

# *Chronology of Events of the CBC in 2021*

## Chronology of Events of the Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan)<sup>1</sup> in 2021

Date	Event
Jan. 21	The CBC issued a commemorative coin set for the Xin Chou Year of the Ox (2021).
25	The CBC raised the ceiling ratio for the daily balance of the "interbank funds transfer guarantee special accounts" of financial institutions to be counted as part of the required reserves from 8% to 16%, effective from February 4, 2021.
28	The CBC amended the <i>Regulations Governing Foreign Exchange Business of Banking Enterprises</i> to simplify procedures and qualifications for commercial banks to apply to become authorized foreign exchange banks and to relax relevant restrictions so as to allow authorized banks to issue foreign currency bank debentures linked to derivatives or structured notes, effective from January 30, 2021.
Feb. 5	The CBC imposed punitive sanctions on four branches or subsidiaries of foreign banks for violating the CBC's regulations when conducting NTD forward exchange transactions, effective from February 8, 2021.
18	The CBC increased the monthly bidding amount for 2-year certificates of deposit from NT\$40 billion to NT\$60 billion from February 2021 onwards.
Mar. 18	<p>The CBC's Board decided to adopt the following measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keeping the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations unchanged at 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively.</li> <li>2. Amending the <i>Regulations Governing the Extension of Mortgage Loans by Financial Institutions</i>, including lowering the LTV ratio caps on housing loans extended to corporate entities and on high-value housing loans and the third (or more) housing loans taken out by natural persons, and introducing a new LTV ratio ceiling on mortgage loans for idle land in industrial districts, effective from March 19, 2021.</li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> Herein referred to as the CBC.

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Mar. 19	The CBC amended the " <i>Regulations for the Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s Handling of the Special Accommodation Facility to Support Bank Credit to SMEs Affected by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)</i> " (hereinafter the Special Facility Regulations) to extend the expiry date of the facility to December 31, 2021.
Apr. 15	The CBC increased the monthly bidding amount for 2-year certificates of deposit from NT\$60 billion to NT\$80 billion from April 2021 onwards.
27	The CBC reappointed Mega International Commercial Bank as the clearing bank for foreign currencies other than the US dollar, the RMB, the Japanese yen, and the euro settled on the foreign currency clearing platform.
May 7	The CBC met with 36 domestic banks to urge them to reinforce risk management associated with real estate loans subject to the CBC's selective credit controls and to comply with the relevant regulations and the risk-based pricing rule.
Jun. 3	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations, including expanding the size of the facility to NT\$400 billion, extending the deadline for SME applications to December 31, 2021, and stretching the applicable duration of preferential interest rates on newly-approved cases through to June 30, 2022. Those amendments were effective from June 4, 2021.
17	<p>The CBC's Board decided to keep the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations unchanged at 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively.</p> <p>The CBC amended the name and the content of the <i>Regulations Governing the Establishment and Audit of Reserves on Stored Value Funds Received by Specialized Electronic Payment Institutions</i>, including broadening the scope of specialized electronic payment institutions and modifying the calculation method of reserve requirements on stored value funds, effective from July 1, 2021.</p>
23	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations to increase the maximum

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	loan amount for each small-scale business entity from NT\$0.5 million to NT\$1 million, effective from June 24, 2021.
Jun. 29	To simplify administrative procedures and to conform with the amendment to <i>The Act Governing Electronic Payment Institutions</i> , which allows electronic payment institutions and foreign migrant worker remittance institutions to engage in domestic and foreign small-amount remittances business, the CBC amended the <i>Regulations Governing the Declaration of Foreign Exchange Receipts and Disbursements or Transactions</i> and the <i>Directions for Banking Enterprises While Assisting Customers to Declare Foreign Exchange Receipts and Disbursements or Transactions</i> , effective from July 1, 2021.
Aug. 24	The CBC signed an agreement of cooperation with the Central Bank of Paraguay.
Sep. 14	The CBC amended the <i>Regulations Governing Foreign Exchange Brokers</i> , strengthening the management of foreign exchange brokers while upholding the principle of dispersion of share ownership by imposing shareholding limits on the combined amount invested by both the investor and the investor's related parties, effective from September 16, 2021.
23	<p>The CBC's Board decided to adopt the following measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keeping the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations unchanged at 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively.</li> <li>2. Amending the <i>Regulations Governing the Extension of Mortgage Loans by Financial Institutions</i>, including removing the grace period for a second home loan taken out by a natural person for housing located in the stipulated specific areas, and lowering the LTV ratio caps on land loans and mortgage loans for idle land in industrial districts, effective from September 24, 2021.</li> </ol>
Oct. 1	The CBC met with 36 domestic banks and the National Federation of Credit Cooperatives, R.O.C., to urge stronger risk management of real estate loans in accordance with the CBC's selective credit controls and reiterated the

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	importance of observing the risk-based pricing rule.
Oct. 29	To continue helping pandemic-hit SMEs through the special accommodation facility, the CBC announced that financial institutions having received applications before the deadline of December 31, 2021 would remain eligible for the special facility's accommodations.
Nov. 11	The CBC issued the New Taiwan dollar uncirculated coin set of the National Parks of Taiwan Series - Shoushan National Nature Park.
15	The CBC reduced the monthly bidding amount for 2-year certificates of deposit from NT\$80 billion to NT\$60 billion from November 2021 onwards.
Dec. 16	<p>The CBC's Board decided to adopt the following measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keeping the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations unchanged at 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively.</li> <li>2. Amending the <i>Regulations Governing the Extension of Mortgage Loans by Financial Institutions</i>, including lowering the LTV ratio caps on high-value housing loans and third (or more) housing loans taken by natural persons, land loans, loans for unsold new housing units, and mortgage loans for idle land in industrial districts, effective from December 17, 2021.</li> </ol> <p>The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations, effective from December 16, 2021. For the facility's accommodations to banks, those due for repayment by December 31, 2021 would be rolled over to June 30, 2022.</p>
30	The CBC amended the <i>Directions Governing Authorized Banks for Operating Foreign Exchange Businesses Through Electronic or Communications Equipment</i> , removing the requirement of prior approval for authorized banks to engage in foreign exchange business through electronic or communications equipment that do not involve foreign exchange settlement against the New Taiwan dollar, effective from December 30, 2021.