

Republic of Panama
Superintendency of Banks

FECI RESOLUTION No. 036-2009
(dated May 13, 2009)

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS
using his legal authority, and

WHEREAS:

Article 1 of Law 4 of May 17, 1994 stipulates that the local loans destined for the skilled farming and stockbreeding sector and for the industrial farming sector that exports non-traditional products, will have the right to a discount in the interest rate agreed upon with the bank or money-lending financial entity, which will be reimbursed applying the withholdings made by the banks and financial entities for actions stipulated by the Law;

According to Numeral 8 of Article 4 of the aforementioned Law 4 of 1994, it pertains to the Superintendency of Banks to set the specific amount of the interest rate discount, for loans granted to the skilled farming and stockbreeding sector and to the industrial farming sector that exports non-traditional products;

By way of FECI Resolution No. 2-2002 of February 21, 2002, this Superintendency set to **THREE AND A HALF PERCENT (3.50%)** the interest rate discount for loans granted to the skilled farming and stockbreeding sector and to the industrial farming sector that exports non-traditional products;

By way of FECI Resolution No. 071-2008 of September 9, 2008, this Superintendency set to **FOUR PERCENT (4.0%)** the interest rate discount for loans granted, **starting on June 1, 2008**, for the production of the following food products: Rice, corn, soybeans, meat (poultry, pork and cattle), fresh milk, sorgho and kidney beans;

In light of what is stipulated by Article 11 of Law 4 of 1994, the Executive Branch has adopted **Executive Decree No. 9 of February 17, 2009, published in Official Gazette No. 26270 of April 28, 2009**, which modifies Article 3 of Executive Decree 29 of August 8, 1996, whereby a greater differentiated discount is contemplated when dealing with loans for the production, among other previously authorized products, of **industrial tomato and plantains**;

Pursuant to Article 3 of Executive Decree No. 29 of August 8, 1996, it pertains to this Superintendency to prescribe the measures needed for the execution of Law 4 of May 17, 1994 and its regulatory provisions, as well as to make public the knowledge of the discount amount set for loans granted to the skilled farming and stockbreeding sector and to the industrial farming sector that exports non-traditional products.

RESOLVES:

ARTICLE 1: TO MAINTAIN at **FOUR PERCENT (4.0%)** the interest rate discount for loans granted, from the time Executive Decree No. 9 of February 17, 2009 goes into effect, that is, **starting on April 28, 2009**, for the production of the following food products: Rice, corn, soybeans, industrial tomato, meat (poultry, pork and cattle), plantains, fresh milk, sorgho and kidney beans.

ARTICLE 2: TO AUTHORIZE the banks and financial entities to deduct from the sum of the withholdings that they must send to the Superintendency of Banks, the amounts that they request as settlement or reimbursement, in which cases they must complete and send to the Superintendency of Banks, immediately, all information requirements mentioned by Article 17 of Executive Decree 29 of August 8, 1996. The settlement will not apply when dealing with cases of claims.

ARTICLE 3: TO MAINTAIN at THREE AND A HALF PERCENT (3.50%) the discount, set by way of FECI Resolution No. 2-2002 of February 21, 2002, in the interest rate for loans granted and that will be granted to the skilled farming and stockbreeding sector and to the industrial farming sector that exports non-traditional products, that do not fall under the activities and ends to which Article 1 of this Resolution refers.

LEGAL BASIS: Law No. 4 of May 17, 1994, Executive Decree No. 29 of August 8, 1996; Executive Decree No. 9 of February 17, 2009, Law No. 8 of January 27, 1956.

Given in the city of Panama, on the thirteenth (13th) day of the month of May, two thousand nine (2009).

TO BE PUBLISHED AND FULFILLED.

(signed)
Olegario Barrelier
Superintendent of Banks

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