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Amendments Proposed to the Enforcement Decree of the Act on Reporting and Use of Certain Financial Transaction Information

Agency: Financial Services Commission

Proposed amendment: Enforcement Decree of the Act on Reporting and Use of Certain Financial Transaction Information

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Summary: The Financial Services Commission proposed amendments to the Enforcement Decree of the Act on Reporting and Use of Certain Financial Transaction Information. The amendments raise the compliance standards and requirements for financial firms’ anti-money laundering (AML) internal controls and provide for greater consistency between domestic rules and rules set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the inter-governmental body established in 1989 to fight money laundering and terrorist financing.

Key provisions:

- Regulatory provisions granting financial firms exemptions from compliance with certain AML internal control requirements are to be repealed, thus subjecting financial firms to stricter AML compliance requirements.

- Financial firms engaging in a financial transaction with a corporate client are to establish the identity of the person representing the corporate client by verifying specific personal information including the national resident registration card number.

- The 25-year record maintenance period for transactions involving electronic fund transfers and foreign exchange transactions is to be shortened to five years.

Comment Period: Public comments for the proposed amendments must be submitted to the Financial Services Commission (telephone: 02-2100-1725; email: entro21@korea.kr; fax: 02-2100-1738) by January 8, 2018.