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TO: ALL AUTHORISED DEALERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

2010 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 2010 Hajj operations:

1. 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. The Federal Government has approved for intending pilgrims, a concessionary exchange rate of **₦135.00** to the US Dollar for amount of PTA between US\$750.00 and US\$1,000.00
2. 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.
3. No commission shall be charged by the banks for the sale of SRTCs to the intending pilgrims.
4. The Central Bank of Nigeria has already commenced the issuance of SRTCs to the designated banks as from 8th October, 2010, at the CBN Branch, Tinubu Square, Lagos and the accounts of the respective banks shall be debited as soon as the funds are disbursed.
5. 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.

6. The approved schedule showing the distribution of the pilgrims expected to perform the 2010 Hajj and the designated banks that will handle the sales of the PTA to the pilgrims in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), each state of the Federation and the Armed Forces is stated below for guidance.

S/NO.	STATE	NO. OF PILGRIMS PER STATE	BANK
1.	Abia	50	UBN Plc, Umuahia Branch
2.	Abuja (FCT)	3,117	Unity Bank and Bank PHB, Central Area, Garki - Abuja
3.	Adamawa	2,385	Zenith Bank Plc, Yola Branch
4.	Akwa Ibom	60	UBA Plc, Aka Road, Uyo
5.	Anambra	50	Fidelity Bank Awka Branch, Anambra State
6.	Bauchi	3,622	Finbank Plc, Bauchi Branch
7.	Bayelsa	200	UBA Plc, Swali Branch, Yenagoa
8.	Benue	500	Unity Bank, New Bridge Branch, Makurdi
9.	Borno	3,398	UBA Plc, Maiduguri Branch
10.	Cross River	51	FBN Plc, Calabar Road Branch
11.	Delta	105	Afribank Plc, Asaba Branch
12.	Ebonyi	80	UBN Plc, Abakalaki Road
13.	Edo	300	ETB Akpapkava Road Branch, Benin City
14.	Ekiti	275	Oceanic Bank, Ado Ekiti Branch
15.	Enugu	55	UBA Main Branch, Enugu
16.	Gombe	2,500	Unity Bank, Commercial Area

			Branch, Gombe
17.	Imo	85	UBA Plc, Dorglas Road, Owerri.
18.	Jigawa	3,270	Sterling Bank Plc, Dutse Branch
19.	Kaduna	7,537	Unity Bank, Nagwamatse House Branch, Ahamadu Bello Way, Kaduna
20.	Kano	7,030	Unity Bank, Zaria Road, Kano
21.	Katsina	6,050	UBA & Bank PHB, Katsina Branch
22.	Kebbi	5,691	Zenith & Unity Bank, Birnin Kebbi Branch
23.	Kogi	850	FBN Plc, Nipost Branch, Lokoja
24.	Kwara	2,510	Unity Bank Plc, Ilorin Branch
25.	Lagos	3,896	UBN Plc, Oregun Branch, Lagos
26.	Nasarawa	2,200	Finbank & Unity Bank, Lafiya Branch
27.	Niger	4,322	Skye Bank & UBA Plc, Minna Branch
28.	Ogun	1,500	FCMB Plc, Abeokuta Branch
29.	Ondo	380	Unity Bank, Akure Branch
30.	Osun	1,010	Skye Bank Plc, Oshogbo
31.	Oyo	1,500	Wema Bank, Mokola Branch & Skye Bank, Agbowo Branch, Ibadan
32.	Plateau	1,280	Finbank, FBN and Diamond Bank Jos Branch
33.	Rivers	500	Zenith Bank, Azikiwe Road, Port Harcourt
34.	Taraba	1,700	Unity Bank & Zenith Bank Jalingo Branch
35.	Sokoto	6,660	Oceanic Bank & Intercontinental Bank, Sokoto Branch

36.	Yobe	2,997	Unity Bank Plc, Damaturu Branch
37.	Zamfara	5,495	Unity Bank Plc, Gusau Branch
38.	Armed Forces	500	Unity Bank, Kaimumu Street, V/Island, Lagos
39.	Special Institutions	1,289	Details to be provided latter
	Total	85,000	

Please ensure compliance accordingly.



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