



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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MEDIA RELEASE

Operationalization of SME Forex Window by the Export Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

The Ministry of Finance wishes to advise of the launch of the SME Forex Window as a pilot project through the Export Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago which will expand the existing forex programmes that are in place by this Government and is specifically targeted to supporting small and medium business growth and economic activity. At this time, this new forex window will be available to clients of Republic Bank Limited (RBL) and First Citizens Bank Limited (FCB) and can be accessed by small and medium businesses across all business sectors including retail and services. Eligible businesses could access up to US\$50,000.00 per month to pay international business expenses which is expected to improve forex access for many of our companies in the very near term.

Any small and medium business will be able to easily access this window from **Tuesday April 22, 2025**. All relevant financial and company information must be uploaded on the EXIMBANK website. Once approved for forex support, the EXIMBANK will issue a letter to the small and medium business to be utilized at their RBL or FCB commercial branch for settlement and processing of payments directly to the international vendors. All businesses utilizing this facility must satisfy AML/CFT requirements.

The operationalization of this window further enhances this Government's commitment and continued efforts to expand access to forex in an equitable and efficient manner to a wide cross section of the small and medium business sector in Trinidad and Tobago.

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