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All Authorized Dealers in
Foreign Exchange in Bangladesh

Dear Sirs,

Negotiation of export bills against FCRs and HAWBs

Attention of the Authorized Dealers is invited to paragraph 10, Chapter 22 of the Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions (GFET) Vol I regarding their receipt and scrutiny of export documents from exporters. Although this paragraph outlines the working procedure referring solely to bills of lading issued by steamer companies, paragraph 8 and 9 ibid also mention railway receipts, Air Way Bills (AWBs), truck receipts and 'other documents of title to cargo' as shipping documents. This is to clarify that besides bills of lading and Air Way Bills issued by the concerned carriers, negotiation of export bills may also take place against Forwarders' Cargo Receipts (FCRs) and House Air Way Bills (HAWBs) issued by freight forwarders provided that

- i) the export letter of credit and the export sale contract specifically provide for negotiation of export bill against FCR/HAWB (as the case may be) issued by a freight forwarder;
- ii) the freight forwarder issuing the FCR/HAWB is operating in Bangladesh with authorization from the Bangladesh Bank under Section 18A of the FER Act 1947.

As usual in all exports, Authorized Dealers will be responsible for satisfying themselves about the arrangement for timely repatriation of proceeds of the export bill negotiated against FCR/HAWB.

02. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

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