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The abolition of the temporary measure of the Central Bank of Switzerland, which referred to limiting the exchange rate of the Swiss franc in relation to the euro, led to a sudden and extremely high rise of the exchange rate of the CHF in relation to the euro in recent days, and consequently in relation to the KM. The aforementioned rise of the exchange rate of the Swiss franc will have significant negative effects on citizens and business entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina that have loans with a currency clause in Swiss francs.

As of 30.11.2014, the total amount of loans with a currency clause in Swiss francs placed by banks in the Federation of B&H amounts to KM 150 million and is relevant to one bank that is based in the FB&H.

Representatives of the Banking Agency of the FB&H have contacted representatives of the Bank in the interest of finding modalities, which would reduce the negative impact caused by the sudden change of the Swiss franc and which would make the situation easier for people who have loans with a currency clause in Swiss francs.

One of the modalities in consideration is the possibility that the Bank offer customers a conversion of their loans with a currency clause in Swiss francs to loans in convertible marks or to loans with a currency clause in euros, at the exchange rate that was in effect for the Swiss franc on the date of abolition of the Central Bank of Switzerland's temporary measures.

Also, representatives of the Banking Agency of the FB&H will consider other options and modalities with representatives of the Bank in order to mitigate these negative effects.

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