



EXCHANGE CONTROL CIRCULAR NO.3 OF 2024 TO AUTHORISED DEALERS

ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 35 (1) OF THE EXCHANGE CONTROL REGULATIONS STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 109 OF 1996

1. Reference is made to Exchange Control Directive RZ56 of 08 April 2024 and Exchange Control Circular No. 1 of 03 May 2024, wherein Authorised Dealers were advised of the Interbank Foreign Exchange Guidelines. Exchange Control further advises as follows: -

Duplication of Invoices through Different Authorised Dealers

- 2. Whilst the Bank recognizes that most companies are multi-banked, Authorised Dealers are advised that for the pipeline demand, applicants are limited in submitting invoices to not more than two (2) banks. This refers to invoices of the same goods from the same supplier without duplicating the same invoice.
- 3. In this regard, Authorised Dealers should ensure that their clients make appropriate declarations to indicate non-submission of the same invoice through a different Authorised Dealer. This should be done through completion of the Importers Declaration Form (attached) prior to the inclusion of the request on the pipeline demand.
- 4. In addition, market participants are encouraged to effectively and efficiently utilize foreign exchange in the management and importation of stocks to avoid speculative stock piling. Exchange Control will, from time to time, conduct regular checks on this issue.

Utilisation of Loan Proceeds to Participate on the Interbank Market

- 5. As previously communicated under Exchange Control Directive RZ56 dated 08 April 2024, market participants are not permitted to participate on the interbank foreign exchange market using proceeds from local borrowings.
- 6. Accordingly, market participants shall be required to declare on the Importers Declaration Form that the ZiG balances are not from borrowings prior to inclusion of the request on the pipeline demand.

Importers with Sufficient FCA Balances

- 7. Authorised Dealers are advised that FCA holders with sufficient balances in their accounts across all banks, should first utilize their foreign exchange for foreign payments before accessing funds from the Interbank Foreign Exchange Market or the pipeline demand.
- 8. In this regard, companies intending to fund payments from the interbank market shall sign the Importers Declaration Form that they do not have sufficient balances.

Exchange Control Compliance

- 9. Authorized Dealers are directed to ensure adherence to all the Exchange Control compliance parameters contained in this Circular by all market participants when administering transactions on the Interbank Foreign Exchange Market and the pipeline demand.
- 10. Market participants found in violation of Exchange Control rules and regulations shall be penalized and/or barred from participating on the Interbank market in accordance with Section 5(1) of the Exchange Control Act [Chapter 22:05] and Section 37 (i), (ii), (iii) of Exchange Control Regulations, Statutory Instrument 109 of 1996.

Please be guided accordingly.

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EXCHANGE CONTROL

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Importers Declaration Form



DECLARATION BY IMPORTERS ON THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CROSS BORDER PAYMENTS

I / We..... hereby solemnly declare that, in submitting this application through my / our Authorized Dealer.....I / we have not submitted, and I / we will not submit the same application through the same or another Authorized Dealer, using copy documents.

This application is currently not pending with the same or another Authorized Dealer and I / we will not submit the same application while this application is still pending or while any Exchange Control Authority Number that may be issued under this application is still valid.

In addition, I/we declare that in submitting the request for funding of foreign payments from the Interbank market, I/we have no sufficient foreign currency to fund the payment, and the purchase of foreign currency is not funded from Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG) loan proceeds.

The information given above is true and correct to the best of my / our knowledge.

Signed.....at.....this..... day of20.....

Name and capacity of person signing.....