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To: All banks, branches of foreign institutions, controlling companies, eligible institutions and auditors of banks or controlling companies

Guidance Note issued in terms of section 6(5) of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act No. 94 of 1990)

Status of previously issued guidance notes

Executive summary

Banks Act Guidance Note 1/2008 dated 7 May 2008 established the process whereby banks (including branches of foreign institutions), controlling companies and auditors of banks or controlling companies are informed of the status of previously issued guidance notes.

To ensure that banks (including branches of foreign institutions), controlling companies, and auditors of banks or controlling companies are fully aware of which previously issued guidance notes remain in effect, the first guidance note of a particular year will serve as a notification to all institutions, indicating which previously issued guidance notes remain effective for the ensuing year.

1. Introduction

1.1 All previously issued guidance notes are deemed to be withdrawn, terminated or replaced, except if such a guidance note is to remain effective and is then accordingly confirmed in Guidance Note 1 of that year. The guidance notes that remain effective will retain their original numbers and dates.

2. Effective guidance notes

The guidance notes listed below remain effective. Accordingly, banks, controlling companies, eligible institutions and auditors of a bank or controlling company are hereby requested to retain copies of these guidance notes.

Guidance Note	Brief details
2.1 Banks Act Guidance Note 1/2008	Status of previously issued guidance notes
2.2 Banks Act Guidance Note 2/2008	Position statement on personal account trading
2.3 Banks Act Guidance Note 5/2008	Electronic communications with the office

2.4	Banks Act Guidance Note 7/2008	Development programme for directors of banks
2.5	Banks Act Guidance Note 8/2008	Financial Action Task Force's call for enhanced scrutiny of transactions within certain jurisdictions, and United Nations sanctions in relation to proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
2.6	Banks Act Guidance Note 9/2008	Stress testing
2.7	Banks Act Guidance Note 3/2010	Performing market risk hypothetical back-testing by internal models approach (IMA) banks
2.8	Banks Act Guidance Note 3/2011	Covered bonds
2.9	Banks Act Guidance Note 5/2013	Foreign exchange settlement risk
2.10	Banks Act Guidance Note 3/2014	Effective risk data aggregation and risk reporting
2.11	Banks Act Guidance Note 4/2014	Application process in respect of the proposed adoption of the internal ratings-based approach for the measurement of banks' credit risk exposure in respect of positions held in the banking book
2.12	Banks Act Guidance Note 5/2014	Outsourcing of functions within banks
2.13	Banks Act Guidance Note 4/2015	This guidance note outlines Expectations of the Bank Supervision Department (BSD) of the South African Reserve Bank (the Bank) with respect to the internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP) of banks, controlling companies and branches of foreign institutions – hereinafter referred to as 'banks'
2.14	Banks Act Guidance Note 3/2016	Credit risk and accounting for expected credit losses
2.15	Banks Act Guidance Note 4/2016	Instruments qualifying as high-quality liquid assets
2.16	Banks Act Guidance Note 5/2016	Corporate governance principles for banks
2.17	Banks Act Guidance Note 7/2016	Capital arbitrage transactions
2.18	Banks Act Guidance Note 3/2017	Audit implications of the expected credit loss model for the auditors of banks
2.19	Banks Act Guidance Note 5/2018	Cloud computing and the offshoring of data

2.20	Banks Act Guidance Note 8/2020	Continued provision of a committed liquidity facility and the introduction of a restricted-use committed liquidity facility by the South African Reserve Bank
2.21	Banks Act Guidance Note 5/2022	Supervisory guidelines for matters related to the prevention of banks or controlling companies being used for any money laundering or other unlawful activity (Effective implementation of group controls)
2.22	Banks Act Guidance Note 6/2022	Supervisory guidelines for matters related to the prevention of banks or controlling companies being used for any money laundering or other unlawful activity (Business risk assessment)
2.23	Banks Act Guidance Note 7/2022	Guidelines for matters related to the prevention of banks or controlling companies being used for any money laundering or other unlawful activity in respect of correspondent banking relationships
2.24	Banks Act Guidance Note 9/2022	Matters related to the credit risk models of banks using the internal ratings-based (IRB) approach (IRB banks) to calculate minimum required capital and reserve funds for their credit risk exposures
2.25	Banks Act Guidance Note 10/2022	Supervisory guidelines for matters related to the prevention of banks or controlling companies being used for any money laundering, terrorist financing or other unlawful activity
2.26	Banks Act Guidance Note 12/2022	Guidelines related to risk management practices concerning proliferation financing risk
2.27	Banks Act Guidance Note 4/2023	Matters on the use of terrorist financing or other unlawful activity
2.28	Banks Act Guidance Note 2/2024	Guidance on climate-related governance and risk practices for banks
2.29	Banks Act Guidance Note 4/2024	Criteria for identifying outlier banks in relation to interest rate risk in the banking book
2.30	Banks Act Guidance Note 5/2024	Supervisory guidance for matters related to business risk assessment and assessment for money laundering, terrorist financing and other unlawful activities
2.31	Banks Act Guidance Note 2/2025	Guidance on the internal ratings-based approach for credit risk

2.32 Banks Act Guidance Note 3/2025 Guidance on climate-related disclosures for banks

3. Acknowledgement of receipt

3.1 Kindly ensure that a copy of this guidance note is made available to your institution's auditors. The attached acknowledgement of receipt, duly completed and signed by both the Chief Executive Officer of the institution and the said auditors, must be returned to the PA at the earliest convenience of the aforementioned signatories.

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Date:

The previous guidance note issued was Guidance Note 3/2025 dated 7 October 2025.