

Credit notice: consumer credit

Notice to banks and finance houses issued by the Bank of England on 17 December 1973

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced today the reintroduction of hire-purchase terms control. It is essential that this step should be reinforced by comparable restrictions on the provision of other forms of consumer credit.

Accordingly, all banks and finance houses are asked not to provide either loans to persons or check trading facilities for the purchase of goods covered by the terms control order on terms easier than those permitted for hire-purchase contracts.

At the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Bank are asking Barclays Bank Limited in respect of the Barclaycard and the shareholding banks in the Joint Credit Card Company (Access card) to raise the minimum monthly repayments required from card-holders to 15% of the outstanding balance or £6, whichever is the higher, and to reduce the cash drawing facilities available to card-holders to £30.