



## Press Release

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The Central Bank of The Bahamas will issue into circulation in mid-2005 a new family of banknotes called **CRISP**—the first completely new family since 1984. **CRISP**, which stands for Counterfeit Resistant Integrated Security Product, will display features in each denomination which will physically distinguish one denomination from another either by sight or feel. By varying the physical characteristics of each denomination and including more robust, secure features that are denomination-specific, the Bank continues to use the latest technology in the industry in its fight against counterfeiting. New brighter colours and denomination-specific features will also help the public to distinguish between certain denominations (such as the \$1 and \$10) in less than optimal lighting conditions.

The new family boasts a more modern appearance, with clean lines, rich colours, and deep engravings. These new banknotes look like none the Bank has issued before. The first denomination, **CRISP** \$10, is slated for issue sometime this coming Summer. Other denominations will be released as their current stocks expire, but typically 1 or 2 denominations will be issued each year for the next few 4 or 5 years. These new banknotes will circulate along with the existing series, until the older ones have been cleaned from circulation in the usual manner.