



NATIONAL BANK OF CAMBODIA

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**PRAKAS**  
**ON**  
**EMERGENCY LIQUIDITY ASSISTANCE**  
**FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

**The Governor of the National Bank of Cambodia**

- With reference to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- With reference to the Royal Decree NS/RKT/0723/1675 of July 29, 2023 on the appointment of Her Excellency Chea Serey as Governor General of the National Bank of Cambodia, equivalent to Senior Minister;
- With reference to the Royal Kram NS/RKM/0196/27 of January 26, 1996 promulgating the Law on Organization and Conduct of the National Bank of Cambodia;
- With reference to the Royal Kram NS/RKM/1206/036 of December 29, 2006 promulgating the Law on the Amendment of Article 14 and 57 of the Law on Organization and Conduct of the National Bank of Cambodia;
- With reference to the Royal Kram NS/RKM/1199/13 of November 18, 1999 promulgating the Law on Banking and Financial Institutions;
- Pursuant to the recommendation made by the National Bank of Cambodia Management meeting on March 20, 2026.

**Decides**

**Article 1.- Purpose**

The purpose of this Prakas is to establish the framework for granting Emergency Liquidity Assistance (ELA) as last resort for deposit-taking banks and financial institutions facing temporary liquidity shortages aiming at preventing systemic risk and preserving financial stability.

**Article 2.- Scope**

This Prakas is applicable to deposit-taking banks and financial institutions, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Institutions" or singularly as "Institution", under the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC)'s supervisory authority.

### **Article 3.- Definitions**

For the purposes of this Prakas, the following terms are defined as follows:

- **Emergency Liquidity Assistance (ELA)** refers to a credit line secured by collateral linked with the Institutions' current accounts opened at the NBC. This credit line shall be at the discretion of the NBC acting as lender of last resort to the Institutions assessed by the NBC to be solvent and viable but facing temporary liquidity shortages.
- **Marginal Lending Facility (MLF)** refers to the NBC's overnight lending facility in KHR, with collateral, which facilitates the Institutions to manage short-term liquidity.
- **Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)** refers to the reference interest rate in US dollars with a 6-month tenor used by the NBC to pay interest to the Institutions.

### **Article 4.- Conditions of the Institutions**

The Institution requesting ELA shall be in the conditions as the followings:

- Be solvent: Institution is deemed to be solvent if its capital adequacy ratio at least equal to or above the prudential minimum within the last 6 (six) consecutive months and remain having capital adequacy ratio equal or above the prudential minimum in the next 3 (three) months;
- Be viable: Institution is deemed to be viable if it is profitable for the last 3 (three) consecutive years; and
- Have eligible collateral: Institution shall have sufficient eligible and unencumbered collateral after haircut, as defined in Article 7 of this Prakas.

An ELA may be granted by the NBC after the institution has nearly exhausted or fully utilized all its alternative sources of short-term funds such as money and interbank market, group funding, and other facilities of the NBC.

In case where the Institution is a foreign-owned subsidiary or branch of foreign bank, the Institution shall have first exhausted all possible support from its parent company and/or shareholders before requesting for ELA from the NBC.

The NBC has full discretion to determine the request for ELA's application based on the assessment of indicators and/or other conditions of the actual request. Even though the NBC has approved the ELA request to the Institution, the NBC reserves the right not to disburse the funds if the NBC finds out that the requesting institution has alternative sources of short-term funds available.

### **Article 5.- Request for ELA**

The Institution shall submit a written letter of request for ELA, attached with the following documents:

- Funding plan over the next 6 (six) months to indicate the maximum ELA amount needed and utilization;
- Daily report of the cash outflows-inflows;
- Report on net liquidity flow forecasted for the next 14 (fourteen) days;
- Assessment report of the Institution's overall condition to demonstrate that it remains solvent and viable as stated in Article 4 of this Prakas;
- Types and values of available eligible collateral;

- Evolution of the liquidity situation since the early stage of Institution's liquidity tensions until the date of the ELA request with disclosure of the triggers of the liquidity issue and measures already taken;
- Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) report as of the date of the ELA request; and
- Clear action plan in addressing the liquidity shortage with cautious forecasting of the timing for implementing the action plan and repaying the ELA.

The NBC may require the Institution to provide additional information or data of the Institution, its shareholders, board of directors, senior management, internal auditors, external auditors, any other person, or entity as deemed necessary.

