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Background

ITFC is embarking on expanding the trade finance proposition to support the import transactions of the private sector clients in the Member Countries (MCs). The Private Sector in general, and SMEs, are among the major contributors to the economic development of OIC Member Countries (MCs). Given the importance and contributions of the private sector to key socio-economic development, this is an important intervention that ITFC wants to drive in the coming years.

Given the challenges to reach private sector clients directly, ITFC endeavors to provide trade financing solutions through partnerships with local banks. To support this initiative, ITFC has launched 'LC Confirmation' product for banks in its Member Countries. The product, which is an un-funded trade solution, is designed with the view to support the private sector clients, including SMEs through local

banks in the Member Countries to facilitate a wide variety of import transactions where their issued Letter of Credit (LC) may require confirmation by the supplier.

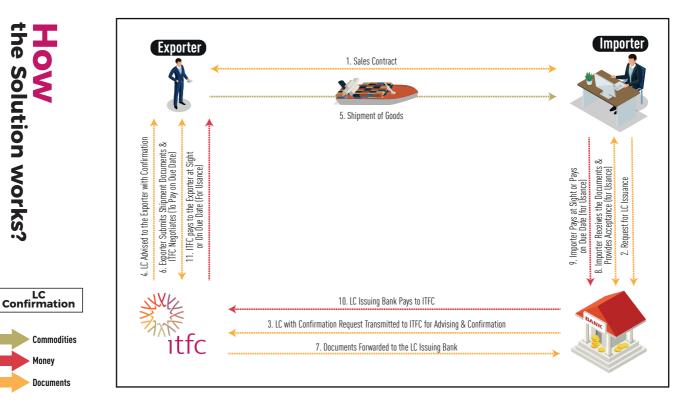
A Confirmation issued by ITFC on a Letter of Credit is an undertaking, in addition to that of the LC Issuing Bank, to pay the Beneficiary / supplier of the LC (Exporter) on due date upon submission of complying documents. Since LC Confirmation provides the exporter with additional comfort of payment, it is thus an important instrument which will enable ITFC to further facilitate the trade between the Member Countries and beyond.

One of the beneficiaries of this proposition is the LC Issuing Bank whose LCs may require confirmation by the exporter. By confirming the LC, ITFC will take the credit and country risks of the LC Issuing Bank.



Solution works?

Money **Documents**



Benefit of ITFC's LC Confirmation Product





Leveraging on its A1 credit rating, ITFC's LC Confirmation solution will benefit the LC Issuing Bank to get their LC accepted by the exporter, who might not be comfortable in taking the LC Issuing Bank's risk on a standalone basis - i.e. improvement of risk profile.







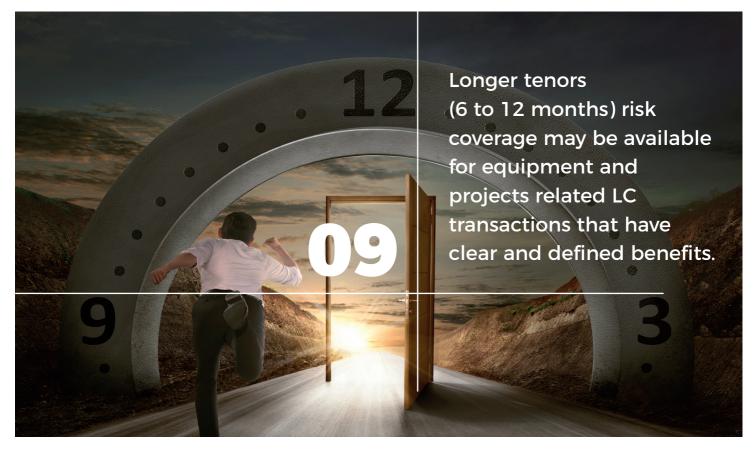


Quick Turn-around-time to review the workability of the LC & issue Confirmation letter favoring the beneficiary. 07

Ability to facilitate transactions under a trade facility with no commitment fee.













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