

**DATE:** January 19, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Revised Suspicious Activity Report by Depository Institutions.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Since 1996, the federal financial institutions regulatory agencies and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) have required banking organizations to report known or suspected violations of law as well as suspicious transactions on Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs). Law enforcement agencies use the information reported on the SAR form in criminal investigations, and Federal Reserve staff use the information in the examination and oversight of supervised institutions. Under the Board's current suspicious activity reporting rules that are set forth in Regulations H, K, and Y, state member banks and bank holding companies and their nonbank subsidiaries, as well as the U.S. offices of foreign banking organizations supervised by the Federal Reserve, file SARs to report known or suspected violations of law and activities relating to suspected money laundering or violations of the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA).

**DOCUMENT**

**LOCATION:** <http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/srletters/2007/SR0702.htm>

**FURTHER  
INFORMATION:**

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