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New and noteworthy developments in the regulatory landscape …

* **The Ongoing Year**

The Institute of International Bankers (IIB) held its annual AML Seminar on May 14; another excellent presentation by the IIB. Nothing frightfully new came across, except the admonition that AML will continue to receive heightened scrutiny during the examination process.

Need help with preparing for examinations … visit the *Consulting for Compliance* website and …

*Call Consulting for Compliance for assistance.*

* **OFAC**

OFAC made SEVEN changes during the first half of May! The changes incorporate the addition and modification to and deletion from the SDN list of the names of persons and entities originating in Sudan, Canada, Barbados, China, Panama, Russia, Syria, Central African Republic, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Colombia, United Arab Emirates, and Afghanistan under the Narcotics Trafficking Kingpin, South Sudan, Syria, Central African Republic, and Global Terrorist programs. OFAC also announced three enforcement actions against an individual, corporate entity and AIG for a variety of violations.

<http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/actions/index.shtml>

Remember to make sure that your interdiction lists are up-to-date, checked, and tested.

* **Board of Governors**

The Board released enforcement action and terminations of written agreements with US banks and bank holding companies for failures in capital adequacy and control and credit management. The Board invited comment on a proposed rulemaking that would implement section 622 of the Dodd-Frank Act, which prohibits a financial company from combining with another company if the ratio of the resulting financial company's liabilities exceeds 10 percent of the aggregate consolidated liabilities of all financial companies. The Board issued revisions to the Commercial Bank Examination Manual.

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/whatsnew.htm>

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/bcreg/20140508a.htm>

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/supmanual/supervision_cbem.htm>

* **Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)**

FinCEN issued no new publications during the period.

* **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**

FATF issued no new publications during the period.

 **Department of Treasury**

Treasury issued no new publications of interest to FBOs during the period.

* **Miscellaneous**

The New York Fed announced a seminar for the reporting requirements of FFIEC 002 and FR 7-Q.

<http://www.newyorkfed.org/newsevents/events/banking/2014/0602_2014.html>

The NYS Department of Financial Services issued an adoption of a rule concerning assessments.

<http://www.dfs.ny.gov/legal/regulations/emergency/banking/emergbanking.htm>

FINRA issued a ruling requiring firms to conduct background checks on registration applicants due to failures in screening processes. FINRA also issued an enforcement action against a B-D for AML failures.

<http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2014/P493588>

<http://www.finra.org/Industry/Regulation/Notices/2014/P506336>

The OCC, together with the Board and the FDIC, have adopted a final rule to strengthen the supplementary leverage ratio standards for the largest, most systemically significant U.S. banking organizations. The final rule applies to any bank holding company (BHC) with more than $700 billion in consolidated total assets or $10 trillion in assets under custody (covered BHC) and any insured depository institution (IDI) subsidiary of these covered BHCs (covered IDI). These same agencies are also seeking comment on a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) that would revise the calculation of total leverage exposure in a manner generally consistent with revisions to the international leverage ratio framework published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in January 2014. The OCC also issued a proposed rule for a revised assessment structure for large national banks and savings associations.

<http://www.occ.gov/news-issuances/bulletins/2014/bulletin-2014-18.html>

<http://www.occ.gov/news-issuances/bulletins/2014/bulletin-2014-19.html>

<http://www.occ.gov/news-issuances/bulletins/2014/bulletin-2014-20.html>

<http://www.occ.gov/news-issuances/bulletins/2014/bulletin-2014-21.html>

* **Training Opportunities**

The Institute of International Bankers will host several events of interest to the international banking community.

[www.iib.org](http://www.iib.org)

The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) will hold AML-related and Dodd-Frank conferences.

[www.sifma.org](http://www.sifma.org)

The American Bankers Association will sponsor AML related seminars and webinars.

[www.aba.com](http://www.aba.com)

The Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) and Money Laundering.com will also sponsor several AML conferences of varying degrees of interest

[www.ACAMS.org](http://www.ACAMS.org/)

[www.moneylaundering.com](http://www.moneylaundering.com)

If you have any questions, or require more details on any of the above items, please call or email at your convenience.

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