

CERTIFIED TRANSLATION

**Republic of Panama
Superintendency of Banks**

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Mr. General Manager
In Your Office.

Ref.: Provision of information on collective policies.
Freedom of contracting of insurers and brokers.

Dear Manager, Sir:

We make reference to the Collective Insurance policies, especially the collective life insurance policies, subscribed the users of the banking services for the amounts of the acquired debts, in favor of the Bank.

It is important to remember that in these cases, the Bank, in operating as a link with the insurance company for the contracting of the policy, must provide the user with all the information regarding it, delivering documents wherein said contract is instrumented.

In this respect, it is necessary that in those loan agreements wherein reference is made to the contracting of collective insurance policies, the conditions within which said contract is made must be clearly worded, preventing misinterpretations on the part of the contracting parties.

We take this opportunity to remind you the contents of our Circular No. 05-98 of July 20 1998, through which we call the attention on the validity of the obligation to offer customers the freedom of choice of the insurance company and the broker in the credit operations that incorporate the contracting of insurance, encouraging banks to promote the measures that strengthen the full exercise of the above-referred freedom, established in Article 36 of Law 59 of July 26 1996, for which any restrictive measure in prejudice of said faculty breaches the legislation in force and effect.

There being no further matter, we remain,

Yours truly,

Delia Cárdenas
Superintendent

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