

# The Central Bank of The Bahamas

## NOTICE

**Re: Cancellation of Handwritten Passports**

**Licensee: Name**

**Central Email: Email Address**

We refer to the public advisory issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Ministry) on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 indicating that all handwritten Bahamian passports would be cancelled and become null and void as of 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

To clarify the implications of this advisory on customer due diligence processes, the Central Bank sought the views of the Ministry regarding whether handwritten passports may be used, as appropriate, as a means of confirming identity and facilitating various banking transactions. The Ministry has confirmed that notwithstanding the fact that handwritten passports are no longer recognised as legitimate travel documents, licensees/registrants of the Central Bank are permitted to accept handwritten passports for **the sole purpose of facilitating banking transactions and confirming identity**.

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