



BANK OF GHANA

NOTICE TO BANKS, EXPORTERS, AND THE PUBLIC

NOTICE NO. BG/GOV/SEC/2025/34

NOTICE ON EXTENSION PERIOD FOR LETTERS OF COMMITMENT (LOC)

Pursuant to **Section 15(4)** of the **Foreign Exchange Act, 2006 (Act 723)**, and **Notice No. BG/GOV/SEC/2016/03** on *Rules on Repatriation of Export Proceeds*, the Bank of Ghana hereby issues this directive to introduce a structured framework to limit the number of extensions granted for **Letters of Commitment (LOC)**.

This directive is issued in furtherance of the Bank's statutory mandate to ensure the prudent management of Ghana's foreign exchange resources, facilitate the timely repatriation of export proceeds, enhance transparency, instill discipline among exporters, and safeguard the integrity of the foreign exchange system.

The following shall apply to all LOCs issued in respect of exports from Ghana:

1. Repatriation Period

Export proceeds shall be repatriated through the exporter's nominated bank within one hundred and twenty (**120**) days from the date of shipment.

2. First Extension

- **Duration:** An extension of up to sixty (60) calendar days beyond the original LOC validity may be granted.
- **Approval:** Such an extension shall only be approved upon the submission of a reasonable and well-documented justification by the exporter, to the satisfaction of the Bank.

3. No Further Extensions

- No extensions shall be granted beyond the first extension.
- Exporters may, however, request cancellation of the LOC, subject to the submission of adequate justification.



4. Exporters who fail to justify the non-repatriation of export proceeds shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with Section 15(4) of the Foreign Exchange Act, 2006 (Act 723), which prescribes a fine of up to five thousand (5,000) penalty units, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, or both.
5. All Authorised Dealer Banks shall ensure strict compliance with this notice and promptly communicate its provisions to their exporter clients.
6. Consequently, Section 4 of Notice Number BG/GOV/SEC/2016/03 on ***Rules on Repatriation of Export Proceeds*** is hereby repealed with immediate effect.
7. This Notice shall come into effect on **30th October 2025** and remain in force until otherwise amended or revoked.

(SGD.)
AIMEE VYDA QUASHIE (MS.)
FOR: THE SECRETARY

29TH OCTOBER 2025