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MEANS OF PAYMENT



With Cyprus

Company cheque
Bank cheque
SWIFT and SEPA transfer
Bill of exchange
Promissory note
Documentary remittance
Documentary credit

Usage

Common

Weak / None Common Common

Weak / None

Common

Common

ADVICE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DESK



General Information

Caught between East and West, Cyprus has long since been considered an attractive business platform. Although the internal market is small, the island has been able to attract interested foreign investors, not only due to its geographic location, but also due to its low taxes and its English-speaking workforce, English being the language of business. In recent years, many programs have been opened and will continue to be opened, particularly in the energy and circular economy sectors, which are sources of opportunities for investors, just as digitalization or tourism can be. The investment fund sector is also experiencing significant development.

Furthermore, Cyprus is obliged to import a lot of goods to cope with the internal demands made on usually it by tourism, a sector that is key to the economy. Its main suppliers are European. In 2021, France is in 11th place.

Payment Methods & Banking Details

Swift and SEPA transfers are the most commonly used payment methods. To secure your transactions, we recommend using bank guarantees (in particular stand-by letters of credit) or credit insurance. Although the SBLC and other bank guarantees are still the most widely used, documentary credit can also be used, particularly when a new relationship is established.

Within the current context, it is also advised to attempt to obtain a payment in advance or, at least, a deposit payment on account.



RESIDENT COMPANY

Availability

Account opening

currency	
✓ International currencies	
/ v	
NON-RESIDENT COMPANY	
Availability	
Local deposit account opening	
Local currency	
✓ ✓	
International currencies	
✓	
PROCESSING LOCAL PAYMENTS METHO	DDS
Availability	
Cheque	
✓ ×	
Bill of	
exchange	
✓/ Electronic banking	
✓	
Cash	
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CASH MANAGEMENT/E-BANKING	
Availability	
MT940 Bank	
statements	
✓ MT101 Transfer	
order	
✓	
Cash pooling domestic	
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