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**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Central Bank**

Letter No. Ma Ba Bha-1/105 (FEMD) / (195/2022)

Date: 25th May 2022

To:

Union Ministries

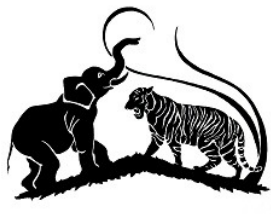
Region/State Governments

Nay Pyi Taw/Yangon/Mandalay City Development Committees

Subject: **Only MMK to be used for domestic payments**

Reference: (1) CBM Letter No. Ma Ba Bha-1/111 (FEMD) / (904/2015) dated 28th May 2015
(2) CBM Letter No. Ma Ba Bha-1/111 (FEMD) / (1844/2016) dated 6th December 2016
(3) CBM Letter No. Ma Ba Bha-1/111 (FEMD) / (1/2018) dated 7th August 2018
(4) CBM Notification No. 12/2022 dated 3rd April 2022

1. Due to the receipt of, and payment with, foreign currency for goods and services sold or purchased in the country, the domestic use of foreign currency has become widespread. In addition to increasing the demand for foreign currency, this may cause instability in the exchange rate. Therefore, the respective Union Ministries, Region/State Government organisations, their subordinate organisations and associated public and private organisations have been notified by the referenced letters (1), (2) and (3) to instruct their subordinate organisations as necessary that payments for the purchase and sale of goods and services within the organisation and price statements must be made in local currency only.
2. Except for exemptions made subsequently, foreign currency earnings of residents must, according to CBM Notification 12/2022, be repatriated and deposited in a foreign currency account opened with a bank authorised to deal in foreign exchange (AD [authorised dealer] bank) and converted to MMK within 1 working day. Therefore, domestic payments may be made in MMK only.
3. However, it has come to our notice that currently, payments in foreign currency (USD) instead of MMK are being made at/for hotels, some restaurants, foreign-invested schools in the country, the rental of accommodation to foreigners in the country, souvenir shops, etc., and businesses and organisations under various Union Ministries are also having foreign currency earnings



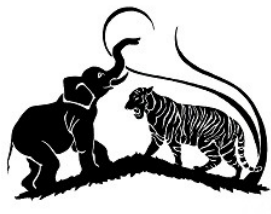
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(from land leases, capital contributions to insurance companies, income from joint ventures, etc.).

4. Therefore, the respective authorities are requested to further instruct as necessary their subordinate organisations to make payment for domestic consumption only in MMK according to the referenced CBM letters and CBM Notification 12/2022 issued on 3rd April 2022 concerning the exclusive use of MMK for payments in the country, and to report back to the CBM.

On behalf of the Governor
Win Thaw
Deputy Governor

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