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I. Finance

National Bank of Ukraine Further Eases Currency Limitations

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) enacted two consecutive resolutions to further liberalize export and import¹ and foreign currency purchase and transfer² transactions.

Export and Import

NBU permits resident borrowers to repay loans/credits to non-residents before maturity in the following cases:

- Resident borrower is a bank
- Non-resident creditor is a bank
- International financial organization is a shareholder of resident borrower or non-resident creditor

Foreign Currency Purchase and Transfer

- NBU permits residents to provide a significantly smaller number of documents to purchase and transfer foreign currency abroad to make and return investments if such transactions are done through one and the same bank in Ukraine
- NBU prescribes specific cases and rules for resident guarantors (sureties) to fulfill resident borrowers' obligations to non-resident creditors under loan agreements

II. Regulatory

Changes to Licensing Conditions for Broadcast Service Provider

Effective 21 July 2017, applicants for a broadcast service provider license must submit information on their ownership structure.³ This provision is introduced in line with the recently enacted law that prohibits television/radio companies and broadcast service providers to have residents of Russia and offshore zones as their founders, owners and/or ultimate beneficial owners.

Cancellation of Legal Entity/Individual Entrepreneur Stamps Enacted

On 19 July 2017, the law cancelling mandatory use of stamps by legal entities and individual entrepreneurs entered into force.⁴ Thus, from such date, legal entities and individual entrepreneurs in Ukraine are not required to use stamps in their activity, including in their communication with state authorities. Under the law, either presence or absence of stamp on a document does not cause any legal consequences.

¹ NBU Resolution on Amendments to Certain Acts of the National Bank of Ukraine, dated 10 July 2017 No. 61.

² NBU Resolution on Approval of Amendments to Regulation on Foreign Currency Trade Procedure and Conditions, dated 18 July 2017 No. 65.

³ Resolution of the National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council of Ukraine on Amending Resolution Regarding Procedure to Issue Broadcast Service Provider License, dated 30 March 2017 No. 452.

⁴ Law of Ukraine on Amending Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding Use of Stamps by Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs, dated 23 March 2017 No.1982-VIII.

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