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Chief Executive Officers/ General Managers
All Banks and Financing Companies
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sirs,

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")

The above US legislation, for which implementing regulations are currently being finalised, may have a significant impact on your business next year.

The Central Bank would like all relevant licensees to fully appraise themselves of the requirements of FATCA and ensure that they are ready to meet the challenges such legislation will entail in a timely manner.

Those licensees that anticipate a need to disclose customer confidential information will need to obtain their customer's approval pursuant to Article 117(1) of the CBB Law.

Yours faithfully,


Khalid Hamad