

BANK OF MAURITIUS

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COMMUNIQUÉ Unauthorised money changer/Forex dealer activities

The Bank of Mauritius (Bank) refers to an article which appeared in the local press on Saturday 13 April 2013 to the effect that an individual may be engaging in unauthorized money changer and/or foreign exchange dealer activities.

The Bank hereby warns the public at large that no person is entitled to engage in the business of money changer or foreign exchange dealer without an appropriate licence from the Bank. All currency exchange must be done with banks, money changers or foreign exchange dealers duly licensed by the Bank. Transactions by unlicensed dealers are illegal and customers are warned that they do so at their own risks.

A list of duly licensed banks, money changers and foreign exchange dealers is available on the Bank's website, <u>https://www.bom.mu</u>, and is provided hereunder for the information of the public.

The Bank invites any victims of such practices to call on **202 3802** or to report the matter to the Bank either in writing to the First Deputy Governor of the Bank or by email on <u>helpdesk@bom.mu</u>.

The Bank reassures members of the public that any information received will be treated in strict confidence and used solely for the purposes of its enquiry.

The Bank relies on the support of members of the public to assist it in uncovering such illegal practices and better protect the consumers.

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN OFFICIAL LIST OF BANKS HOLDING A BANKING LICENCE AND CASH DEALERS LICENSED TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS OF MONEY-CHANGER OR FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALER IN MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUES.

Banks Licensed to carry Banking Business

- 1. ABC Banking Corporation Ltd
- 2. AfrAsia Bank Limited
- 3. Bank One Limited
- 4. Bank of Baroda
- 5. Banque des Mascareignes Ltée
- 6. BanyanTree Bank Limited
- 7. Barclays Bank PLC
- 8. Bramer Banking Corporation Ltd
- 9. Century Banking Corporation Ltd
- 10. Deutsche Bank (Mauritius) Limited
- 11. Habib Bank Limited
- 12. HSBC Bank (Mauritius) Limited
- 13. Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited
- 14. Mauritius Post and Cooperative Bank Ltd
- 15. P.T Bank Internasional Indonesia
- 16. SBI (Mauritius) Ltd
- 17. Standard Bank (Mauritius) Limited
- 18. Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius) Limited
- 19. State Bank of Mauritius Ltd
- 20. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
- 21. The Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited

Foreign Exchange Dealers

- 1. British American Exchange Co. Ltd
- 2. Cim Forex Ltd
- 3. Forex Direct Ltd
- 4. Island Premier Traders FX Ltd
- 5. Shibani Finance Co. Ltd
- 6. Thomas Cook (Mauritius) Operations Company Limited

Money-Changers (Bureaux de Change)

- 1. Abbey Royal Finance Ltd
- 2. Change Express Ltd
- 3. Easy Change (Mauritius) Co. Ltd
- 4. EFK Ltd
- 5. Iron Eagle Ltd
- 6. Max & Deep Co. Ltd
- 7. Moneytime Co. Ltd
- 8. Unit E Co Ltd
- 9. Viaggi Finance Ltd
- 10. Vish Exchange Ltd