



CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

COMMENCEMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE SALE TO NON-BANK CLASS 'A' BUREAUX DE CHANGE (BDCs)

Following the restructuring of the Bureau De Change (BDC) segment of the foreign exchange market and the subsequent submission of applications by interested members of the public for Class 'A' BDC licence, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has granted approvals-in-principle (AIPs) to fifty (50) non-bank Class 'A' BDCs listed below.

Approval has also been given for the fifty non-bank Class 'A' BDCs which have been granted AIPs to participate in the CBN foreign exchange cash auction, subject to the prescribed terms and conditions, the rules and regulations of the foreign exchange market, as well as the Guidelines for BDC Operations.

For the avoidance of doubt, Class 'A' BDCs are allowed to carry out the following transactions:

- i) Sale and purchase of foreign exchange:
- ii) Pre-paid cards
- iii) Travellers' cheques
- iv) Importation of foreign exchange {subject to compliance with Anti Money Laundering (AML) requirements and prior express approval of the CBN}
- v) Participation in the CBN foreign exchange cash auction

The limits of transactions and documentation requirements are as follows:

- i) BTA – A limit of US\$5,000 per quarter
 - Letter of request from the corporate body
 - International passport
 - Air ticket
 - Endorsement of passport by the BDC stating amount sold.

- ii) PTA – A limit of US\$4,000 per quarter
 - International passport
 - Visa
 - Air ticket
 - Maximum limit of US\$4,000.00/quarter
 - Endorsement of passport by BDC stating amount sold.

- iii) Mortgage monthly payment – A limit of US\$10,000
 - Duly executed assignment
 - Demand note/invoice.

- iv) School fees – A limit of US\$10,000
 - School bill
 - Admission Letter.

- v) Medical bills – A limit of US\$10,000
 - A referral letter from a specialist hospital or teaching hospital in Nigeria
 - A bill for treatment from a hospital abroad

- vi) Life Insurance premium – A limit of US\$5,000 per annum
 - Payment subject to documentary evidence of an existing life insurance policy taken with an offshore insurance company.

- vii) Credit card payment – A limit of US\$5,000 per quarter
 - Invoice

- viii) Pre-paid cards – A limit of US\$10,000
 - The presentation of valid international passport of the applicant.

It should be noted, however, that mortgage monthly payments, school fees and medical bills in excess of US\$10,000 are eligible under RDAS and should be done by telegraphic transfer (TT).

Finally, members of the public are by this publication reminded that submission of applications for Class 'A' BDCs has closed.

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