T R A N S L A T I O N

December 9, 1998
CIRCULAR No. 24-98

General Manager

Subject: "Y2K Problem". (Circulars 1-98 and 9-98)

Dear General Manager:

Due that year 2000 is coming, its implications to computer systems and similar devices are imminent and, in order to ensure continuity and stability of the banking and financial system, we have established the following chronogram, which shall be met by all Banks established within Panama:

PROCESS	COMPLIANCE DEADLINE
- Migration or conversion of applications - Replacement or deletion of platforms - Update necessary software for due functioning	January 31, 1999
- Tests of all processes/systems above and any others that will be necessary for the correct functioning of the Bank, in order to verify the effectiveness in handling these dates. - Getting all documentation/certification issued by competent bodies (hardware and software companies, external auditors, official entities), proving that all Bank's processes/systems are able to face the "Y2K problem".	February 28, 1999
- Those Banks that are unable to meet the processes above shall have a Contingency Plan, duly implemented, tested and certified.	February 28, 1999

The Superintendency of Banks reserves the right of adopting necessary measures to those Banks failing to comply the deadlines hereby established.

Best regards,

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Superintendent

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