



LEGAL ALERT

NEW MEASURES OF EXCHANGE CONTROL BY THE CENTRAL BANK

Taking into account the recent economic and social climate concerning the depreciation of the national currency (the metical) in relation to the foreign currencies, the Bank of Mozambique has implemented, through Notice 11/GBM/2015, of December 7th, and Notice 001/DLC/2015 of November 18th, certain measures to prevent a further rise in inflation and to restore the economic stability of the Metical vis-à-vis the other currencies.

The Notice 11/GBM/2015, of December 7th, which will come into force on January 1st, 2016, establishes a maximum limit of MZN 700.000 per cardholder, to be transacted by way of use of debit and credit cards abroad, regardless of the number of cards and bank accounts. If deemed necessary, and on an exceptional basis, a higher threshold may be approved, subject, however to the previous authorization by the Bank of Mozambique.

Through Notice 001/DLC/015, of November 18th, which entered into force immediately, it is forbidden to make local payments in foreign currency, except as for the repayment of loans contracted in foreign currency.

The entities authorized to import funds, as it is the case of foreign direct investment and foreign loans, may keep funds in foreign currency.