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TO: Chief Accountants of Banks and

Chief Financial Officers of Federally Regulated Trust and Loan Companies

FROM: Jeff Bee

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SUBJECT: "Annual update" to the Manual of Reporting Forms and Instructions for

Deposit-Taking Institutions

This is to advise you that changes have been made to the Financial Information Committee (FIC) regulatory returns and instructions, to be **effective January 1**st, **2006**. The changes may be viewed on OSFI's Website at www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca under Banks/Filing Instructions, Returns and Penalties/Financial Returns & Instructions. The Amendment Control Logs that list the changes for each of the affected returns / instructions have been grouped together under "2005 Updates" to facilitate review.

The changes for 2006 include the deletion of three Bank of Canada Returns: SC, G4 and V2. Note that for SC Returns for November and December 2005, only the following items are required: 1103, 1105, 1106, 1107 and 1115; all other line items are optional for November and December.

As you know, a "Data Rationalization" Project was initiated in January 2004 by the FIC (OSFI, Bank of Canada and CDIC, with the participation of Statistics Canada), in consultation with the CBA. Some of the changes being implemented effective January 1st, 2006 are a result of this Project; implementation of the main recommendations, however, have been deferred to January 2008 at the request of the CBA. We will be providing you with a summary of these deferred changes within the next few weeks.

If you need additional information, please contact your institution's Relationship Manager at OSFI. Alternatively, if you have any questions about completing or filing the returns, please call the Regulatory Information Division at (613) 990-3591.



