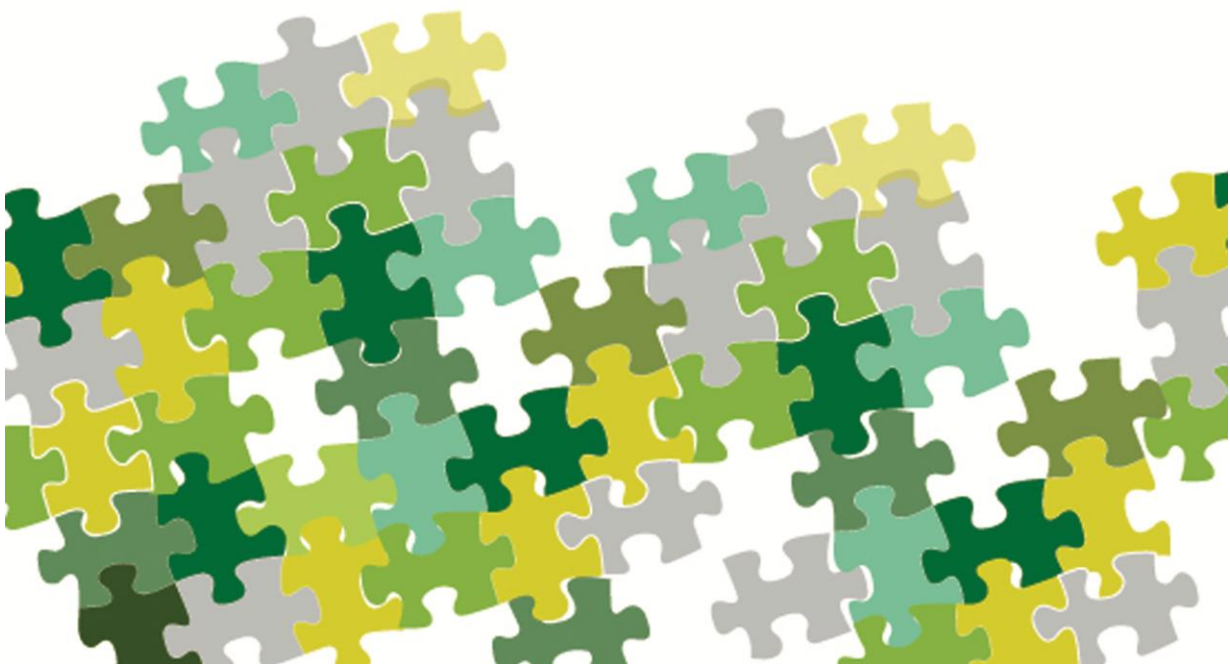




Boxes & Annexes



Chronology of Major Policy Announcements: October-December, 2015

<p>FE Circular No. 16 04 October, 2015 Remittances on Account of Visa Processing Fees through International Credit Card (ICC)/Virtual Card</p>	<p>To facilitate the online payment of visa processing fees, all authorized dealer (AD) banks has been instructed to make the online payment of visa processing fees through ICC in line with the Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions (GFET) as per requirement of concerned Embassies/High commissions. ICC issuing banks may also issue Virtual Cards for individuals not holding ICCs. .</p>
<p>PSD Circular No. 10/2015 04 October, 2015 Revised Implementation Timeline for BD-RTGS System</p>	<p>Considering the needs of multiple phases of testing for implementing RTGS system BB has extended the System Integration Testing (SIT) completion timeline from October 1 to October 15 and the Go Live date has been revised at October 29, 2015. All schedule banks are therefore, requested to take necessary steps to prepare themselves for the live operation of BD-RTGS.</p>
<p>BRPD Circular Letter No. 10 04 October, 2015 Amendment of Bank-Company Act, 1991</p>	<p>As per the Financial Reporting Act, 2015, two new sub-sections have been added to section-38 of Bank-Company Act, 1991 and all scheduled banks are instructed to comply with this amendment.</p>
<p>DFIM Circular No. : 10 20 October, 2015 Providing Revolving Loans by Financial Institutions (FIs)</p>	<p>In order to ensure the truthful reflection of the classified loans and to reduce the risk of loan default through a transparent loan approval and renewal process, it has been decided that, FIs will not renew any revolving loan account without adjusting its overdue amount.</p>
<p>DFIM Circular Letter no.06 20 October, 2015 Amendment of Section 23 of Financial Institutions Act, 1993</p>	<p>A new section titled as ‘23ka’ has been included in Financial Institutions Act, 1993 (Act no. 27 of 1993) by dint of section 61 of Financial Reporting Act, 2015 and all FIs are instructed to comply with this amendment. Financial Reporting Act, 2015 has been compiled in order to bring the reporting activities of “Public Interest Institutions” under well governed structure, formulate standards for accounting and auditing, and ensure proper compliance, implementation, monitoring and other related activities.</p>
<p>DFIM Circular No. 09 20 October, 2015 Regarding Submission of</p>	<p>According to the guidelines under the Bangladesh Bank’s circular on “Managing Core Risks in Financial Institutions: Asset Liability Management” all financial institutes are instructed to submit Statement of Liquidity Profile and Statement of Affairs for the</p>

