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The National Bank of Moldova repeatedly warns about the risks associated with investing in the so-called cryptocurrencies, also known as “virtual currencies” (VCs)

Taking into account the high fluctuations, including the price collapse, the closing down of VCs exchange platforms recorded in the last months, the National Bank of Moldova reinforces its opinion expressed in the press releases of 15.02.2018 and 10.07.2017 on cryptocurrencies and investments in VCs, pointing out on high risks of losing money invested in such assets.

At the same time, the NBM, as the supervisory body of licensed entities that offer payment or banking services, discourages their involvement in trading virtual currencies in order to avoid the associated risks, including the risk of money laundering and reputational risk.

The NBM’s press release aims to clarify the regulator’s position and to avoid the situation when the population has a confused and incorrect perception that the VCs are used under the protection of the license issued by the NBM.

Also, the entities intending to provide investment or trading services of the VCs should ensure that these activities do not fall under the scope of the National Bank's (regulatory and supervisory) duties.

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