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Subject: Regulatory Capital Treatment of Certain Significant Items for Basel 1 under

the new Financial Instruments Accounting Standards

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) has considered the impact that certain items under the new Canadian Financial Instruments accounting standards will have on regulatory capital for deposit-taking institutions. As a result, OSFI is issuing this Capital Advisory outlining the Basel I regulatory capital treatment for changes arising from implementation of these new accounting standards. Regulatory capital treatment decisions under Basel II will be made available in separate Basel II guidance.

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