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### **EXPORT FINANCE FACILITY**

The Reserve Bank of Fiji today announced that the interest rate that it charges for funds provided to commercial banks under the Export Finance Facility will fall from 15 to 5 percent.

The Export Finance Facility is a scheme whereby the Reserve Bank provides funds to commercial banks and the Fiji Development Bank which can be on lent to customers for export-related payments. The scheme was introduced in 1983 and is designed to assist the export sector by ensuring the availability of credit at relatively low interest rates.

The rates on pre/post-shipment finance under the scheme had been linked to the Bank's Minimum Lending Rate (MLR), which rose to 15 percent following the policy tightening on 22 May 2000. The rate has been temporarily de-linked from the MLR and set at 5 percent. It is hoped that this will provide some support for exporters during this difficult period.

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