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Monetary and Credit Council

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مجلس النقد و التسليف

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The Monetary and Credit Council,
Based on the provisions of Law No. 23 of 17/03/2002 and its amendments,
Letter of the Directorate of Banking Supervision No. 4651/16/outgoing, dated 24/06/2018, and upon considerations in its session held on 27/06/2018,
Decides the following:

Article 1:

A. Interest rates paid by banks operating on deposits, current accounts payable and accounts of investment certificates in Syrian pounds shall be annually determined as follows:

1. 0% on current accounts payable and on-demand deposits.
2. 7% for one-month deposits.
3. 10% on investment certificates.

And the interest rate specified in item (2) above shall be considered the minimum interest rate on deposits for the rest of the deadlines.

B. The interest rates paid by banks operating on savings deposits in Syrian pounds shall be determined as follows[1]:

1. The interest rate granted by the bank on six-month term deposits shall be applied to savings deposits.
2. The interest rate granted by the bank on nine-month term deposits shall be applied to child savings deposits, provided that the account holder is not more than 18 years old.
3. The interest rates referred to in items /1 and 2 / above shall be applied to the amount of the deposit up to five million Syrian pounds per single depositor, and the surplus of five million Syrian pounds in the savings deposit balance shall be treated as a current accounts payable in terms of applicable interest rates.

[1] Operating banks shall be allowed to define the principle of calculating interest and its balance on savings deposits, including children's savings deposits on a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual basis, and the calculation of interest shall be on the lowest balance during the month, the average balance during the month, the balance in the month, the balance at the beginning of the month, or the balance at the end of the month, with the necessity of including it in the contract of opening the account signed by the customer, and the policy change shall not be considered without informing the customer in writing.

Article 2: Banks shall be obliged not to open more than one savings account in Syrian pounds for a single customer at the same bank level, including children's savings deposits.

Article 3: In applying this decision, banks shall be obligated to:

A. Impose no restrictions or commissions on withdrawals or cash deposits on savings deposit accounts.
B. Prepare a list of the interest rates that banks pay on current accounts and future deposits in Syrian pounds according to the articles outlined above, and banks shall announce in the lobby of each of their branches and on their websites the interest they grant on deposits, commissions and their applicable fees related to deposit, and when any amendment takes place, the Central Bank of Syria/Directorate of Banking Supervision shall be provided with a copy of them and any modifications made on a monthly basis according to the mechanism and forms determined by the Central Bank of Syria for this purpose.
C. Apply the new interest rates determined in accordance with the provisions of this decision to the accounts contracted or renewed after this decision duly enters into force, and previously linked accounts and deposits are treated in accordance with the provisions of the decisions in force on the date of their contract, and until their due date.

Article 4: The Monetary and Credit Council Decision No. 818/MC/B1 of 15/02/2012, and the Monetary and Credit Council Decision No. 1266/MC/B4 of 31/05/2015, and the Monetary and Credit Council Decision No. 795/MC/B4 of 14/12/2011 and its amendments, shall be terminated.

Article 5: This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Chairman of the Monetary and Credit Council

Dr. Duraid Dergham

Certified by the Prime Minister

Engineer Imad Khamis

Form number (1) Technical features required from e-payment channels or collection

□ ATM **□ point of sale** **□ self-service kiosk**

<table>
<tr><td colspan="4">1. Data on the provider of e-payment and collection services</td></tr>
<tr><td>Name of Entity</td><td>Number of Banking Branches and Offices</td><td>Total Number of the Entity’s Customers</td><td>Total Number of e-channels</td></tr>
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<tr><td colspan="4">2. The proposed location data for installation</td></tr>
<tr><td>Detailed address</td><td>Average number of customers expected</td><td>The number of electronic channels in the governorate</td><td>The number of electronic channels in the region</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">3. The services to be provided</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">□ Cash withdrawal in local currency</td><td colspan="2">□ Transfer between accounts</td></tr>
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<tr><td colspan="2">□ Deposit checks</td><td colspan="2">□ Balance inquiry</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">□ Request a check book</td><td colspan="2">□ Inquire about currency exchange rates</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">□ Cash deposit</td><td colspan="2">□ Inquire about the prices of banking services</td></tr>
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<tr><td colspan="4">4. Information about the channel</td></tr>
<tr><td>Brand</td><td>Manufacturer name</td><td>Country of origin and country of manufacture</td><td>Manufacturing year</td></tr>
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5. Technical channel specifications			
System specifications and type	Work platform structure and security measures	Compatibility with international standards	Others

Form No. (2) - Minimum requirements from parties wishing to install e-payment system

To be able to manage and operate in relation to the following:
A. Owners of available payment channels (e.g. limited via the payment network in which the issuing bank or payment company is the same as the payment service provider)
B. Places of use geographically (city or governorate.)
C. Collection Entities
D. According to the payment channels available at the level of banks, companies, agents, or dealers, individually or collectively, according to the contract
E. Specific work activity
F. A particular Commodity
G. A particular customer or multiple dealers or a chain of sale
H. Days or a specific time period
I. The amount allowed to be disbursed daily, weekly, or monthly
J. How to feed it from bank accounts (fixed amount)
K. Periodic feeding from bank accounts (certain period)
L. Exclusivity of feeding from a specific bank account or from several restricted accounts (for example, (for example, the parents' unwillingness for the wallet owner of their children to obtain any assistance from any other party).
M. Automatic transfer of overflow above a specified limit at the end of each periodic period required by the customer (day, week, month or any periodic period approved by the Central Bank) to another bank account.
O. Automatic transfer of what each wallet lacks to its limit determined at the end of each periodic period requested by the customer (day, week, month or any periodic period approved by the central bank) from the bank account defined in the wallet form in coordination with the issuing entity where the bank account is opened.
P. Record various data and events that occur on any bank account or any payment and collection process in a manner that ensures knowledge of the participating bodies, their timing, amount, currency and details of their refusal, if any.
Q. The system should allow the issuance of foreign currency wallets requested by the Central Bank and accept transactions in accordance with the protocols in the global payment systems.
R. The entity wishing to install the system shall confirm the availability of infrastructure, work systems, procedures, internal control, and adequate technical and administrative cadres, appropriate to the size and nature of the activity for which the license is required
S. Issue or deal in foreign currency payment tools, so that their use can be determined on payment or collection channels that deal in the local currency only with some or all receiving collectors, and the possibility of liquidation thereof in the channels in the specified banking channels.