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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Licensed Authorised Foreign Exchange Dealers**

Members of the public are hereby advised that pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Foreign Exchange Control (Amendment) Regulations 2000, the following institutions are authorised to operate a foreign exchange business in the Kingdom:

**1. Authorised Dealers**

- Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd
- MBf Tonga Ltd
- Westpac Bank of Tonga

**2. Authorised Restricted Dealers (incl. Money Transfer & Money Changer Businesses)**

- *Moneygram* operated by Westpac Bank of Tonga
- *Travelex* operated by the Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd
- *Western Union* operated by FEXCO Tonga Ltd
- *IMEX Money Transfer* operated by Rowena Financial Services Ltd
- Melie-mei-Langi Ltd
- Mana Money Transfer Ltd

The operation of authorized foreign exchange dealers is licenced and supervised by the Reserve Bank. Any person that wishes to set up a foreign exchange business in the Kingdom will require a licence from the Reserve Bank.

The Reserve Bank hereby warns companies and members of the public who are providing such foreign exchange services to obtain a licence from the Reserve Bank.

A person who commits an offence against these regulations shall be liable on conviction

- a. In the case of an individual, to a fine not exceeding TOP\$20,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years;
- b. In the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding TOP\$200,000

Members of the public are encouraged to report to the Reserve Bank any person or business that is advertising or providing foreign exchange services but are not authorized dealers or authorized restricted dealers.

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