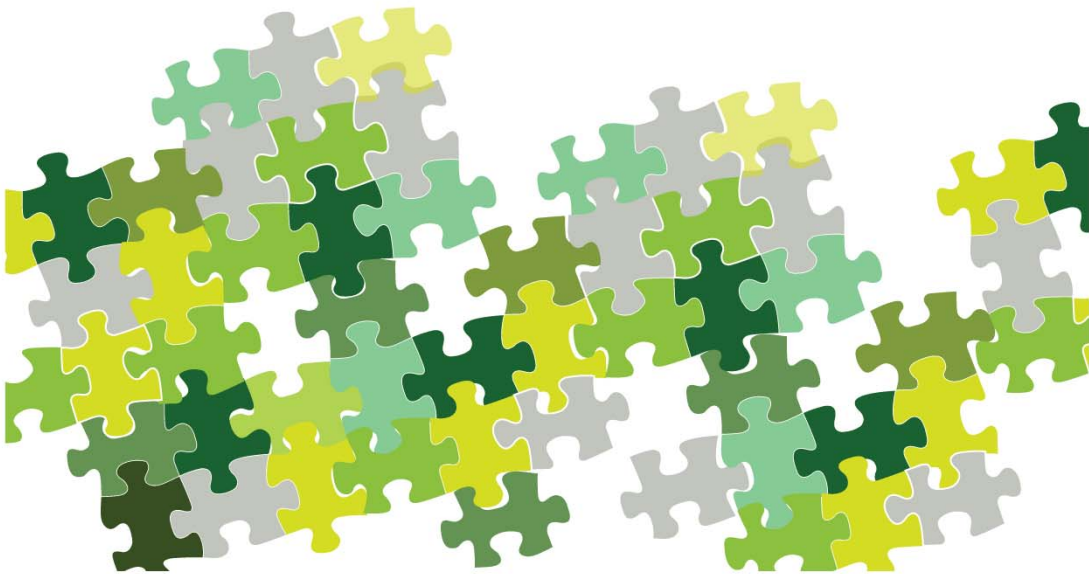


Boxes and Annexes



Chronology of Major Policy Announcements: April-June, 2016

<p>FE Circular No.-08</p> <p>04 April, 2016</p> <p>Cash incentives against exports of leather goods for 100% export oriented local industries.</p>	<p>As per government decision, cash incentives for export of leather goods has been increased to 15% from 12.50% and will be effective only in case of exporting leather products through cargo during the financial year 2015-16.</p> <p>In case of already settled applications for 12.5% cash incentives against 2015-16 year's export of leather products may submit applications within 30 days from the issue date of the circular for additional 2.50% cash incentives.</p>
<p>FE Circular No.-09</p> <p>04 April, 2016</p> <p>Cash incentives in RMG and Textile sectors</p>	<p>As per government decision, cash incentives for export of RMG and textile products to EURO region has been increased by 2% in addition to existing 4% for the local producer during the financial year 2015-16.</p> <p>In case of already settled applications for 4% cash incentives against 2015-16 year's export of RMG and textile products may submit applications within 30 days from the issue date of the circular for additional 2% cash incentives.</p>
<p>SMESPD Circular Letter</p> <p>No. -02/2016</p> <p>03 May, 2016</p> <p>Provision of providing 100% refinance/pre-finance to women led enterprises</p>	<p>With the aim of extending financial support to women led enterprises for productive investments, some amendments in the operating guidelines have been made in the existing policy of women entrepreneurship development of Bangladesh Bank, and will be effective from the circular issue date for the "Two Step Loan (TSL) fund of JICA assisted FSPDSME, BD-P-67" project.</p> <p>It has been decided to allow providing 100% refinance/pre-finance at preferential interest rate [bank rate + maximum 5% spread] instead of maximum 83% of the sub-loan or maximum 73% of the sub project. The Two Step Loan (TSL) fund of JICA assisted FSPDSME project is providing medium and long term loans to micro, small and medium enterprises.</p>
<p>F.E. Circular No.-16</p> <p>16 May, 2016</p> <p>Releasing foreign exchange to the resident Bangladesh nationals</p>	<p>Authorized Dealers may release foreign exchange without visa to the resident Bangladesh nationals proceeding to the countries/zones with provision of visa on port entry/arrival basis up to the unused annual travel quota entitlement applicable for country concerned subject to complying with</p>

intending to travel abroad without visa	other relevant instructions.
DFIM Circular No. 06 29 May, 2016 Guidelines on Commercial Paper for Financial Institution	Commercial Paper (CP) refers to a promissory note with a maturity of not less than 30 days and not more than 1 (one) year that is sold at a fixed rate of interest or discount from face value. The guidelines have been issued to provide the legal framework and procedure regarding CP. The guidelines shall be applicable to all FIs operating in Bangladesh licensed under Financial Institutions Act, 1993.
BRPD Circular Letter No. 05 31 May, 2016 Amendment of Guidelines on Risk Based Capital Adequacy- Revised Regulatory Capital Framework for Banks in Line with Basel-III	Entire general provision maintained against unclassified loans and advances as per regulations will be considered as capital under Tier-2 instead of considering general loan-loss reserve as capital under Tier-2 to a maximum 1.25% of credit risk-weighted assets.
BRPD Circular No. 05 14 June, 2016 Reducing Interest Rate on Agricultural and Rural Credit	Considering the downward trend in lending and deposit interest rates, Bangladesh Bank has reduced the maximum ceiling of interest rate on agricultural and rural credit to 10% from 11% effective from 01 July 2016.
FE Circular No.-17 19 June, 2016 Enhancement of Export Development Fund (EDF)	It has been decided to enhance the limit of borrowing from the EDF to USD 20.00 million from USD 15.00 million for BGMEA member mills against their foreign currency financing of input procurement.
FE Circular No.-18 29 June, 2016 Remittance towards publication related fees of articles for publication in international journals	Permission from Bangladesh Bank is required to release foreign exchange towards remittance of publication related fees for publication of articles in international journals. While effecting remittance, Authorized Dealers shall satisfy themselves about the genuineness of the invoices from the publishing companies/publishers abroad and deduction of applicable taxes.