



**BANK OF ISRAEL**

Head of Comptroller's Office and Payment and Settlement Systems

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To: The Banking Corporations  
The Banks' Automated Clearing House (Masav)

**Money transfers via the Banks' Automated Clearing House (Masav)**  
(Letter from the Head of the Comptroller's Office & Payment and Settlement  
Systems, dated November 22, 2007, in Hebrew)

The banking corporations transfer money for their customers in a variety of ways, including via the Zahav (RTGS) system and the Banks' Automated Clearing House (Masav, its Hebrew acronym).

Using the Zahav system enables risks that exist in clearing via Masav to be reduced for both customers and the banking corporations. In order to expand activity via the Zahav system it has been decided to limit the amounts cleared via Masav up to NIS 1 million per transaction (lower than the NIS 3 million limit set in November 2007).

From July 1, 2010 any amount of NIS 1 million or more will be settled only via the Zahav system, unless one of the following exceptions given in the letter of the Head of Payment and Settlement Systems of November 22, 2007 applies:

1. There is no obligation to transfer payment instruction files (batch transfers) via Zahav from a customer to the banking corporation or to Masav.
2. Masav constitutes a backup for the Zahav system in the event that a technical fault in the banking corporations' systems prevents payment instructions from being carried out in the Zahav system.

The directive referred to regarding the limitation of amounts cleared in Masav does not apply in cases where there is concern over non-compliance with directives of the Supervisor of Banks, the requirements of the Law regarding the prohibition on money laundering and financing of terrorism, or any other legal constraint or constraint imposed by a directive, ruling, or decision of an authority.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raphael Lankri', written over a horizontal line.

**Raphael Lankri,**

Head of Comptroller's Office and Payment and Settlement Systems