

Notice of the People's Bank of China (PBC) on Access of Foreign Central Banks and Similar Institutions to the Inter-bank Foreign Exchange Market

With a view to promoting the openness of the Chinese foreign exchange (FX) market and facilitating participation of foreign central banks (monetary authorities), international financial institutions, and sovereign wealth funds (The above-mentioned institutions hereinafter are referred to as foreign central banks and similar institutions) in the Chinese inter-bank FX market according to Chinese laws and regulations, the following announcement is made on issues concerning foreign central banks and similar institutions entering the inter-bank FX market:

1. Foreign central banks and similar institutions can access the inter-bank FX market through three channels, including entrusting the PBC as their agent, using inter-bank FX market members as their agent(s), and directly participating in the inter-bank FX market as foreign members. Foreign central banks and similar institutions can choose on their own one or more channels from the above-mentioned options and conduct trading of all traded FX products including spots, forwards, swaps and options through bilateral or anonymous trading methods, without any quota restrictions.

2. To enter the inter-bank FX market, foreign central banks and similar

institutions shall send by courier the original copy of the Chinese Inter-Bank FX Market Registration Form for Foreign Central Banks and Similar Institutions (see attachment) to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System (CFETS).

3. Upon completion of registration, for those foreign central banks and similar institutions choosing the PBC as their agent, the PBC will send them the operational guidance documents. For those using inter-bank FX market members as their agent(s), they can select agents on their own and sign the agency agreements, and start trading after their agents send a copy of the agency agreements to CFETS for records. For those choosing to directly participate in the inter-bank FX market as foreign members, they can start trading after CFETS completes connecting them with the CFETS trading system and other technical preparations.

4. CFETS and other related market intermediaries shall provide quality services for participation of foreign central banks and similar institutions in the inter-bank FX market according to their respective responsibilities.

Attachment: [Chinese Inter-Bank FX Market Registration Form for Foreign Central Banks and Similar Institutions.doc](#)