

TRU COVID-19 Flash Alert



COVID 19 – Relaxation on foreign exchange facilities

Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) on 1 April 2020 issued circular relating to foreign exchange facility for students studying abroad and the commercial banks importing gold considering the current impact by the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Foreign exchange (FX) facility to Nepali Students studying abroad

Licensed BFIs can provide one time FX facility up to USD 500 or equivalent convertible foreign currency as subsistence expenses to Nepali students pursuing their higher studies abroad without obtaining 'No Objection Letter/Certificate' (NOC) from Ministry of Education subject to fulfillment of certain specified conditions.

2. Limit of daily gold Import

NRB has revised daily import quota of gold for commercial banks from 20 kilograms to 10 kilogram per day to avoid liquidity crunch in the current situation.

3. Restriction on FX facility for specific items

FX facility for import of unwashed peppercorns, areca nuts, dates, peas, alcoholic beverages and vehicles costing more than USD 50,000 will not be granted as NRB has imposed restriction on of import of these items.

PKF Nepal's Comments

These measures are announced by the Central Bank to support current need of the students studying abroad and to maintain the liquidity in the current situation.