



## BANK OF MAURITIUS

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### **COMMUNIQUÉ**

#### ***Reproduction of currency notes, bank notes or coins***

It has been brought to the notice of the Bank of Mauritius ('Bank') that wallets bearing the reproduction of Mauritius currency notes are being sold by hawkers at various locations on the island.

The Bank hereby draws the attention of members of the public that following the enactment of The Economic and Financial measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013 on 20 December 2013, it is an offence under Section 43A of the Bank of Mauritius Act 2004, as amended, to use in any size, scale or colour, any photograph of, or any drawing or design resembling, any Mauritius currency note, bank note or coin issued by the Bank under the Bank of Mauritius Act, in any advertisement or on any merchandise or product which that person manufactures, sells, circulates or otherwise distributes, without the written permission of the Bank.

The Bank has, on 5 February 2014, with a view to assist members of the public to better understand the requirements surrounding the reproduction of bank notes and coins, issued a Guideline on reproduction of Mauritius currency notes and coins ('the Guideline'), available on the Bank's website at: [https://www.bom.mu/pdf/Legislation\\_Guidelines\\_Compliance/Guidelines/Guideline\\_reproduction\\_mauritius\\_notes\\_coins.pdf](https://www.bom.mu/pdf/Legislation_Guidelines_Compliance/Guidelines/Guideline_reproduction_mauritius_notes_coins.pdf).

Any person wishing to reproduce any Mauritius currency bank note or coin for advertising or on any merchandise or product is, therefore, required to submit a written application to the Bank **before** taking steps to reproduce such note or coin.

Non-compliance with Section 43A of the Bank of Mauritius Act or the Guideline is a criminal offence and the offender may, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs500,000.

Members of the public are invited to contact the Bank on 202 3839 for any query in this respect.

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