BDL Issues Intermediate Circulars 768 and 769 Related to payments of Foreign Currency Deposits

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On June 4th, 2026, the Central Bank (BDL) issued two intermediate circulars 768 (decision 13824) and 769 (decision 13825) to amend basic circulars 158 (decision 13335) and 166 (decision 13611) respectively.

Intermediate Circular 768 (decision 13824) is related to exceptional measures for the gradual withdrawal of deposits in foreign currencies. This circular extended the terms of benefiting from the circular for an additional year without amending the monthly withdrawal amount ($800 in cash and $200 through POS). Additionally, the maximum amount eligible does not exceed $54,200 (with $42,200 already being withdrawn since the issuance of basic circular 158 in July 2021, in addition to $12,000 for the extended year).

BDL allows banks to use the mandated 3% foreign liquidity, of basic circular 154 (decision 13262), on condition to be replenished before 31/12/2027.

Intermediate circular 769 (decision 13825) is related to exceptional measures for the repayment of foreign currency deposits constituted before the 30th of June 2023. This circular extended the provisions of benefiting from the circular for an additional year without any amendment in the monthly withdrawal amount ($400 in cash in addition to $100 through POS). As for the eligible amount, the maximum amount is increased to $15,600 (with $9,600 already being withdrawn from the date of the issuance of the basic circular 166, in addition to $6,000 for the extended year).

It also amended the eligibility criterion related to account holders who have previously executed Sayrafa transections. The new amendment stipulates that people who did Sayrafa transactions totaling $100,000 or above and did not pay the special taxes related to these transactions cannot benefit from this circular. As such, new group of depositors are now eligible to benefit from this circular as the previous version of the circular prevented people who have executed Sayrafa transactions totaling $75,000 or more from benefiting from this circular.

Finally, this decision will be effective starting July 1st, 2026 and valid for a year, subject to amendment or renewal, and to be published in the official gazette.

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