



United States Department of State

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NOTICE

Foreign Mission Bank Accounts

The Department is aware that many foreign missions are facing unprecedented challenges with securing or maintaining banking relationships in the United States. In an effort to better enable the Department to assist foreign missions with such challenges and as well to determine the exact scope and impact of this matter; information is needed from all foreign missions concerning the status of their current banking situation.

Therefore, the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) requests that all embassies and consulates provide it with responses to the following questions:

1. Does the mission currently have a checking account(s) established with a bank in the United States?
2. If yes, what is the name of the bank the mission currently uses to manage its official accounts in the United States?
3. If the mission does not currently have accounts established with a bank in the United States, what was the name of the bank it previously used for this purpose?
4. If the mission does not currently have a checking account established with a bank in the United States, what are the names of the financial institutions it has solicited for providing such services to the mission?
5. If additional information is necessary, please provide a point of contact with which OFM may discuss this matter.

Missions are asked to provide OFM responses to the questions listed above by sending an electronic mail message to OFMTaxCustoms@state.gov or by facsimile to (202) 736-4145. OFM further asks that such responses be transmitted prior to **March 3, 2011**.