REPUBLIC OF PANAMA SUPERINTENDENCY OF BANKS

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For pertinent purposes, this is forwarded to inform you that the United States of America's Treasury Department, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network –FINCEN- and the Federal Financial Regulators have issued a series of regulations to enforce verification and know-your-client measures pursuant to Section 326 of the Patriot Act.

The regulations may be accessed in the Treasury Department of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network website http://www.fincen.gov/326bankfinal.pdf.

There being no further business, we remain,

Sincerely,

Maria Rosas de Tile Acting Superintendent