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Monetary and Credit Council

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مجلس النقد والتسليف

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The Monetary and Credit Council,
Based on the provisions of the Central Bank of Syria Law and the Basic Monetary System No. /23/ of 2002 and its amendments,
The provisions of the Legislative Decree No. /33/ of 2005 and its amendments,
Monetary and Credit Council Decisions No. 534/MC/ B4 for 2009, 584/MC/B4 for 2009, 15/MC/B4 for 2003 and its amendments, and 16 /MC/B4 for 2003,
The provisions of the Anti -Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Management Committee Decision No. 15 dated 20/05/2015,
The letter of the Directorate of Banking Supervision No. 207/16/outgoing, dated 15/10/2016 and upon considerations in its session held on 04/12/2016,
Decides the following:

Article 1: Banks and social financial institutions operating in the country shall be obligated to restructure the following jobs: (Compliance Control - Internal Banking Controller - Reporting Officer) within the "Compliance Control Directorate" and shall take the necessary measures to activate them and carry out the tasks entrusted to them as required.

Article 2: The Compliance Control Directorate shall be directly linked to the bank's board of directors. The board can delegate the responsibility of following up the directorate's work to the Internal Audit Committee emanated from it, without exempting itself from the role entrusted to it in ensuring the independence of this directorate, monitoring its work and identifying its performance. The board shall ensure that measures are taken to secure the appropriate environment for its work, as well as follow up the necessary procedures taken by the executive management to correct deficiencies and shortcomings indicated in the reports issued by it.

Article 3: The Compliance Control Directorate shall be responsible for following up on compliance with the laws and regulations in force, especially those regulating banking work, the directives of the Monetary and Credit Council, the Anti - Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Management Committee, the procedures and work controls approved by the bank, monitoring the risks associated with the bank's activities, preparing the required reports in this regard, and submitting them to each of the bank's board of directors; the Directorate of Banking Supervision and the Anti-Money Laundering and

Combating the Financing of Terrorism Committee (each according to its competence).

Article 4: Compliance Control Directorate shall consist of the following units[1]:

1. Internal Banking Controllers Unit
2. Compliance Verification Unit for AML/CFT requirements
3. Compliance Control Unit.[2]

Article 5: The director of the Compliance Control Department shall occupy the position of the reporting officer in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. 15 of 20/05/2015 issued by the Anti -Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Management Committee and its amendments, and shall be obligated to work according to the directives of the Anti -Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Management Committee and the Directorate of Banking Supervision, each according to its competence.

Article 6: The director of the Compliance Control Directorate shall be appointed and dismissed by the Monetary and Credit Council or whoever it delegates, based on the recommendation of the Banking Supervision and the Anti -Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Committee in coordination with each other, each according to its competence

Article 7: The director of the Compliance Control Department and the employees of this directorate shall be prohibited from working for the bank / institution itself or any of its subsidiaries and / or associate and / or sister companies two years before the date of leaving the job.

Article 8: The Bank board of directors shall be responsible for taking necessary measures to ensure the existence of clear and fair policies for bonuses, compensation, salaries and any other benefits for the employees of the Compliance Control Directorate and whoever this policy fits with their experiences, qualifications and the responsibility incumbent on them and the accountability to which the internal banking controllers are subject to, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 23 / for the year 2002.

Article 9: The employees of the Compliance Control Department may benefit from the loans and financing granted by the bank to its employees in accordance with the laws and decisions in force in this regard.

[1] Taking into account the administrative and structural division approved by each bank,
[2] It may include other units such as: Vatica Unit - Sharia Compliance and Legal Compliance Unit.

Article 10: The bank shall be obliged to take all necessary measures to provide the Central Bank of Syria with the required nominations to fill the position of the compliance control director and the position of an internal banking controller, and to provide qualified and competent human cadres to work in the Compliance Control Directorate in a manner commensurate with the size of the bank's operations and the risks it faces and the directives of the Banking Supervision, and to overcome all difficulties that might hinder this.

Article 11: The acceptance of the person nominated for the position of director of the Compliance Control Directorate shall be conditional on the obligation to hold a university degree in one of the following specializations: Accounting, Business Administration, Financial and Banking Sciences, Law.

Article 12: In the event that the university certificate submitted to bank candidates, who are resident Syrians, to work as a director of the Compliance Control Directorate and an internal banking controller, are issued by non-Syrian universities, then it shall be taken into consideration that the certificate shall be duly equivalent to that of the Ministry of Higher Education in Syria.

Article: 13: The Central Bank of Syria shall issue a working system for the Compliance Control Directorate, which clarifies its structure and the tasks assigned to it.

Article 14: Unless stated otherwise in in the aforementioned decision, the provisions of the following decisions shall continue to be in force: (15 /MC/B4) for the year 2003 and its amendments, (16/MC/B4) for the year 2003, (139/MC/B4) for the year 2005, (337/MC/B4) for the year 2007, (656/MC/B4) for the year 2010, (584/MC/B4) for the year 2009, (732/MC/B4) for the year 2011, (15) dated 20/05/2015 issued by the Anti -Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Management Committee).

Article 15: This decision shall be considered to be amending the provisions of Decision No. 534/MC/B4 of 2009.

Article 16: This decision shall be notified to whoever is required to implement it, and it shall be effective from the date of its ratification.

Chairman of the Monetary and Credit Council

Dr. Duraid Dergham

Certified by the Prime Minister

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