



STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
I.I. Chundrigar Road
KARACHI

FD Circular Letter No. 7 / 2020

October 02, 2020

The Presidents/Chief Executives
All Banks / Microfinance Banks

Dear Sir/Madam,

COVID-19 – Uninterrupted Supply of Disinfected Cash at Banks and ATMs

Please refer to FD Circular No. 1/2020 dated March 23, 2020, and FD Circular Letter No. 5/2020 dated May 04, 2020, on the captioned subject, whereby banks were advised to quarantine cash collected from the public for fourteen (14) days before re-issuing the same.

2. The fourteen (14) day quarantine for banknotes was introduced in line with the international practices and World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines. In view of availability of a number of banknote disinfection machines and technologies, it has been decided that the banks shall have the option to either continue with the fourteen (14) days quarantine requirements or process banknotes through Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) certified machines in lieu of the fourteen (14) days quarantine. The banks procuring such machines shall ensure that the PCSIR certificate specially mentions the capacity of the machine to disinfect Bacteria and Viruses including the SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19.
3. The banks opting for procuring disinfection machines etc. shall inform this Department about the machine/ technology deployed by them, the PCSIR certifications and the detailed process of disinfection within seven (7) days of execution of contract with the vendor, for information and record.
4. All other instructions on the subject shall remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

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(Qader Bakhsh)
Director