

Foreign Exchange Policy Department
Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka

Bangladesh Bank - Authorized Dealers' Forum
26th Meeting - Record Notes

The 26th meeting of the "**Bangladesh Bank-Authorized Dealers' Forum**" was held on **12/10/2020 at 11:00 AM** at the Jahangir Alam Conference Hall, 5th floor, Head Office, Bangladesh Bank. The meeting was convened and chaired by **Md. Humayun Kabir, Executive Director, Bangladesh Bank**. The list of Forum members and representatives present is shown in Annex "Ka."

The chairperson welcomed all present and commenced the meeting with mutual introductions. The record notes of the 25th meeting were presented and confirmed unanimously. Progress on implementation of previous decisions was reported. Decisions from Record Notes items No. 1 and 3 (currently under implementation) were confirmed, and all other decisions were confirmed as uniformly implemented. Various circulars and circular letters issued between the 25th and 26th meetings were discussed. The detailed discussions and decisions are as follows:

Sl. No.	Agenda Item	Discussion & Decision	Responsible Party
01	Import Value Settlement Against the Same Bill of Entry via Different Banks	Import value settlement problems from different banks against the same Bill of Entry were re-discussed. The FEOD representative at the meeting noted that the related problems have already been resolved on a case-by-case basis by banks. To provide an online-based solution for future issues of this type, the Information Systems Development and Support Department has prepared a Bill of Entry Transfer-related Module. A Manual was being prepared with necessary instructions for bank activity facilitation with the relevant Module. The chairperson recommended FEOD complete the discussion program quickly.	FEOD, Bangladesh Bank
02	Legal Changes/Amendments Regarding Non-Resident Taka Account Transactions per GFET-2018, Vol-1, Chapter-18, Clause-2	Per GFET-2018, Vol-1, Chapter-18, Clause-2, the matter of legal changes/amendments regarding non-resident Taka account transactions was reconsidered. The FEPD ATENFTBI Branch noted the relevant program is ongoing. After overall discussion, the chairperson recommended FEPD's ATENFTBI Branch take up the proposal from bank branches and complete the program quickly.	FEPD (ATENFTBI Branch), Bangladesh Bank
03	Clarification of FE Circular No. 30, dated 23/07/2020	Standard Chartered Bank's representative informed the meeting that per FE Circular No. 30/2020, some policy incentives were extended to March 31, 2021. In this regard, whether all FE Circular No. 13/2020 matters will remain in force through March 31, 2021 was clarified. The meeting was informed that per FE Circular No. 30/2020, FE Circular No. 13/2020 all matters were extended to remain in force through March 31, 2021. Additionally, the Circular's provision for extending textile export repatriation deadline by an additional 30 days to 210 days was noted.	All AD Banks
04	Supplier's/Buyer's Credit for Production Equipment Import Duty Settlement	Due to COVID-19, for Supplier's/Buyer's Credit-covered production equipment import duty settlement, the current 180-day urgency deadline has been raised to 360 days. In this context, for the same import, if Supplier's Credit is obtained first, then settlement via Buyer's Credit, or whether separate finance company assistance can be obtained for extended period financing was asked. The meeting was informed that for authorized import, there is no policy barrier to multi-level financing arrangements.	All AD Banks

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05	Greater Caution in Bill of Entry Matching	AD banks' relevant officials are frequently making errors in Bill of Entry matching and requesting Bangladesh Bank corrections. FEOD's representative also noted that after such errors, the related Bill of Entry customer deadline becomes overdue and banks often ignore this — against current Guidelines instructions — and open LCs and later apply for necessary pardons. For accurate and smooth Bill of Entry matching, adequate skilled manpower should be deployed and all relevant staff must comply with GFET-2018 and FE Circular No. 28/2020 instructions. The chairperson directed all concerned AD banks.	All AD Banks / All Bank HR Divisions
06	Overdue Accepted Bills	FEOD's representative noted that local and foreign overdue accepted-extended bills' volume has grown noticeably. Foreign banks and relevant country embassies' complaint numbers are also gradually increasing, causing local bank partners and beneficiaries from approved loan instruments to increase complaints. The matter is of international importance — affecting the country's image and internal banking discipline. Since it is not being resolved at the MD/CEO level at banks, BRPD was requested to raise it at bankers' meetings.	BRPD, Bangladesh Bank
07	Regular Discussion of Overdue Accepted Bills at BB-AD Forum Meetings	Detailed discussion of overdue accepted bills took place. Given the seriousness of the matter, it was decided to regularly collect information from banks on overdue accepted bills and discuss at the BB-AD Forum meetings.	All AD Banks
08	EXP Amendment Considering Customs Document Receipt When Declared Export Value is Over/Under at Time of Shipment	Bangladesh Bank's Online Export Monitoring System Short/Over shipment-related EXP amendment programs being suspended caused EXPs to appear as Partially Overdue in the Online Export Monitoring System. When declared export value at shipment is less/more, the matter of EXP amendment contingent on customs document receipt was raised by the IBBL representative. FEOD's representative at the meeting stated that customs authorities have taken necessary measures.	All AD Banks
09	Refund Record Consolidation/Reconciliation	If goods are not received in the country after advance payment for import, the refunded amount is reconciled with the settled amount. For reconciliation, a proposal was made to give authority to authorized dealers. The meeting was informed that per FE Circular No. 11/2020, authorized dealer banks report for necessary compliance with applicable instruction reconciliation. For replacing email/manual reporting with automatic reporting, the Foreign Exchange Operation Department will take necessary measures with FEPD's assistance.	FEOD, Bangladesh Bank
10	Notifying Bangladesh Bank Within 18 Days of Foreign Investor Company RJSC Registration	Per current Guidelines (Vol-1), foreign investor companies must notify Bangladesh Bank within 18 days of RJSC registration. Foreign companies are not required to submit this type of report. To collect data directly from RJSC, a bank representative proposed this. The Deputy Managing Director, FEPD, noted that a meeting between RJSC, BSEC, and Bangladesh Bank representatives will be held to decide on this matter.	FEID, Bangladesh Bank
11	Interest-Bearing ESTID or Fixed-Income Taka Account Facility for Project Offices, Foreign Contractors, and Foreign Consultants	Per current Guidelines, project offices, foreign contractors, and foreign consultants have no option to open interest-bearing ESTID or fixed-income Taka accounts. However, HSCBC's representative noted that some banking industry banks still provide interest to domestic contractor establishments and foreign consultant project accounts, creating market unfair competition. The chairperson recommended all concerned refrain from such extra-regulation activities and inform FEPD if specific information is available.	All AD Banks

Finally, the chairperson thanked all present for their valuable contributions and declared the meeting closed.

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&
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