

*Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement (Withdrawal from
Circulation of One Cent and Two Cent Coins) Regulations*

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In exercise of the power conferred under Articles 8, 20 and 45 of the Agreement establishing the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank made on the 5th day of July, 1983, the text of which is set out in the Schedule to the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act, Cap.19.07, the Bank makes these Regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement (Withdrawal from Circulation of One Cent and Two Cent Coins) Regulations, 2015.

Commencement

2. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2015.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations-

“cash” means currency notes, bank notes and coins issued by the Bank;

“consumer” means a person obtaining goods and services in the territories of the Participating Governments in exchange for valuable consideration;

“round” means the adjustment of a cash payment to the nearest five cent increment;

“vendor” means a person providing goods and services in the territories of the Participating Governments in exchange for valuable consideration.

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(2) For the purposes of subregulation (1), “Participating Governments” refers collectively to the Governments of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Application

4. These Regulations apply only to cash payments.

Withdrawal and acceptance of one cent and two cent coins

5.—(1) On the 1st day of July, 2015 the Bank shall call in the one cent and two cent coins issued by the Bank for the purpose of withdrawing the coins from circulation.

(2) From the 1st day of July, 2015 until the 30th day of June, 2020 –

- (a) where any cash payment is to be made and the consumer is able to tender the payment required using the one cent and two cent coins, the exact amount payable shall be accepted by the vendor and there shall be no obligation to round under regulation 8;
- (b) each financial institution shall continue to accept the one cent and two cent coins from a consumer or vendor for deposit into an account at the financial institution.

Date and effect of cessation of legal tender

6. From the 1st day of July, 2020-

- (a) the one cent and two cent coins issued by the Bank shall cease to be legal tender for cash payment;
- (b) each financial institution shall cease to accept the one cent and two cent coins from a consumer or vendor.

Payment of coins at face value

7. Any person may present the one cent and two cent coins at the Bank and claim payment of the face value of the coins from the Bank for an unlimited period of time.

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Rules for rounding

8. Where a vendor processes a cash payment and the total does not end in five cents or zero cents, the cash payment shall be discharged in accordance with the rules on rounding set out in Schedule I, utilizing the examples set out in Schedule II.

Rounding difference

9. The difference between a sum due, not ending in five cents or zero cents and the sum to be paid in cash pursuant to regulation 10 is the rounding difference and the rounding difference does not constitute a pecuniary advantage or loss.

Payment by rounding is final

10. An obligation to make a cash payment, by a consumer or vendor, using the rules on rounding set out in Schedule I, is final.

Application of rounding by vendor

11.—(1) Where in any transaction-

- (a) the consumer is unable to tender the exact amount in a cash payment; or
- (b) the consumer is to receive a cash payment from the vendor.

the vendor shall apply the rules on rounding set out in Schedule I, utilising the examples set out in Schedule II.

(2) The vendor is discharged from any obligation to make a cash payment or to return change over the amount payable after the rounding difference has been applied.

Payment of taxes and fees

12. The cost of individual items, fees, taxes or duties shall be calculated to the exact amount required by law or by contract prior to the rounding of any cash payment.

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Cheque and electronic payments

13.—(1) A payment made by cheque or through electronic means by a consumer or vendor shall not be rounded and shall be settled to the exact amount of the payment required.

(2) Where a consumer who is under an obligation to make a cash payment, presents a third party cheque in lieu of cash, the vendor shall apply the rules on rounding in Schedule I, utilising the examples set out in Schedule II.

Schedule I

Rules on Rounding

(regulation 8, 10, 11 and 13)

The following rules apply for the rounding of cash payments-

- (1) Where the total cash payment by any consumer or vendor is of a value ending in one cent or two cents, it shall be rounded down to the nearest ten cents.
- (2) Where the total cash payment by any consumer or vendor is of a value ending in three cents or four cents, it shall be rounded up to the nearest five cents.
- (3) Where the total cash payment by any consumer or vendor is of a value ending in six cents or seven cents, it shall be rounded down to the nearest five cents.
- (4) Where the total cash payment by any consumer or vendor is of a value ending in eight cents or nine cents, it shall be rounded up to the nearest ten cents.
- (5) Where the total cash payment by any consumer or vendor is of a value, in zero cents or five cents, it shall remain unchanged.

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Schedule II

Table Showing Rounding Examples

(regulation 8, 11 and 13)

No Rounding	Original Value		Round Down To ↓	Original Value		Round Up To ↑
0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.05
0.05	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.10
0.10	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.14	0.15
0.15	0.16	0.17	0.15	0.18	0.19	0.20
0.20	0.21	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.24	0.25
0.25	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.28	0.29	0.30
0.30	0.31	0.32	0.30	0.33	0.34	0.35
0.35	0.36	0.37	0.35	0.38	0.39	0.40
0.40	0.41	0.42	0.40	0.43	0.44	0.45
0.45	0.46	0.47	0.45	0.48	0.49	0.50
0.50	0.51	0.52	0.50	0.53	0.54	0.55
0.55	0.56	0.57	0.55	0.58	0.59	0.60
0.60	0.61	0.62	0.60	0.63	0.64	0.65
0.65	0.66	0.67	0.65	0.68	0.69	0.70
0.70	0.71	0.72	0.70	0.73	0.74	0.75
0.75	0.76	0.77	0.75	0.78	0.79	0.80
0.80	0.81	0.82	0.80	0.83	0.84	0.85
0.85	0.86	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.90
0.90	0.91	0.92	0.90	0.93	0.94	0.95
0.95	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.98	0.99	1.00

Made this 19th day of June, 2015.

Governor,
Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.