

BY FAX

February 16, 2005

To:

All Banks
Federally Regulated Trust and Loan Companies
Federally Regulated Life Insurance Companies
Federally Regulated Property and Casualty Insurance Companies
Federally Regulated Cooperative Credit Associations
Fraternal Benefit Societies

cc:

Provincial Regulators and Supervisors
Canadian Association of Direct Response Insurers
Canadian Bankers Association
Canadian Fraternal Association
Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association
Canadian Securities Administrators
Credit Union Central of Canada
Insurance Bureau of Canada
Investment Dealers Association of Canada
Trust Companies Association of Canada

Re: Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Removes the Philippines, Indonesia and the Cook Islands from its List of Non-Cooperative Countries and Territories (NCCTs)

In information (www.fatf-gafi.org/LongAbstract/0,2546,en_32250379_32236992_33916420_1_1_1_1,00.html) issued on Friday, February 11, 2005, the FATF, of which Canada is a member, announced that it has removed the Philippines, Indonesia and the Cook Islands from its list of NCCTs. In keeping with past practice, the FATF will continue to monitor the progress of these countries in implementing their respective anti-money laundering measures.

For a current listing of all the non-cooperative countries and territories, please refer to the FATF Internet site at www.fatf-gafi.org.

Federally regulated financial institutions operating in Canada are asked to give special attention to businesses and transactions with persons, including companies and financial

institutions, operating in NCCTs, by exercising appropriate due diligence and caution in reviewing any transactions with such persons or entities.

The [Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada \(FINTRAC\)](#) has also issued [an advisory](#) with respect to this action.

Thank you very much for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.

Julie Dickson
Assistant Superintendent
Regulation Sector