Legal Notice No. 13

THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA ACT

(Cap. 491)

DESCRIPTION OF NEW ISSUE OF FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED, TWO HUNDRED, FIVE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND SHILLINGS CURRENCY NOTES

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 22 (2) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act, the Minister for Finance, acting on the recommendation of the Central Bank of Kenya, determines and notifies that the denomination, inscriptions, forms, material and characteristics of the new fifty shillings, one hundred shillings, two hundred shillings, five hundred shillings and one thousand shillings currency notes to be issued by the Central Bank of Kenya shall be as follows:

1. FIFTY SHILLINGS

(a) Denomination:

The denomination of the note shall be shillings fifty inscribed both in words and in figures, the latter to be inscribed on the face and the back at the four corners.

(b) Basic Colours:

Front and Back—

The main colour shall be dark brown with light blue/purple in the background.

(c) Size:

138 mm. x 72 mm.

(c) Main Features:

(i) Front

The main features shall be the portrait of The First President of Kenya Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and the Kenya Coat of Arms. The title of the Bank in both Kiswahili and English shall be at the top right side. A watermark of a lion’s head shall be to the left of the portrait. One set of asymmetric red numbers shall be in a vertical line next to the watermark and the other set of asymmetric black numbers shall be horizontal at the bottom right side. The Kiswahili inscription shall be to the right of the portrait and a conspicuous lion’s head shall be below the watermark.
(ii) Back

The main features shall be a caravan of camels and the tusks on the road leading to Kilindini harbour.

(iii) Security Features

The note shall incorporate a well defined three dimensional watermark of a lion’s head with prominent highlight eyes together with an electrotype watermark of the value numeral “100” underneath the head. Below the watermark is a see-through feature which reveals a complete image of an elephant when held against the light. There shall be a clear text intermittently visible thread that when held against the light shows as a continuous line and text reading “CBK 100”.

To the right of the Coat of Arms, there shall be a bordered oblong shaped area which, when viewed at different angles, reveals two distinct images, one image being the letters “CBK” and the other, the value numeral “100”.

(iv) Members’ Signatures

These shall be of Andrew K. Mullei, Governor, Central Bank of Kenya, and Joseph Magari, member of the Board of Directors.

Date of Issue: 2nd February, 2004.

2. ONE HUNDRED SHILLINGS

(a) Denomination:

The denomination of the note shall be shillings one hundred inscribed both in words and in figures, the latter to be inscribed on the face and the back at the four corners.

(b) Basic Colours:

Front and Back—

The main colour at the front shall be purple with red and green in the background. At the back, the colour shall be purple with green and light blue in the background.

(c) Size:

141 mm. x 74 mm.

(c) Main Features:

(i) Front

The main features shall be the portrait of The First President of Kenya Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and the Kenya Coat of Arms. The title of the Bank in both Kiswahili and English shall be at the top right side. A watermark of a lion’s head shall be to the left of the portrait. One set of asymmetric red numbers shall be in a vertical line next to the watermark and the other set of asymmetric black numbers shall be horizontal at the bottom right side. The Kiswahili inscription shall be to the right of the portrait and a conspicuous lion’s head shall be below the watermark.
The main features shall be the House of Parliament with the parliamentary mace to the left and a shield to the bottom right side.

(iii) Security Features
The note shall incorporate a three dimensional watermark of a lion’s head with prominent highlight eyes together with an electrotype watermark of the value numeral “200” underneath the head. Below the watermark shall be a see-through feature which reveals a complete image of an elephant when held against the light. There shall be an intermittently visible starchrome thread that when held against the light shows as a continuous line and text reading “CBK 200”.

To the right of the Coat of Arms, there shall be a bordered oblong shaped area which, when viewed at different angles, reveals two distinct images, one being the letters “CBK” and the other, the value numeral “200”.

(iv) Members’ Signatures
These shall be of Andrew K. Mullei, Governor, Central Bank of Kenya, and Joseph Magari, member of the Board of Directors.

Date of Issue: 2nd February, 2004.

5. ONE THOUSAND SHILLINGS

(a) Denomination:
The denomination of the note shall be shillings one thousand inscribed both in words and in figures, the latter to be inscribed on the face and the back at the four corners.

(b) Basic Colours:
Front and Back—
The main colour shall be black with red and green in the background.

(c) Size:
147 mm. x 78 mm.

(c) Main Features:
(i) Front
The main features shall be the portrait of The First President of Kenya Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and the Kenya Coat of Arms. The title of the Bank in both Kiswahili and English shall be at the top right side. A watermark of a lion’s head shall be to the left of the portrait. One set of asymmetric red numbers shall be in a vertical line next to the watermark and the other set of asymmetric black numbers shall be horizontal at the bottom right side. The Kiswahili inscription shall be to the right of the portrait and a conspicuous lion’s head shall be below the watermark.
(ii) Back

The main features shall be a wildlife scene dominated by elephants with a rhino and buffalo in the background.

(iii) Security Features

The note shall incorporate a well defined three dimensional watermark of a lion’s head with prominent highlight eyes together with an electrotype watermark of the value numeral “1000” underneath the head. Below the watermark shall be a see-through feature which reveals a complete image of an elephant when held against the light. There shall be an intermittently visible starchrome thread that when held against the light shows as a continuous line and text reading “CBK 1000”. The thread shall show a pronounced shift in colour between magenta and green when moved in reflected light.

To the right of the Coat of Arms, there shall be a bordered oblong shaped area which, when viewed at different angles, reveals two distinct images, one being the letters “CBK” and the other, the value numeral “1000”.

(iv) Members' Signatures

These shall be of Andrew K. Mullei, Governor, Central Bank of Kenya, and Joseph Magari, Member of the Board of Directors.

Date of Issue: 2nd February, 2004.

The new notes shall circulate alongside all the present issues of currency notes and coins.


DAVID MWIRARIA,

Minister for Finance.