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TO: ALL AUTHORISED DEALERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

2012 HAJJ OPERATIONS:

PURCHASE OF PILGRIMS TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE (PTA) IN SAUDI RIYAL TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES (SRTCs)

Authorised Dealers and the general public are hereby notified of the following arrangements for 2012 Hajj operations:

1. The Federal Government has approved for intending pilgrims, a concessionary exchange rate of **₦145.00** to the US Dollar for amount of Pilgrims Travelling Allowance (PTA) between US\$750.00 and US\$1,000.00.
2. Each pilgrim is entitled to purchase Saudi Riyal Travellers' Cheque (SRTCs) equivalent of a minimum of US\$750.00 and a maximum of US\$1,500.00 as PTA.
3. For pilgrims buying SRTC above the US\$1,000.00, the difference shall be bought at the prevailing Naira exchange rate to the US Dollar on the day of the purchase.
4. No commission shall be charged by the banks for the sale of SRTCs to the intending pilgrims.
5. The Central Bank of Nigeria will commence the issuance of SRTCs to the designated banks from 13th September, 2012, at the CBN Branches in Lagos and Abuja. The accounts of the respective banks shall be debited as soon as the funds are disbursed.
6. Each designated bank is required to sell to the CBN the unutilised SRTCs not later than two (2) weeks from the date of the last inward flight to Nigeria from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia upon reconciliation of the transactions with the CBN and the accounts of the banks shall be credited promptly.

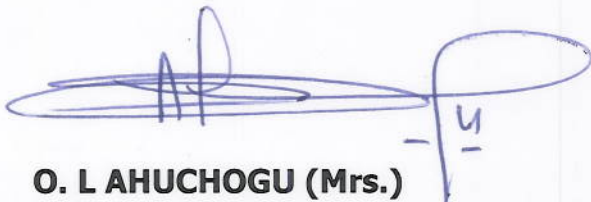
7. The approved schedule showing the distribution of the pilgrims expected to perform the 2012 Hajj and the designated banks that will handle the sales of the PTA to the pilgrims in each state of the Federation, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and the Armed Forces is stated below for guidance.

S/N	STATE	2012 ALLOCATION	NAMES OF BANKS	REMARKS
1	ABIA	75	Union Bank Plc, Umuahia Branch	
2	ADAMAWA	2,427	Zenith Bank Plc Yola, Branch	
3	AKWA IBOM	73	UBA Plc Aka Rd Uyo	
4	ANAMBRA	90	Fidelity Bank Awka Anambra	
5	BAUCHI	3,677	Fin Bank Plc 19/23 Jos Road, Bauchi	
6	BAYELSA	130		Further details to be provided by NAHCO
7	BENUE	510	Unity Bank Plc New Bridge Road Makurdi	
8	BORNO	3,299	UBA Plc Baga Rd 1 Branch Maiduguri	
9	CROSS RIVER	69	First Bank Plc Calabar Main	
10	DELTA	140	Main Sreet Bank Asaba Branch	
11	EBONYI	126	Union Bank Abakaliki Ebonyi	
12	EDO	340	UBA Plc Akpakpava Road Benin City	
13	EKITI	305	Ecobank Plc Ekiti Branch	
14	ENUGU	99	UBA Enugu Main	
15	FCT	2,916	Unity Bank Plc Gwagwalada Abuja	
16	GOMBE	2,503	Unity Bank Plc Gombe	
17	IMO	90	UBA Plc Douglas Road Owerri	
18	JIGAWA	3,240	Sterling Bank Dutse Branch	

19	KADUNA	7,491	Unity Bank Plc Nagwamatse House Branch, Kaduna	
20	KANO	6,969	Unity Bank Plc Sani Abacha Way Kano	
21	KATSINA	5,970	Keystone (2970),UBA (3000) Kastina Branch	
22	KEBBI	5,630	Zenith Bank Birni Kebbi (2998), Unity Bank Birni Kebbi (2632)	
23	KOGI	842	Unity Bank Plc, Murtala M. Way Lokoja, Kogi State	
24	KWARA	2,510	Unity Bank Plc Ilorin Branch	
25	LAGOS	3,854	Union Bank Hqtrs Lagos	
26	NASARAWA	2,207	Fin Bank Lafia (707), Skye Bank Lafia (1000) Unity Bank Lafia (500)	
27	NIGER	4,336	Skye Bank, Uba Plc, Unity Bank	Further details to be provided by NAHCO
28	OGUN	1,554	First City Monument Bank Plc Abeokuta	
29	ONDO	316	Unity Bank Oba Adesida Road Akure	
30	OSUN	1,057	Sterling Bank Plc Osogbo	
31	OYO	1,550	Skye Bank Plc Bodiya, First Bank Agodi, First City Monument Bank Bodija	Further details to be provided by NAHCO
32	PLATEAU	1,640	Fin Bank M,M Way Jos(740), Diamond Bank Jos(500) Fidelity Bank Jos(400)	
33	RIVER	438	Zenith Bank Azikiwe Rd Portharcourt	
34	SOKOTO	6,683	UBA Main Branch Kano Road Sokoto,Unity Bank Main Branch Kano Road Sokoto	Further details to be provided by NAHCO
35	TARABA	1,698	Zenith Bank (1400), Unity Bank (298) Jalingo Branch	

36	YOBE	2,930	Unity Bank Plc Damaturu	
37	ZAMFARA	5,480	Unity Bank, Finbank Gusau	Further details to be provided by NAHCO
38	ARMED FORCES	500	Unity Bank Plc Hqtrs, Lagos	
39	OTHERS	1,236		Further details to be provided by NAHCO
	TOTAL	85,000		

Please ensure compliance accordingly.



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