<p>Liquidity Profile and Statement of Affairs</p>	<p>management assessment and monitoring the liquidity position of a financial institution (FI).</p>
<p>FE Circular No. 18 27 October, 2015 Long Term Financing Facility (LTFF) under the Financial Sector Support Project (FSSP)</p>	<p>In order to improve the financial market infrastructure of the country, regulatory and oversight capacity of Bangladesh Bank and access to long term financing primarily for manufacturing firms, a Financing Agreement (FA) has been signed between the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and International Development Association (IDA) regarding implementation of the Financial Sector Support Project (FSSP). Bangladesh Bank (BB) has also signed a Project Agreement (PA) with the IDA to carry out the tasks for implementation of the project.</p> <p>Under the arrangement, BB will provide long term financing in foreign currency primarily for small and medium scale manufacturing enterprises in the country through eligible Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs).</p>
<p>FE Circular Letter No. 25 01 November, 2015 Inward remittance against export of services in non-physical form</p>	<p>Inward remittance up to USD 10,000 or equivalent other currencies against export of services such as business services, professional/research and advisory services, etc. may be credited in the respective accounts of the service exporters without obtaining declaration on Form C. In this context Authorized Dealers shall satisfy themselves with bonafide transactions with the notation of the relevant SWIFT message.</p>
<p>DFIM Circular No. 11 09 November, 2015 Guidelines on ICT Security for Banks and Non-bank Financial Institutions</p>	<p>Some amendments have been brought into the Guidelines on ICT Security for Banks and Non-bank Financial Institutions and all financial institutions should comply this amendment.</p>
<p>FE Circular No. 19 06 December, 2015 Taka Loans to Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) Working Abroad</p>	<p>To facilitate housing finance to Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs), it has been decided that Authorized Dealers (ADs) may extend mortgage loans in Taka to NRBs working abroad for the purpose of housing in Bangladesh subject to observance of the existing guidelines of Prudential Regulations for Consumer Financing (Regulation for Housing finance) under the following instructions:</p> <p>a) The finance shall be provided to NRBs at a maximum debt equity ratio of 50:50.</p>

	<p>b) Authorized Dealers (Ads) may obtain securities and savings instruments held by NRBs in Bangladesh as additional collateral beside registered mortgage of the house with registered power of attorney.</p> <p>c) The repayment against the loans shall be made out of inward remittances.</p> <p>d) ADs shall stick on all applicable credit norms, prudential parameters, and applicable instructions of other competent authorities.</p>
<p>FE Circular No. 22 23 December, 2015 Enhancement of Export Development Fund (EDF) limit for BTMA mills.</p>	<p>The maximum limit of foreign currency borrowing by the Authorized Dealers has been enhanced to USD 20 million instead of USD 15.00 million from EDF against their foreign currency financing to a member mill of BTMA.</p>
<p>FSD Circular No. 01 24 December 2015 Setting up of Central Database for Large Credit (CDLC)</p>	<p>Bangladesh Bank has adopted a series of reform measures to strengthen its supervisory and prudential framework for enhancing financial discipline and establishing a robust financial system in line with the international best practices.</p> <p>In this context BB has decided to introduce a new oversight framework for large exposures to identify and manage the low quality assets. At this onset, BB has established a Central Database for Large Credit (CDLC) to monitor the large exposures in a more structured way.</p>