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Presidential Powers (Temporary Measures) (Zimbabwe Gold Notes and Coins) Regulations, 2024

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SCHEDULE: Design, Colour, Size and material of One ZiG, Two ZiG, Five ZiG, Ten ZiG, Twenty ZiG, Fifty ZiG, One hundred ZiG and Two hundred ZiG banknotes.

WHEREAS a situation has arisen affecting the economic interests of Zimbabwe that cannot be dealt with adequately in terms of any other law;

AND WHEREAS, because of the urgency of the situation, it is inexpedient to await the passage through Parliament of an Act to deal with it;

AND WHEREAS such a situation has arisen in connection with the need to stabilise prices and the exchange rate by the introduction of a domestic currency backed by foreign exchange reserves, precious metals and valuable minerals;

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AND WHEREAS, consequently, the Reserve Bank, as the banker of the State, must be empowered to issue the new currency, which shall be legal tender alongside any other currency acceptable as legal tender as prescribed under section 44A of the Reserve Bank Act;

AND WHEREAS the President is empowered in terms of section 2 of the Presidential Powers (Temporary Measures) Act [*Chapter 10:20*] to make such regulations as he considers will deal with that situation:

NOW, THEREFORE, HIS Excellency the President, by the power afore-said, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Presidential Powers (Temporary Measures) (Amendment of Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Act and Issue of Zimbabwe Gold Notes and Coins) Regulations, 2024.

New section inserted in Cap. 22:15

2. (1) The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Act [*Chapter 22:15*] (No. 5 of 1999) (“the principle act”) is amended by the insertion in Part VI (“Bank notes and Coinage”) of the following section after section 44C—

“44D *Issuance of ZiG notes and coins and legal tender of ZiG*

(1) In this section—

“gold coins and Zimbabwe gold-backed digital tokens” means the gold coins (engraved with the words *Mosi-oa-Tunya*) and tokens previously styled as “ZiG” issued by the Reserve Bank in terms of sections 7(d) (i) and 43(3);

“in-kind royalties” means royalties in kind held on behalf of the State by the Reserve Bank in terms of section 37A (“Collection of mining royalties”) of the Finance Act [*Chapter 23:04*];

“LBMA” means the London Bullion Market Association, an international trade association representing the global over the counter bullion market;

“prescribe” means prescribe by notice in a statutory instrument;

“spot price of gold” means either the AM or PM price (whichever is prescribed) in United States dollars of one ounce of gold of ninety-nine per centum purity as quoted by the LBMA for a given day;

“ZiG” means the Zimbabwe Gold notes and coins issued by the Reserve Bank in terms of subsection (2).

(2) By virtue of this section the Reserve Bank may, subject to subsections (3) and (4), issue ZiG notes and coins in the prescribed units or denominations and the prescribed design, form and material.

(3) The Reserve Bank shall only issue ZiG notes and coins against reserves assets actually held and managed by it, and the value of the ZiG issued and in circulation at any one time shall be anchored in and backed or covered by a composite basket of foreign currency reserves and precious metals received (mainly gold) and valuable minerals, held and maintained by the Reserve Bank in its vaults as part of the in-kind royalties.

(4) The reserve assets referred to in subsection (3) shall be subject to independent audit not less frequently than once in a calendar year by external auditors specifically appointed for that purpose, and the results of the audit shall be published in the Annual Report of the Reserve Bank.

(5) The value of one ZiG on the date of its initial issuance shall be equivalent to the value of one milligram of gold of ninety-nine *per centum* purity as determined by the spot price of gold, and the prevailing interbank foreign exchange rate. Thereafter it shall be determined by the inflation differential between ZiG and the United States dollar inflation rates and the movement in the price of the basket of precious metals (mainly gold) and valuable minerals held as reserves by the Reserve Bank.

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(6) The tender of payment of ZiG notes and coins shall be legal tender in all transactions, alongside any other currency acceptable as legal tender as prescribed under section 44A.

(7) The Reserve Bank may, in the notice prescribing the issuance of ZiG notes and coins under subsection (1), convert into ZiG balances, all Zimbabwe dollar balances held in any account with a banking institution in Zimbabwe on the day of issuance of ZiG notes and coins, using the following formula:

$$\frac{A}{B}$$

in which—

“A” represents any given Zimbabwe dollar balance on the day of initial ZiG issuance;

“B” is a figure representing the PM spot price of gold for the day immediately before the day of the initial ZiG issuance, as converted into the Zimbabwe dollar equivalent at the closing interbank rate of exchange prevailing on the day of the initial ZiG issuance.”.

ZiG notes and coins deemed to be prescribed by section 44D of Cap. 22:15

3. (1) The ZiG notes and coins referred to in section 4 shall be deemed to have been prescribed by the Minister in terms of section 44D(1) of the principal Act as inserted by these regulations.

(2) There is hereby issued by the Reserve Bank in terms of section 44D(1) of the principal Act as inserted by these regulations one ZiG, two ZiG, five ZiG, ten ZiG, twenty ZiG, fifty ZiG, one hundred ZiG and two hundred ZiG notes, whose composition, size and other features are specified in the Schedule to these regulations.

(3) To avoid doubt the issuance of ZiG coins shall be prescribed at a later date.

Design of ZiG notes

4. (1) The design of the one ZiG note shall be as follows—

(a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo

of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and the following secondary features: the visually impaired recognition feature (one bar) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as an additional security feature; and

- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.

