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CBN clarifies utilization of oil export proceeds

LAGOS, APRIL 2015 – In response to widespread concerns and anxiety over the 20 February, 2015 Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) circular by which the CBN imposed restrictions on the permissible use of oil and non-oil export proceeds in Nigeria, the CBN has made further clarifications effectively relaxing the impact of its 20 February circular.

In a release dated 23rd of April 2015, and signed by Olukanmi Gbadamasi, Director of Trade and Exchange Department, the CBN conveyed a list of transactions that would, going forward, be eligible to be funded with oil export proceeds. The release also enumerated the documents that the relevant exporters would need to present to their banks in order to facilitate these transactions.

According to the new CBN release, the eligible transactions include: Petroleum Profit Tax, Royalty, Contractor Invoices, Cash Calls, Loan Principal & Interest Payment, Dividend Payment, Transaction Taxes, Education Tax, Freight Charges and Forex Sales. Any transaction not mentioned in the release would require the specific approval of the CBN before being funded with oil export proceeds.

While this release does not restore the unfettered access to export proceeds which the oil exporters previously had, it has gone some way in addressing some of the ensuing challenges on the market brought about by the export proceeds repatriation.

Templars will continue to monitor developments on this matter, as well as engage with the relevant stakeholders towards achieving comprehensive and lasting solutions to the associated problems.

[View the CBN April release here](#)

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