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Circular to All Commercial Banks, Credit Institutions and Micro Finance Deposit Taking Institutions.

Bank of Uganda Anti-Money Laundering Guidelines, 2002 - Reporting of Suspicious Transactions

Bank of Uganda has noted with concern that some supervised financial institutions do not report suspicious transactions as required by the Bank of Uganda Anti-Money Laundering Guidelines, 2002. Consequently, this has made it difficult for Bank of Uganda to gather information on these transactions and explore avenues of guarding against the use of the financial system for suspicious transactions, money laundering and other types of fraudulent activities.

Section 18 (1) of the Bank of Uganda Anti-Money Laundering Guidelines, 2002 require all financial institutions to report any suspicion of money laundering or knowledge of suspicious transactions related to a specific customer to the Central Bank forthwith by using the Suspicious Transactions Report as set out in Schedule II of these guidelines.

The same guidelines define a "suspicious transaction" as a transaction which is inconsistent with a customer's known legitimate business or personal activities or with the normal business for that type of account, or a complex and unusual transaction or complex or unusual pattern of transaction that has no apparent or visible economic purpose.

In the circumstances, Bank of Uganda hereby informs all supervised financial institutions that any non-compliance with the above prudential guidelines will immediately attract penalties in accordance with section 128 (1) of FIA 2004, without further warning to the affected supervised financial institutions.

Please take note and ensure compliance with all prudential guidelines at all times.

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