiary to provide details of the new bank account to which he, she or it wishes the repayment to be made by bank transfer.

Note 4: Other important information

The general rule is that all customers, whether retail depositors or businesses and whether their accounts were opened for private use or for use by a business, are covered by the FGDR. Exceptions for certain deposits and some products are stated on the FGDR's website.

Your credit institution will inform you upon request if its products are covered or not. If a deposit is covered, the credit institution shall also confirm this on the statements of account, which are sent out periodically and at least once a year.