MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

FROM: Thomas A. Barnes, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: Interagency Advisory on Accepting Accounts from Foreign Embassies, Consulates and Missions

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), along with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), and the other federal financial institution regulatory agencies, has issued an interagency advisory on accepting accounts from foreign embassies, consulates and missions. The advisory clarifies information specific to financial institutions providing account services to foreign embassies, consulates and missions (“foreign missions”) in a manner that fulfills the needs of foreign governments while complying with the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act.

Please contact your Regional Office, or Bobbie Kennedy, Senior Compliance Project Manager, at (202) 906-6050 if you have questions about the guidance.

Attachment

This rescission applies to the transmitting document only and not the attached interagency guidance. Refer to (OCC 2011-09) for the status of the attached interagency guidance.