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**THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL BANK
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

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No 105-N

RESOLUTION

**ON PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMERCIAL BANKS, OPERATING WITHIN THE
TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, IN THE OVERSEAS PAYMENT-
SETTLEMENT SYSTEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MONEY REMITTANCES
WITHOUT OPENING BANKING ACCOUNTS**

Intending to mitigate and prevent the risks, which can threaten the stability of the financial system of the Republic of Armenia, as well as to exclude the possible negative consequences, arising as a result of occupying a dominant position in Armenia by one of the overseas payment-settlement systems of implementation of money remittances without opening banking accounts (hereinafter, Remittance system),

Pursuant to Article 41 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On banks and banking”, point “e” of Article 20 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia”,

In conformity with the provisions of Article 16 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On legal acts”, the Board of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia

d e c i d e s:

1. To define that those commercial banks, operating within the territory of the Republic of Armenia, which participate in an affiliated Remittance system or are affiliated with the operator of such a Remittance system (hereinafter, Armenian participant), should ensure their participation in at least two other Remittance systems. For the meaning of this Resolution, the persons, pursuant to Article 8 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On banks and banking”, are considered as affiliated.

2. The Armenian participant should meet the requirement, specified by point 1 of this Resolution, within three months after the day of provision by the Central Bank of the

Republic of Armenia (hereinafter, the Central Bank) to the Armenian participant of the permission of participation in the first affiliated Remittance system or a Remittance system, affiliated with the operator of the Remittance system.

3. In case of termination of participation of the Armenian participant in the Remittance system by the Central Bank, pursuant to RA legislation, the participant satisfies the requirement, specified by point 1 of this Resolution, within three months after entering into the force of the respective resolution of the Board of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia on termination of participation of the Armenian participant.

4. In case of termination of legal relations between the Armenian participant and the operator of the Remittance system (regardless whether the legal relations have been terminated unilaterally with the initiative of one party, or on a basis of bilateral agreement), the participant should satisfy the requirement, specified by point 1 of this Resolution, within three months after the day of termination of the legal relations.

5. The liability, specified by point 1 of this Resolution, will be considered as satisfied by the Armenian participant, if the Armenian participant participates in such an Armenian payment-settlement system, as a result of which it gets opportunity to perform money remittances through at least two Remittance systems. In case of termination of participation in the Armenian payment-settlement system, the Armenian participant satisfies the requirement, specified by point 1 of this Resolution, within three months after the day of termination of the participation.

6. The liability, specified by point 1 of this Resolution, will be considered as satisfied by the Armenian participant, if within the three-month period, specified by this Resolution, the Armenian participant submits an application to the Central Bank for obtaining the permission on participation in the Remittance system. In the case, when based on the application, specified by this point, the Board of the Central Bank, pursuant to legislation, rejects the provision of permission on participation in the Remittance system, the Armenian participant satisfies the requirement, specified by point 1 of this Resolution, within one month after the day of entering into the force of the respective resolution of the Board of the Central Bank.

7. In the case, when there are such substantial circumstances, which do not allow the Armenian participant to satisfy the requirements, specified by this Resolution, the Armenian participant submits the facts, justifying the existence of such circumstances, to the Central Bank. If the Central Bank considers the circumstances, submitted by this point, as justified, then the requirements, specified by this Resolution to the Armenian participant, might not apply.

8. This Resolution does not apply to those Armenian participants, who do not participate in any Remittance system, except for the case, specified by point 5 of this Resolution; as well as to those Armenian participants, which do not participate in any affiliated Remittance system or are not affiliated with the operator of any such Remittance system.

9. For violation of the requirements, specified by this Resolution, the sanctions, specified by legislation of the Republic of Armenia, may be applied by the Central Bank against the Armenian participant.

10. This Resolution shall enter into force on September 1, 2014.

**Chairman of the Central Bank
of the Republic of Armenia**

Arthur Javadyan

May 5, 2014
Yerevan