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BORDER CURRENCY REPORTS

All travellers coming into Fiji or going out of Fiji are required to declare if they are carrying currency or negotiable bearer instruments of \$10,000 or more (or its equivalent in foreign currency).

Travellers are required to make a declaration in the first instance on the arrival or departure cards and then fill out a BCR form which is available at all ports of entry and exit in Fiji. The completed BCRs are collected by Customs FRCA officials at the ports and submitted to the FIU for central recording, analysis and for its intelligence purpose.

In 2016, 547 BCRs were submitted to the FIU compared to 491 BCRs in 2015.

BCRs by Direction of Travel

There were more declarations made by outbound travellers compared to inbound travellers in 2016.

Border Currency Reports Received

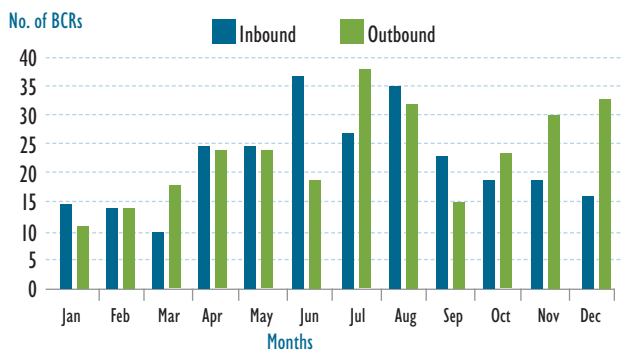
The FIU has noted an increase in declarations made by inbound travellers. In 2016, 48 percent of declarations were made by inbound travellers while 38 percent of declarations were made by inbound travellers in 2015.

BCR Declarations by Direction of Travel 2012-2016

| Persons Declaring | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Declarations made by inbound travellers | 117 | 141 | 231 | 187 | 265 |
| Declarations made by outbound travellers | 360 | 318 | 326 | 304 | 282 |
| TOTAL | 477 | 459 | 557 | 491 | 547 |

Source: Fiji FIU

Comparison of Declaration made by Travellers by Month in 2016



Source: Fiji FIU

The FIU together with FRCA have placed BCR posters at the Nadi and Nausori international airports to inform travellers of the BCR declaration requirements.

BCRs by Value of Currency Declared

The total value of currency declared by travellers in the BCRs in 2016 was \$30.2 million compared to \$31.9 million in 2015.

Value of Border Currency Reports Received 2012-2016

| Persons Declaring | Value of Currency Declared (\$million) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Travellers Arriving in Fiji | 3.9 | 6.7 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 13.1 |
| Travellers Departing Fiji | 10.7 | 15.4 | 19.6 | 20.9 | 17.1 |
| TOTAL | 14.6 | 22.1 | 29.9 | 31.9 | 30.2 |

Source: FRCA & Fiji FIU

Failure to Declare Currency

Failure to declare currency at the border is an offence under the FTR Act. If convicted, a person is liable to a fine of up to \$60,000 or imprisonment of a maximum of 10 years or both.

In 2016, there were 12 reported cases of BCR non declaration compared to 3 cases of persons brought before the court for failing to declare currency in 2015.

CASE STUDY: Non Declaration of Border Currency Report

The FIU received a STR from a foreign exchange dealer involving a Fijian citizen, Person A who is 60 years of age and is an American resident. The Fiji FIU conducted checks on the immigration database and established that Person A had travelled to Fiji three times in 2016. He exchanged substantial amounts of USD into FJD during his visits.

A report was disseminated to the FRCA Customs Unit to examine the possibility of non-declaration of BCR.

Possible Offence:

- Non-reporting of Border Currency Reporting requirements

Failure to Declare Currency Cases in 2016

| | Date of Travel | Details | Amount Failed to Declare | Date of Conviction | Judgment in Court |
|-----|----------------|---|---|--------------------|---|
| 1. | 24 February | Passenger arrived to Nadi from South Korea | US\$10,000.00 CNY\$16,700.00 equivalent to FJ\$26,269.13 | 25 February | Fined \$3,000.00 Cash released to accused |
| 2. | 24 February | Passenger arrived to Nadi from South Korea | US\$10,000.00 equivalent to FJ\$21,762.78 | 25 February | Fined \$3,000.00 Cash released to accused |
| 3. | 26 February | Passenger arrived to Nadi from Hong Kong | US\$21,000.00 equivalent to FJ\$42,706.21 | 29 February | Fined \$5,000.00 Cash released to accused |
| 4. | 26 February | Passenger arrived to Nadi from South Korea | US\$30,400.00 equivalent to FJ\$61,800.00 | 1 March | Fined \$10,000.00 Cash released to accused |
| 5. | 6 March | Passenger arrived to Nadi from Nauru | AUD\$8,350 HKD220.00 CNY\$479 equivalent to FJ\$13,124.00 | 9 March | Fined \$3,000.00 Cash released to accused |
| 6. | 23 June | Passenger departing for New Zealand from Nadi Airport | EURO\$2,000.00 US\$8,329.00 AU\$920.00 FJ\$830.00 equivalent to FJ\$22,603.58 | 5 July | Fined \$5,000.00 Cash released to accused |
| 7. | 27 June | Passenger arrived to Nadi from Hong Kong | US\$20,000.00 AU\$5,000.00 equivalent to FJ\$50,293.47 | 28 June | Fined \$5,000.00 Cash released to accused |
| 8. | 14 October | Passenger arrived to Nadi from Samoa | US\$11,270.00 | | |
| 9. | 4 November | Passenger arrived to Nadi from Seoul, Korea | EURO cash of 3,730 GBP 25 Travellers cheques worth GBP 6,600 | 6 December | Charged under section 137(c) of the Customs Act. Settled by the Comptroller outside of court, passenger was fined \$1,000 |
| 10. | 9 November | Passenger was departing for Hong Kong | USD cash of 7,166 THAI 1,210 HKD cash of 500 IDN 100,000 TWN 300 EURO 120 CHN YUEN 1,125 FJD cash of 130 | 6 December | Charged under section 137(c) of the Customs Act. Settled by the Comptroller outside of court, passenger was fined \$1,000 |
| 11. | 12 November | Passenger arrived from Tuvalu transiting through to South Korea | US\$4,900.00, AU\$1,700.00, FJ\$15.00 JPY\$14,000.00 SBD\$10.00 INR6,300.00 equivalent to FJ\$17,626.60 | 1 December | Charged under section 137(c) of the Customs Act. Settled by the Comptroller outside of court, passenger was fined \$3,500 |
| 12. | 12 November | Passenger arrived from Tuvalu transiting through to Vietnam | US\$6,890.00 equivalent to FJ\$14,165.84 | 7 December | Fined \$1,000.00 |

Source: FRCA & Border Police & FIU