



August 29, 2013
Circular No. SBP-DR-0102-2013

General Manager

Subject: Rule 5-2013

Dear General Manager:

We wish to inform you that the Superintendency of Banks has issued Rule 5-2013 dated 13 August 2013 amending Article 1 of Rule 6-2009 on Risk Concentration Limits for Economic Groups and Related Parties.

The amendment reads as follows:

“ARTICLE 1: FRAMEWORK AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION. This Rule shall be applied to the following entities:

1. Bank holding companies for which the Superintendency of Banks of Panama is home supervisor;
2. State-owned banks;
3. Banks for which the Superintendency of Banks of Panama is home supervisor;
4. Subsidiaries of general license banks for which the Superintendency of Banks is host supervisor;

These shall be referred to as “THE BANK” hereinafter, except when another term is necessary for clarity.

PROVISO: International license banks and general license banks acting as branch offices, for which the Superintendency of Banks is host supervisor, shall apply risk concentration limits established by their home jurisdiction. Measurement of the established limit will be made based on the consolidated equity of the parent company or bank holding group of which they form a part”.

Pursuant to the above, please be advised that the provisions of Circular 66-2013 are rescinded.

This Rule shall become effective as of its promulgation.

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Please find attached a copy of the Rule, which can also be accessed through our website www.superbancos.gob.pa.

We would greatly appreciate you providing your staff with the necessary instructions for compliance with the provisions of this Circular.

Best regards,

Alberto Diamond R.
Superintendent

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