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To: Banks
Foreign Bank Branches
Federally Regulated Trust and Loan Companies
Federally Regulated Cooperative Credit Associations
Federally Regulated Life Insurance Companies

Subject: Revised Guideline B-8 on Deterring and Detecting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

This Guideline sets out OSFI's expectations with respect to the establishment of policies and procedures to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The guideline applies to banks, authorized foreign banks in respect of their business in Canada (foreign bank branches), cooperative credit associations, trust and loan companies, and federally incorporated or regulated life insurance companies.

A draft revised Guideline was issued for comment in July 2004 to reflect developments that have taken place since the last revision was issued in April 2003, including:

- OSFI's experience in conducting anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing assessments; and
- The Revised Forty Recommendations issued by the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF) in June 2003; (further information can be obtained from the FATF Web site at <http://www1.oecd.org/fatf/>).

The focus of the revised Guideline continues to be the identification and mitigation of risks related to money laundering, to which is added the risks associated with terrorist financing.

Several helpful comments and suggestions were received, a number of which have been incorporated into this final version. Questions regarding the guideline or its application may be directed to OSFI's Compliance Division at (416) 973-8530.

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