

## Foreign Exchange Activities

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: Rescission of Uniform Internal Control Guidelines for Foreign Exchange

Activities

The FDIC and the other federal banking agencies have rescinded the joint May 22, 1980, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's (FFIEC) "Interagency Policy Statement Regarding Uniform Guidelines on Internal Control for Foreign Exchange in Commercial Banks." Attached is the Federal Register notice of the rescission.

The FFIEC developed the uniform guidelines to provide general supervisory guidance to insured depository institutions on policy documentation, internal accounting controls and audit documentation. The uniform guidelines have become outdated in light of changes in capital markets, bank foreign exchange and product line trading activities.

For further information, please contact your DOS regional office.

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