Cuba expands network of foreign currency gas stations



Petrol station in Havana: From June 1, tourists can expect good supplies at 17 more petrol stations (Source: Nicolas de <u>Camaret/Flickr</u>)

The state-owned trading company CIMEX <u>has announced</u> that the network of foreign exchange service stations in Cuba will be expanded by 17 branches as of June 1. The aim of the expansion is to "meet current demand, which includes covering tourist areas, the national highway and remote towns with a significant flow of rental vehicles", the company explained. In the popular tourist town of Viñales (Pinar del Río province), travelers will also be able to reliably refuel their rental cars again after a long time. The only petrol station there will be selling in both foreign and national currencies from Saturday. A total of six of the new foreign currency filling stations will offer such "dual operation".

At the same time as increasing fuel prices on March 1, Cuba created a network of petrol stations in foreign currency, where market prices are charged - that come together with constant availability. The 30 foreign currency filling stations to date are primarily aimed at tourists with rental cars, but are open to all natural and legal persons. A liter of premium gasoline (Especial) costs 1.30 US dollars or the equivalent in other currencies, while a liter of diesel is priced at 1.10 US dollars. Payment is exclusively cashless with international credit cards (Visa/Mastercard/Mir/UnionPay), Cuban AIS cards, and the newly introduced prepaid foreign currency card "Tarjeta Clásica".

<u>List of existing foreign currency filling stations</u>.

List of new petrol stations that will be selling fuel in foreign currency from June 1:



*(1) Estos Servicentros venderán en servicio mixto (CUP y USD)

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