



Public Notice

Unauthorised Reproduction of Bahamian Banknotes and Coins

The Central Bank of The Bahamas ("the Central Bank") has observed an increase in the number of entities and individuals reproducing, producing, selling and distributing items incorporating designs, images, symbols or other features that resemble or bear a likeness to banknotes and coins issued by the Central Bank as legal tender in The Bahamas.

The Central Bank reminds the public that the reproduction, production, sale, distribution, or any other use of articles or items that resemble or bear the likeness to Bahamian banknotes or coins without obtaining the Central Bank's prior written approval is prohibited under **the Central Bank of The Bahamas Act, 2020** ("the Act").

In particular, section 10 (3) of the Act explicitly provides:

No person other than the Bank shall issue in The Bahamas notes or coins or any documents or tokens having the appearance of notes or coins.

Further, section 14(1) of the Act provides:

No person shall, without the prior consent of the Bank, make, design, engrave, print, reproduce, use, issue, or publish any article or thing resembling or having a likeness to a note, coin or any electronic money issued by the Bank as to be likely to be confused with or mistaken for such note, coin or electronic money.

The Central Bank hereby advises all persons currently engaged in the manufacture, reproduction, production, sale, distribution or promotion of unauthorised items bearing a likeness to Bahamian banknotes and coins to **cease and desist such activities with immediate effect** from the date of this publication. The Central Bank will take all appropriate enforcement actions in respect of persons who fail to comply with the requirements of the Act, including referral for prosecution where warranted, without prejudice to any other rights, power or remedies available to the Central Bank under the Act or any other applicable law.

Persons who are uncertain whether a proposed item, design or activity falls within the scope of these requirements are encouraged to immediately contact the Central Bank via coins@centralbankbahamas.com and obtain the Central Bank's written approval before proceeding with any further productions or sales.



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A list of authorised dealers for authentically produced Bahamas numismatic coins is available on the Central Bank's website via the following link:

- [Numismatic Coins- Central Bank of the Bahamas.](#)

The related legislation that supports the Central Bank's legal authority in this regard is cited below for ease of reference.

- [Central Bank of The Bahamas Act, 2020](#)

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