

Partner Ryan Stinneford comments for Payments Dive on new Nacha WEB debit rule

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On March 19, Nacha's new WEB debit rule took effect, aimed at fighting the recent rise in fraudulent digital payment transactions. The rule affects companies that allow consumers to make payments via online or mobile devices and directly debit payments from consumers' checking accounts. Nacha stated that it will not enforce the rule until March 19, 2022 for covered entities that are "working in good faith toward compliance."

Hudson Cook Partner Ryan Stinneford spoke to Payments Dive about what the rule entails. "The rule change explicitly identifies account validation as a required part of an Originator's 'commercially reasonable fraudulent transaction detection system'," Ryan explained. "This means that any time a consumer authorizes a payee to initiate an ACH debit, the 'payee' must validate the consumer's deposit account."

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To read the full article, visit the Payments Dive website.

For additional information about the rule, <u>read the Hudson Cook Insights article</u> or <u>request a replay of the January Compliance Coffee Break</u>, presented by Ryan Stinneford and <u>Katie Hawkins</u>.

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