



Boxes & Annexes



Chronology of Major Policy Announcements: July-September, 2015

<p>ACD Circular No. 04</p> <p>27 July 2015</p> <p>Agricultural & Rural Credit Policy & Programme for the FY 2015-16</p>	<p>Bangladesh Bank (BB) has announced Agricultural and Rural Credit Policy and Programme for FY16 with a disbursement target of BDT 164.0 billion, projecting around 5.5 percent growth over FY15. All the scheduled banks and Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) are requested to follow the instructions of the above mentioned policy & programme.</p>
<p>FE Circular Letter No. 20</p> <p>08 September 2015</p> <p>Release of foreign exchange against cost of advertisement for Bangladeshi products in foreign electronic/ online media</p>	<p>Referring to paragraph 33, chapter 10 of Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions (GFET)-2009, Vol-1, it has been clarified that Authorized Dealers (ADs) may affect remittance towards cost of advertisement of Bangladeshi products in foreign electronic and online media in dynamic, image, video, interactive and/or other formats, after satisfying themselves with the genuineness and bonafides of the requests through agreement and invoices and after deducting all applicable taxes.</p>
<p>DOS Circular Letter No. 13</p> <p>09 September 2015</p> <p>Strengthening and updating the Risk Management System in banks</p>	<p>Practicing sound risk management is crucial for banking sector. Necessary instructions have been issued from time to time through circulars, guidelines and letters with a view to ensuring proper application of sound risk management in banks; i.e., for building the necessary infrastructure and taking various steps for identification, measurement, monitoring, and control or mitigation of various existing and potential risks; and maintaining adequate capital and provision to support risk-taking. To bring greater expertise and harmonization to risk management activities of all banks and exercise international best practices, a format named ‘Comprehensive Risk Management Report (CRMR)’ for assessing risks (annex-ka & kha), an organogram for a separate risk management division (annex-ga), and a structure of risk management committee at management level (annex-gha) have been prepared to be followed at a minimum in addition to the previously issued circulars. For stronger and timely/updated risk management activities, banks are asked to follow the instructions mentioned in this circular.</p>

<p>FE Circular No. 13</p> <p>21 September 2015</p> <p>Inward Remittance – Declaration on Form C</p>	<p>Attention of the Authorized Dealers (ADs) has been invited to the paragraph 10, chapter 5 of the Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions (GFET)-2009, Vol-1 and FE Circular No. 07, dated July 22, 2012 in terms of which declaration on Form C is required against inward remittances (other than remittances sent by Bangladesh nationals working abroad).</p> <p>It has now been decided that declaration on Form C shall not be required for inward remittance up to US\$ 10, 000 or equivalent other foreign currencies. Other instructions contained in the above stated paragraph of GFET-2009 shall remain unchanged.</p>
<p>FE Circular No. 14</p> <p>28 September 2015</p> <p>Deposit in foreign currency to blocked accounts abroad for visa/admission processing against study purpose</p>	<p>Attention of the Authorized Dealers (ADs) has been invited to paragraph 10, chapter 11 of Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions-2009 (GFET), Vol-1 read with paragraph 2 of FE Circular No. 10, dated August 03, 2009 in terms of which Authorized Dealers (ADs) are allowed to release foreign exchange for admission and study abroad by Bangladesh nationals in permissible courses.</p> <p>It has been observed that as a requirement of visa/admission processing in some cases, students intending to study abroad are required to deposit foreign currency to be blocked in designated bank accounts or student accounts abroad opened in accordance with the guidance of foreign educational institutes/embassies/high commissions. To facilitate study abroad by Bangladeshi students in permissible courses, it has been decided to allow students to open such blocked accounts abroad to which necessary funds as set by foreign institutes/competent authority in foreign currency may be released. In this case, ADs shall, while releasing foreign currency, observe the instructions mentioned in this circular.</p>