

**GUIDELINES FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS
ON DEPOSIT, WITHDRAWAL AND PROCESSING
OF THE 3RD AND 4TH SERIES OF RM50 BANKNOTE**

Interpretation of Terms

'BNM'	means Bank Negara Malaysia
'3 rd series RM50'	means the present series of RM50
'4 th series RM50'	means the new series RM50 with and without the 50 th Merdeka logo
'MCM'	means Meps Currency Sdn Bhd
'CBs'	mean all commercial banks
'BNM Branches'	mean Bank Negara Malaysia's branches
'Complete packet'	means 100 pieces of banknotes
'Complete bundle'	means 10 packets containing 1,000 pieces of banknotes
'Complete bag'	means 10 bundles of banknotes packed in a polythene bag
'Usable banknotes'	mean banknotes processed and reissued by Branches
'Fit banknotes'	mean all banknotes that meet the quality criteria and standards to remain in circulation
'Unfit banknotes'	mean banknotes that have the characteristic(s) which render them unsuitable for circulation
'Mutilated banknotes'	mean banknotes that have defects and require assessment for compensation
'Defaced banknotes'	mean banknotes that contain words, signs, symbols and drawing or caricatures
'Suspected counterfeit banknotes'	mean all types of banknotes that have doubtful feature(s) or genuine banknotes that have been tampered with.

INTRODUCTION

Bank Negara Malaysia will continue with the issuance of the 4th series RM50 in July 2009. CBs are required to observe this guideline which will cover the following:-

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Part I – Deposit and Withdrawal

1. General information

- a. CBs shall distribute the 4th series RM50 banknotes to all of their branches in their respective regions.
- b. CBs shall continue to use the 3rd series RM50 banknotes.
- c. CBs must **segregate** both series of banknotes into separate packets, bundles and bags, respectively.
- d. CBs shall deposit banknotes to Branches in complete bags for each series.
- e. CBs are encouraged to provide facilities for the public to exchange the new 4th series RM50 banknotes during the first one month.
- f. CBs shall use only paper band to strap the packets/bundles of banknotes.

2. Withdrawal of the 3rd series RM50

- a. All CBs will continue to accept the 3rd series RM50 banknotes (new and usable) from BNM until further notice.

3. Deposit of the 3rd series RM50

- a. CBs shall deposit the 3rd series RM50 banknotes in complete bags.
- b. CBs shall ensure that they do not mix the 4th series RM50 banknotes with the 3rd series RM50 banknotes in the same bundle.
- c. CBs must segregate both series of banknotes in separate bags.

4. Withdrawal of the 4th series RM50

- a. CBs may withdraw the 4th series RM50 banknotes starting from 15 July 2009.
- b. CBs shall distribute the 4th series RM50 banknotes to all of their branches in their respective regions.

5. Deposit of the 4th series RM50

- a. CBs are allowed to mix the new RM50 with and without the Merdeka Logo in the same bundle/bag.
- b. CBs shall use paper band to strap the 4th series RM50 banknotes.
- c. CBs are to select 'CN4' in e-PINTAS for deposit of the new 4th series RM50 banknotes.

Part II – Processing

6. Processing of 3rd series RM50 by CBs

- a. CBs shall not recirculate unfit 3rd series RM50 banknotes but deposit them instead in BNM.
- b. If CBs are using machines, they shall ensure that all their processing machines have the necessary sensors to authenticate the 3rd series RM50 banknotes.

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- b. If CBs are using machines, they shall ensure that all their processing machines have the necessary sensors to authenticate the 4th series RM50 banknotes.

8. Treatment of mutilated banknotes

- a. CBs shall ensure that the assessment of all mutilated banknotes comply with the existing guidelines (The updated guidelines is attached as Appendix I).

9. Treatment of suspected counterfeit banknotes

- a. CBs should compare suspected counterfeit banknotes with genuine banknotes to identify the differences.
- b. All confirmed suspected counterfeit banknotes shall be reported to the nearest Polis DiRaja Malaysia station.