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Ethiopian Revenues and Customs Authority
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With reference to our letter BFXD/FXSM/239/09, dated March 18, 2008, it is to be recalled that we have sent you eight directions regarding the inward and outward movement of foreign currency notes and Ethiopian birr by travelers entering or exiting Ethiopia.

However, it was found necessary to amend the directions as some problems occurred during their execution. Therefore, the directions are replaced as follows:

1. Any traveler, who a non-resident of Ethiopia, shall declare any amount of cash exceeding USD. 3000.00 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency, all foreign currency cash notes in their possession at the point of entry into Ethiopia by filling out the declaration form of the Ethiopian Customs and Revenue Authority prepared for this specific purpose.
2. Any traveler, who is a non-resident of Ethiopia is not allowed to carry more than USD. 3000.00 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency in cash upon departure from Ethiopia, unless he produces the evidence obtained from within the country showing his/her entitlement to it.
3. Any Ethiopian or foreign national who is a resident of Ethiopia may carry cash upon departure only by producing evidence of banks' advice certifying the purchase of foreign currency from a bank or by producing a Customs Declaration which has not lapsed 45 days from the date of issue.

4. Any Ethiopian national who resides abroad or is a foreign national of Ethiopian origin may leave the country carrying an amount more than USD.3000.00 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency in cash only upon producing a bank advice certifying the purchase of foreign currency or upon producing Customs Declaration paper issued at the time of entering the country.
5. Any foreign national who stayed in Ethiopia on business, visit or tourism, may leave Ethiopia carrying more than USD.3000.00 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency in cash, only upon producing a bank advice certifying the purchase of foreign currency or a Customs Declaration paper issued at the time of entering the country and the visa period has not expired.
6. Transit travelers staying for more than 24 hours in Ethiopia may leave Ethiopia carrying more than USD. 3000.00 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency in cash only where he/she produces Customs Declaration paper issued at the time of entering Ethiopia through customs.
7. Employees of embassies and foreign organizations or individuals entering into the country through embassies or foreign organizations on temporary employment or to attend workshops and seminars or to give training may leave Ethiopia carrying more than USD. 3000.00 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency in cash only where they produce a bank advice showing that they were paid directly from a bank or a confirmation letter that they were paid by a withdrawal from the embassies' or the foreign organizations' foreign currency account, or safe custody.
8. Any traveler entering or exiting the country, may carry the Ethiopian Birr in cash only up to ETB 200.00.