

Austrian  
FMA – Financial Market Authority

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Please be informed that the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA) has issued an administrative ruling pursuant to Art 57 para 1 AVG (Austrian Administrative Procedure Act) in connection with Art 15 para 3 BWG (Austrian Federal Banking Act) to the Austrian branch of the Kaupthing Bank hf., effective as of 8 October 2008, according to which the Austrian branch of the Kaupthing Bank hf. is not allowed to accept deposits and to provide money transmission services in Austria from now on up to 18 months maximum.

Deposits which have already been accepted by the Austrian branch of Kaupthing Bank hf. are required to be kept on a banking account of Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG for a period not exceeding 18 months.

Repayments to the depositors (provided the principle of equal treatment is observed) are excluded from the above mentioned restriction.

This legal measure had to be taken due to the information which has been provided to us, according to which Kaupthing Bank hf. is in immanent danger to fulfil its obligations vis-à-vis its creditors, in particular as regards the security of assets entrusted to the Austrian branch of Kaupthing Bank hf.

The FMA measures are immediately executable but not final yet.

Furthermore, please note, that the Austrian branch of Kaupthing Bank hf. was only opened beginning of September 2008"