

**Intermediate Circular No 447**

**Addressed to Banks**

Attached is a copy of Intermediate Decision No 12419 of January 7, 2017 amending Basic Decision No 10224 of August 13, 2009 (Procedures of External Auditors' Appointment) attached to Basic Circular No 122.

Beirut, January 7, 2017

The Governor of Banque du Liban

Riad Toufic Salamé

**Intermediate Decision No 12419**

**Amending Basic Decision No 10224 of August 13, 2009  
On the Procedures of External Auditors' Appointment**

**The Governor of Banque du Liban,  
Pursuant to the Code of Money and Credit, notably Articles 70 and 174 thereof,  
Pursuant to Basic Decision No 10224 of August 13, 2009 on the Procedures of External  
Auditors' Appointment, and  
Pursuant to the Decision of the Central Council of Banque du Liban, taken in its meeting of  
December 28, 2016,**

**Decides the following:**

**Article 1:**

The title of Basic Decision No 10224 of August 13, 2009 is repealed and replaced with the following one: "External Auditors' Appointment and Work"

**Article 2:**

The numbering of Article 3 and Article 4 of Basic Decision No 10224 of August 13, 2009, is amended to become Article 4 and Article 5, respectively.

**Article 3:**

Article 3 shall be added to Basic Decision No 10224 of August 13, 2009 and shall read as follows:

"The external auditors of banks operating in Lebanon are required to:

- 1- Comply with International Standards on Auditing (ISA), including ISA 700-701-705-706-720, that should be implemented as of the financial statements closed on December 31, 2016.
- 2- Adopt the Form specific to banks listed on financial markets and prepared in accordance with ISA 700-701-705-706-720, in order to issue their reports on all banks operating in Lebanon, whether or not listed, starting from the financial statements closed on December 31, 2016."

**Article 4:**

This Decision shall come into force upon its issuance.

**Article 5:**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Beirut, January 7, 2017

The Governor of Banque du Liban

Riad Toufic Salamé