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Tightening of BNA policy with respect to money transfer activities

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

De Bank van de Nederlandse Antillen (the Bank) serves notice that, as part of its continuous efforts to safeguard the integrity of the Netherlands Antillean financial sector and to prevent its misuse for money laundering and/or terrorist financing activities, it has further tightened its policy with respect to money transfer activities.

As of April 1st 2009, the Bank will neither issue new authorizations for the conduct of money transfer activities in the Netherlands Antilles nor grant permissions to open additional outlets for the conduct of these activities, pending the implementation of the new legal framework for the supervision of money transfer companies and/or their (sub) representatives.

Furthermore, the Bank will under the circumstances, not handle, any new application for the conduct of money transfer activities through (sub)-representatives. Once the necessary regulatory framework is implemented, the Bank will announce this on its website.

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