

DIRECTION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF RUSSIA NO. 1688-U OF MAY 29, 2006 ON THE REPEAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR COMPULSORY USE OF SPECIAL ACCOUNTS DURING FOREIGN CURRENCY OPERATIONS AND ON THE INVALIDATION OF PARTICULAR NORMATIVE ACTS OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF RUSSIA

In accordance with the Federal Law on Foreign Currency Regulation and Foreign Currency Control (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii No. 50, 2003, item 4859; No. 27, 2004, item 2711; No. 30, 2005, item 3101), with the Federal Law on the Central Bank of the Russian Federation (Bank of Russia) (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii No. 28, 2002, item 2790; No. 2, 2003, item 157; No. 52, 2003, item 5032; No. 27, 2004, item 2711; No. 31, 2004, item 3233; No. 25, 2005, item 2426; No. 30, 2005, item 3101) and on basis of the decision of the Council of Directors of the Central Bank of Russia (Minutes of the sitting of the Council of Directors of the Central Bank of Russia No. 10 of May 29, 2006) the Central Bank of Russia establishes the following.

1. It is necessary to repeal the requirement for the compulsory use by residents or non-residents of special bank accounts, special sections in depo accounts, special sections in personal accounts recording the rights to securities, and also special discretionary accounts (hereinafter referred to as special accounts) in foreign exchange operations, the requirement introduced by Central Bank Instructions No. 115-I of June 7, 2004 on Special Discretionary Accounts for Recording Funds of Non-residents, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 17, 2004, registration number 5856 (Vestnik Banka Rossii No. 36 of June 18, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as Instructions No. 115-I) and by Central Bank Instructions No. 116-I of June 7, 2004 on the Types of Special Accounts of Residents and Non-residents, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 17, 2004, registration number 5854 and January 17, 2005, registration number 6258 (Vestnik Banka Rossii No. 36, June 18, 2004; No. 4, January 26, 2005) (hereinafter referred to as Instructions No. 116-I).

2. Foreign exchange operations, in respect of which Instructions No. 115-I and Instructions No. 116-I introduced the requirement for the obligatory use of special accounts, may be carried out:

with the use of the accounts which are not special;

with the use of the special accounts opened before the day of the entry into force of the present Direction in the order established by Instructions No. 115-I and Instructions No. 116-I;

with the use of the special accounts opened after the entry into force of the present Direction in the order established by Instructions No. 115-I and Instructions No. 116-I.

3. The following normative acts shall be invalidated from January 1, 2007:

Instructions of the Central Bank of Russia No. 115-I of June 7, 2004 on Special Discretionary Accounts for Recording Funds of Non-residents, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 17, 2004, registration number 5856 (Vestnik Banka Rossii No. 36, June 18, 2004);

Instructions of the Central Bank of Russia No. 116-I of June 7, 2004 on the Types of Special Accounts of Residents and Non-residents, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 17, 2004, registration number 5854 (Vestnik Banka Rossii No. 36, June 18, 2004);

Direction of the Central Bank of Russia No. 1529-U of December 16, 2004 on the Introduction of Amendments to Instructions of the Central Bank of Russia No. 116-I of June 7, 2004 on the Types of Special Accounts of Residents and Non-residents, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on January 17, 2005, registration number 6858 (Vestnik Banka Rossii No. 4, January 26, 2005).

4. The present Direction shall be subject to official publication in Vestnik Banka Rossii and shall come into force from July 1, 2006.

Chairman of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation

Sergei Ignatiev

Registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 7, 2006
Registration No. 7924