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## **Briefing note on the deadline and process for completing migration to the application of strong customer authentication (SCA) in e-commerce card-based payments**

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*This briefing note updates that published on 11 September 2019 on the application of strong customer authentication (SCA) to electronic payments.*

On 11 September the Banco de España announced that, under the conditional supervisory flexibility envisaged in the Opinion of the European Banking Authority (EBA) of 21 June 2019, it was working with the European authorities to ensure due compliance with Directive (EU) 2015/2366 on payment services (PSD2) and with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/389. It further said that it would review the migration plans submitted by payment service providers (PSPs).

On 16 October 2019 the EBA published a new Opinion communicating the end-date of the supervisory flexibility period and setting out the actions which the EBA expects national competent authorities to adopt regarding the PSPs issuing payment instruments and the PSPs acquiring the transactions executed with such instruments. These actions aim to ensure appropriate compliance with the plans to migrate to strong authentication solutions fully conforming to the PSD2 and the aforementioned Delegated Regulation.

As indicated in the new Opinion, the PSPs' migration plans, agreed with their respective national competent authorities, must be completed by **31 December 2020**. The Banco de España will take the corresponding actions in accordance with the Opinion of the EBA.