

Ewart S. Williams Governor

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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL INSTITUTIONS LICENSED UNDER THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT. 2008

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Guideline for the Notification of New or Materially Different Banking Products

The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (the Central Bank) wishes to advise that the *Guideline* for the *Notification of New or Materially Different Banking Products* has been finalized for issue, effective May 14, 2012.

The key objectives of this Guideline are to provide guidance to licensed financial institutions (licensees) on what constitutes a new or materially different banking product, and to clarify the process to be followed when submitting these products for the Central Bank's review. All licensees are expected to review the Guideline and take the necessary steps to implement the procedures contained therein within the shortest possible timeframe and at the latest within six (6) months of the issue date of this Guideline.

The Guideline can be viewed on the Central Bank's website at http://www.central-bank.org.tt/content/legislation-guidelines-and-letters. Should you require any further clarification, you are advised to submit your questions in writing to:

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The Central Bank wishes to place on record its appreciation for the role you played in the process which led to the finalization of this Guideline.

We look forward to your usual cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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