



EXCHANGE CONTROL CIRCULAR NO. 7 OF 2021

TO

BUREAUX DE CHANGE

**ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 35 (1) OF THE EXCHANGE CONTROL
REGULATIONS STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 109 OF 1996**

Introduction

Reference is made to the recent announcement by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on 30 August 2021, particularly paragraph (e) on liberalizing the operations of *bureaux de change* to promote financial inclusion.

Further liberalisation of *bureaux de change* operations

In line with the MPC statement, *bureaux de change* are with immediate effect, now authorised to process small value foreign currency transactions of up to US\$50 per person per week on the basis of individual identities. This product is over and above the existing authorized business of *bureaux de change*.

All transactions shall be reported through the *bureaux de change* Transactions Reporting system (BDCTRS) capturing client identities in line with Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements.

Bureaux de change are further reminded that clients are served on a first-come first-serve basis with all transactions being done on spot basis. This means that there shall neither be advance booking for foreign currency by individuals nor reserving foreign currency for certain group of people.

All *bureaux de change* foreign currency sales shall have a margin of not more than ten percent (10%) inclusive of all charges/commission.

Bureaux de change are advised to continue complying with all other existing regulatory requirements.

Please be guided accordingly.

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F. Masendu

Director

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