(2) The design of the two ZiG note shall be as follows—

- (a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and the following secondary features: visually impaired recognition feature (two bars) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as an additional security feature; and
- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.

(3) The design of the five ZiG note shall be as follows—

- (a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and the following secondary features: visually impaired recognition feature (three bars) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as

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- an additional security feature; and
- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.
- (4) The design of the ten ZiG note shall be as follows—
- (a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and the following secondary features: visually impaired recognition feature (four bars) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as an additional security feature; and
- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.
- (5) The design of the twenty ZiG note shall be as follows—
- (a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and the following secondary features: visually impaired recognition feature (five bars) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as an additional security feature; and
- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.
- (6) The design of the fifty ZiG note shall be as follows—
- (a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and

the following secondary features: visually impaired recognition feature (six bars) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as an additional security feature; and

- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.

(7) The design of the one hundred ZiG note shall be as follows—

- (a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and the following secondary features: visually impaired recognition feature (seven bars) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as an additional security feature; and
- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.

(8) The design of the two hundred ZiG note shall be as follows—

- (a) on the front side the dominant feature shall be the logo of the Reserve Bank (three balancing rocks), and the following secondary features: visually impaired recognition feature (eight bars) to the left and right, latent image with the word ZiG, windowed florescent security thread inscribed “RBZZIG” with colour shift from green to blue, watermark of the Zimbabwe bird, see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the left in perfect register, and a QR code on the bottom right as

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- an additional security feature; and
- (b) on the back there shall be an impression of the crucible dispensing molten gold into a mould and see-through of Zimbabwe Bird looking to the right.

Form and colour of ZiG notes and coins

5. The form, colour, size and material of the One ZiG, Two ZiG, Five ZiG, Ten ZiG, Twenty ZiG, Fifty ZiG, One hundred ZiG and Two hundred ZiG shall be as specified in the Schedule.

Conversion of existing Zimbabwe dollar balances into ZiG balances and swap of Zimbabwe dollar banknotes and coins

6. (1) All Zimbabwe dollar balances held in any account with a banking institution in Zimbabwe on the day of issuance of ZiG notes and coins are with effect from the date of promulgation of these regulations converted into ZiG balances using the formula referred to in section 44D(8).

(2) Zimbabwe dollar notes and coins in circulation are convertible within twenty-one days (“the swap window”) of promulgation of these regulations into ZiG notes and coins using the formula referred to in subsection (1):

Provided that:

- (a) for those persons holding accounts with any banking institution in Zimbabwe, and who have Zimbabwe dollar notes and coins in their possession, the conversion shall be effected if, within the swap window, they deposit the same in the said accounts;
- (b) those persons not holding accounts with any banking institution in Zimbabwe, and who have Zimbabwe dollar notes and coins in their possession, may, within the swap window, swap them for ZiG notes and coins at the rate of exchange specified in subsection (1) at any banking institution designated by the Reserve Bank and notified to the public from time to time (to avoid doubt, it is declared that Zimbabwe dollar notes and coins in circulation will not be swapped under this provision

after the expiry of the swap window).

ZiG to be unit of account for transactions previously denominated in Zimbabwe dollars

7. For the purposes of section 44D of the principal Act as inserted by these regulations, the Minister shall be deemed to have prescribed that, with effect from the date of promulgation of these regulations (the “effective date”), for accounting and other purposes (including the discharge of financial or contractual obligations), all assets and liabilities that were, immediately before the effective date, valued and expressed in Zimbabwe dollars, shall be deemed to be values in ZiG at rate as converted in terms of section 6(1).

Amendment of section 22G of Cap. 23:04

8. Section 22G (“Intermediated Money Transfer Tax”)(d) of the Finance Act [*Chapter 23:04*] is amended by the deletion of “(ZIG)”.

Amendment of section 36G of Cap. 23:06

9. Section 36G (“Intermediated money transfer tax”) of the Income Tax Act [*Chapter 23:06*] is amended in the definition of “Zimbabwe gold-backed digital token” by the deletion of “or “ZIG””.

Amendment of Thirtieth Schedule to Cap. 23:06

10. The Thirtieth Schedule (“Intermediated Money Transfer Tax”) to the Income Tax Act [*Chapter 23:06*] is amended—

- (a) in the heading by the deletion of “ZiGs” and the substitution of “Zimbabwe gold-backed digital tokens”;
- (b) in subparagraph (1) by the deletion of “(ZiGs)”.

Saving provision

11. The gold coins and Zimbabwe gold-backed digital tokens that are issued by the Reserve Bank in terms of section 7(d)(i) and 47(3) of the Reserve Bank Act and are in circulation on the date of these regulations shall continue in circulation after that date and remain as investment assets redeemable in accordance with terms and conditions determined by the Reserve Bank.

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SCHEDULE (*Section 3(2)*)

DESIGN, COLOUR, SIZE AND MATERIAL OF ONE ZiG, TWO ZiG, FIVE ZiG, TEN ZiG, TWENTY ZiG, FIFTY ZiG, ONE HUNDRED ZiG AND TWO HUNDRED ZiG BANKNOTES

<i>ZiG</i>	<i>Composition</i>	<i>Watermark</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Basic Colour</i>
One ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Blue
Two ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Green
Five ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Red
Ten ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Dark Blue
Twenty ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Peach
Fifty ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Orange
One Hundred ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Olive Green
Two Hundred ZiG	Cotton Paper	Zimbabwe Bird	155mm x 65mm	Purple

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