



SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK

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The South African Reserve Bank imposes administrative sanctions on an Authorised Dealer in foreign exchange with limited authority.

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) has imposed administrative sanctions on Sikhona Forex (Pty) Limited, an Authorised Dealer in foreign exchange with limited authority (ADLA).

Authorised Dealers in foreign exchange (commercial banks) and ADLAs are persons authorised by the SARB to deal in foreign exchange transactions and are regulated accordingly. ADLAs include bureaux de change and are authorised to deal only in certain limited, designated foreign exchange transactions, including travel-related transactions.

The Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001 (FIC Act) mandates the SARB to ensure that ADLAs have adequate controls in place to combat acts of money laundering and the financing of terrorism. Flowing from these responsibilities, the SARB inspects ADLAs to assess whether they have appropriate measures in place, as required by the FIC Act.

It should be noted that the administrative sanctions were imposed because of certain weaknesses that were detected in the ADLA's control measures which inhibited the ADLA from proactively detecting financial crime, and not because it was found to have facilitated transactions involving money laundering or the financing of terrorism.

The following administrative sanction was imposed:

- A caution not to repeat the failure to comply with section 21(1)(a) and 21(1)(c) of the FIC Act.

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