

NOTICE TO AUTHORIZED DEALERS

EXCHANGE CONTROL REGULATIONS ACT 1952

This Notice is one in an administrative series issued by The Central Bank of The Bahamas to draw attention to the Regulations made under the Exchange Control Regulations Act, 1952 and the Exchange Control Regulations 1956, and to give certain exemptions, permissions, authorities and directions, and imposes certain obligations upon those concerned. This Notice also takes account of the fact that the Scheduled Territories include The Commonwealth of The Bahamas only.

**DEALINGS IN CURRENCY NOTES AND COINS
(BAHAMIAN AND FOREIGN)**

This issue comes into effect 1st March, 1976 and supersedes those which were previously issued.

INTRODUCTION

1. This Notice covers the manner in which Authorized Dealers should conduct their dealings in currency notes and coin.

PART 1

FOREIGN CURRENCY NOTES AND COIN: IMPORT & EXPORT

2. There are no restrictions on the import of foreign currency notes and coin.
3. There are no restrictions on the export of foreign coin. Authorized Dealers may export foreign currency notes where:
 - (a) The notes are sent for collection; and
 - (b) The notes are exported to non-residents when sold within the terms of paragraph 10 of this Notice.
4. Application should be made to The Central Bank of The Bahamas in respect of the export of foreign currency notes not included in the exception set out above.

DEALINGS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY NOTES AND COIN

General

5. Authorized Dealers may deal in foreign currency notes and coin for their own account on a commercial basis with other Authorized Dealers, with other residents of The Bahamas as set out in paragraph 9 below, and with non-residents as set out in paragraph 10 and 11 below.
6. Authorized Dealers should keep themselves informed as to any regulations in force in the country of issue which may limit the extent to which repatriation of surplus holdings can be effected and, where necessary, adjust their operations accordingly.
7. Authorized Dealers' tills in foreign currency notes and coins should be included in their returns of foreign currency positions.
8. Under the provisions of the Exchange Control Regulations, any person or business resident in The Bahamas is required to offer for sale to an Authorized Dealer any foreign currency notes received from non-residents in payment for goods and services rendered, unless specific permission has been obtained from The Central Bank of The Bahamas for the maintenance of a foreign currency account to which the value of the notes may be

credited. Persons and businesses in The Bahamas render themselves liable to prosecution if they retain in their possession U.S. Dollar and any other foreign currency notes.

TRANSACTIONS WITH RESIDENTS OF THE BAHAMAS

9. Authorized Dealers may:
 - (a) Buy foreign currency notes and coin without limit;
 - (b) Sell foreign currency notes and coin by way of travel facilities made available within the terms of EC Notice 9.

TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-RESIDENTS (OTHER THAN VISITORS TO THE BAHAMAS)

10. Authorized Dealers may:
 - (a) Buy foreign currency notes and coin against Bahamian dollars to be credited to an External Account, or against any other foreign currency;
 - (b) Sell foreign currency notes and coin against Bahamian dollars to be debited to an External Account, or against any other foreign currency;
 - (c) Draw from, or collect through, banking correspondents abroad foreign currency notes and coins.

TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-RESIDENTS VISITING THE BAHAMAS

11. Authorized Dealers may purchase foreign currency notes and coin from non-resident travelers visiting The Bahamas against payment in Bahamian dollars in cash or by credit to an External Account or in settlement of travel facilities within the terms of EC Notice 9.

PART II

BAHAMIAN CURRENCY NOTES AND COIN: IMPORT AND EXPORT

12. There are no restrictions on the import or export of Bahamian coins.
13. No permission is required for the import/export into/from The Bahamas by a traveler on his person or in his baggage of Bahamian notes to the value of B\$200 or less.
14. Authorized Dealers may export Bahamian notes to non-resident banking correspondents against payment in Bahamian dollars from an External Account or any foreign currency, Bahamian currency notes in any quantity provided that the Authorized Dealer concerned is satisfied that they are required for the purpose of providing notes for travelers to The Bahamas.

15. The prior permission of The Central Bank of The Bahamas is required for the import and export of Bahamian currency notes not covered at paragraph 13 and 14 above.