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Repatriation of dividends abroad for 2016 is now allowed and other currency control updates

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National Bank of Ukraine continues its policy of currency control liberalisation

On 13 April 2017 the National Bank of Ukraine issued a resolution, which further eases certain currency control restrictions, namely:

- Starting from 14 April 2017 owners of corporate rights/shares (i.e. foreign shareholders of Ukrainian companies) are entitled to repatriate their dividends for 2016. The amount of monthly dividend payments may not exceed an amount equivalent to USD 5 million*.
- Advance payments under import contracts must be performed via a letter of credit if the contract value exceeds USD 5 million (previously it was USD 1 million).
- Early termination of loans provided by non-residents is now allowed if i) a loan was provided by a top-rated bank (rated not lower than “A3/A-”) or ii) a loan was provided at the expense of funds originating from the placement of debt securities outside Ukraine.

We will continue to monitor the developments and keep you updated on the issue.

* *The NBU Resolution No. 33 dated 13 April 2017*