

## **NBU GRADUALLY ABOLISHES "ANTI-CRISIS" RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET**

On May 25, 2016 the National Bank of Ukraine Resolution "On amendments to some legislative acts of the National Bank of Ukraine" as of 24.05.2016 № 331 came into force, by means of which the regulator cancelled some "anti-crisis" restrictions on foreign exchange market which were introduced during 2014-2015.

First of all, the National Bank simplified the order of foreign investments return. Now, foreign investors who intend to return the investment contribution shall not submit to the authorized bank statement (certificate) of the authorized bank on the actual flow of foreign currency in Ukraine or documents confirming the formation of investment contribution through reinvestment.

At the same time, the National Bank simplified the order of issuance of some permission for conducting foreign currency transactions.

In particular, the regulator allowed clients when performing currency transactions not to submit to the authorized bank the documents which are in the public access, namely: an extract from USREOU and a copy of the certificate of estimating entity, issued by the State Property Fund of Ukraine.

Also, the National Bank allowed clients not to submit to the authorized bank the Ukrainian translation of SWIFT messages and documents drawn up in Russian or text of which is set out in both foreign and Ukrainian/Russian.

In addition, as proposed by EBRD, the National Bank simplified currency transactions on credit agreements concluded by residents with the international financial institutions. From now, the authorized banks will not apply additional measures of control of risky activities to foreign exchange transactions under such contracts.

At the same time, it should be noted that today remain acting in Ukraine the following "anti-crisis" restrictions in the foreign exchange market:

- limit on the withdrawal of cash via a cash desks or ATMs to one client per day is 500,000 UAH and the equivalent of 50 thousand UAH in foreign currency;
- limit on the purchase of foreign currency by individuals is equivalent to 6,000 UAH per day;
- mandatory sale of 75% of foreign currency income and control of payments under foreign economic contracts within 90 days;

- prohibition on early repayment of loans received by residents from non-residents;
- prohibition on return of investment and transfer of dividends to foreign investors;
- duty of the banks to agree with the NBU the applications for purchase of foreign currency in amount exceeding the equivalent of 50,000 USD.

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On May 24, 2016 the official annual ceremony outlining the winners of the Legal Awards 2016 was held by Yuridicheskaya Praktika Publishing in the InterContinental Kiev Hotel.

This year, Antika Law Firm became the finalist in the nomination "*Law Firm of the Year in Energy*", and Andrey Kuznetsov, a partner of the firm, in the nomination "*The Best Trial Lawyer*".

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