#### **Article 6.- Conditional Parameter for ELA**

ELA shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. ELA may be provided in KHR and/or USD in accordance with the request and the prospective needs of the Institution as indicated in the funding plan;
2. The maximum amount of the ELA granted to the Institution shall not exceed the forecasted needs of the Institution and the total value of eligible collateral after haircuts;
3. The initial time limit for ELA is 6 (six) months and it may be extended further up to another 6 (six) months based on the actual needs, sufficient collateral covered, assessments of the NBC, and compliance with obligations in the ELA agreement;
4. The ELA interest rate shall be set as follows:
  - ELA interest rate in KHR is determined as an annual rate equal to MLF + 2 percentage points;
  - ELA interest rate in USD is determined as an annual rate equal to MLF + 4 percentage points or SOFR + 4 percentage points, whichever is higher; and
  - Interest will be calculated on a daily accrual basis from the date of obtaining an ELA, based on the actual drawdown and the actual number of days in each year, and shall be paid at every 14 (fourteenth) days; and
5. The Institution may repay the ELA partially or fully prior to the maturity date. In case the Institution fails to repay ELA on time, the NBC shall apply a penalty interest rate of up to twice the interest rate specified in Point 4 of this Article on the principal until full repayment and/or shall take other actions as prescribed by applicable law.

In addition, the Institution shall sign ELA agreement with the NBC prior to receiving ELA.

#### **Article 7.- Collateral**

Eligible collateral for ELA is in prioritizing order as follows:

- Government securities; and
- Other assets as determined by the NBC.

The above eligible collateral shall fulfill the following conditions:

1. Shall be legally enforceable such as:
  - Properties and/or ownerships of the Institution;
  - Unencumbered and/or not subject to any compulsory enforcement proceedings;
  - Legally transferable and can be earmarked for the obligations of the NBC; and
2. The remaining maturity of the pledged collateral shall be equal or longer than the maturity of the ELA.

The Institution shall provide the NBC a list of its assets that meet the above conditions to be used as collateral when requesting an ELA. The NBC will determine the volume of collateral needed and select the assets to be mobilized as collateral to secure the total amount of ELA. The total value of collateral after haircuts shall exceed the amount of requested ELA including interest charged by the NBC. The Institution shall update the collateral status whenever its value changes including depreciation or changes in classification, as required by the NBC. In case the Institution requests additional ELA, the Institution shall provide additional collateral.

#### **Article 8.- Haircuts on the Collateral**

The NBC will determine haircuts for eligible collateral based on main risks such as credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk, and operational risk.

#### **Article 9.- Terms in ELA agreement**

The Institution that receives ELA shall:

1. Suspend the distribution of dividends and share buybacks;
2. Suspend salary increase and bonuses for board members and senior management;
3. Suspend new investments; and
4. Suspend repayment to shareholders and related parties.

In addition, the NBC may require the Institution to comply with other relevant terms and conditions of ELA as below:

1. Measures to limit the provision of new loans;
2. Sales of non-core assets;
3. Measures to restore deposit stability;
4. Measures to strengthen capital adequacy (e.g., capital increase); and/or
5. Asset quality reviews and/or audits by external auditor, attached with the result to the NBC.

#### **Article 10.- Reporting obligation**

After receiving ELA, the Institution shall provide daily report on cash outflows-inflows to the NBC. In addition, the Institution shall provide progress report to the NBC on an ongoing basis every 14 (fourteen) days or more frequently as deemed necessary by including at least the following information:

1. Impact on the Institution's liquidity situation;
2. Any challenges faced during the implementation of the action plan as stated in Article 5 of this Prakas;
3. Compliance with the conditions set in the ELA agreement;
4. Any events that may lead to changes in the classification of collateral by providing relevant supporting documents as deemed necessary; and
5. Report on net liquidity flow forecasted for the next 14 (fourteen) days.

After receiving ELA, the Institution shall update and submit the funding plan to the NBC at least once every 3 (three) months or more frequently in the event of significant changes in the previous forecasted funding plan.

The NBC may require the Institution to submit additional reports as deemed necessary.

## **Article 11.- Professional Secrecy**

The request process and approval of ELA shall be confidential information.

Shareholders, Board of Directors, Senior Management, and all other staff of the Institution, and other individuals involved in or aware of the application for ELA, shall not disclose any information about the application to any parties or to the public.

If violation of professional secrecy obligation is found, the ELA application shall be voided, and the disclosing Institution shall be penalized in accordance with the Law on Banks and Financial Institutions.

## **Article 12.- Repeal**

Prakas N° B7-015-153 Prokor dated March 17, 2015 on Emergency Liquidity Assistance for Banks and Financial Institutions is hereby repealed.

## **Article 13.- Implementation**

The Secretary General, the Director General of Banking Supervision, the Director General of Regulation and Financial Inclusion, the Director General of Central Banking Operations, the Director General of Policy and International Cooperation, the Cashier General, the Director General of Cash Management, Inspector General, Directors of all relevant Departments in the National Bank of Cambodia and all Deposit-taking Banks and Financial Institutions under the National Bank of Cambodia's supervisory authority shall strictly implement this Prakas.

## **Article 14.- Effect**

This Prakas shall have effect from the signing date.

Phnom Penh, March 20, 2026

**The Governor**

Signed and Sealed: **Chea Serey**

### **To:**

- As stated in Article 13 "for implementation"
- Archives

### **Cc:**

- All members of the Board of Directors of the National bank of Cambodia
- Council of Ministers  
"for information"
- Administrative Department of CM  
"for publication in the National Gazette"