SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK
Prudential Authority

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**Prudential Authority imposes administrative sanctions on HBZ Bank Limited**

The Prudential Authority (PA) is mandated to supervise and enforce compliance by accountable institutions with the provisions of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001 (FIC Act), and with any order, determination or directive made in terms thereof.

The PA has imposed administrative sanctions on HBZ Bank Limited (HBZ) as a result of its non-compliance with certain provisions of the FIC Act, following an inspection conducted on HBZ in 2023 in terms of section 45B of the FIC Act.

The administrative sanctions imposed on HBZ comprise three cautions not to repeat the conduct that led to the non-compliance, a reprimand and a financial penalty totalling R3 million, of which R2 million is conditionally suspended for a period of 36 months as from 19 May 2026.

These administrative sanctions stem from the following non-compliance by HBZ:

a. HBZ failed to comply with section 28 of the FIC Act, read with Regulation 24(4) of the FIC Act Regulations, in that it failed to timeously report 8.85% of the sampled Cash Threshold Reports (CTRs).

   The PA imposed a caution not to repeat the conduct that led to the non-compliance and a financial penalty of R3 million, of which R2 million is conditionally suspended for a period of 36 months.

b. HBZ failed to comply with section 28 of the FIC Act, read with Regulation 24(4) of the FIC Act Regulations, in that it failed to report 4.5% of the sampled CTRs.

   The PA imposed a caution not to repeat the conduct that led to the non-compliance.

c. HBZ failed to comply with section 29 of the FIC Act, read with Regulation 24(3), in that it incorrectly reported 78% of the sampled transactions as Suspicious Activity Reports, instead of Suspicious Transaction Reports, to the Financial Intelligence Centre.

   The PA imposed a reprimand and a caution not to repeat the conduct that led to the non-compliance.

HBZ has cooperated with the PA to remediate the identified compliance deficiencies and control weaknesses.

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