

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

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DATE: December 20, 2000

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Executive Notices

FROM: Office of the General Counsel

ATTENTION: Operations Manager, Managing Partner/Officer

SUBJECT: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) Advisories

The Securities and Exchange Commission has asked that DTC share with its Participants advisories released by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The advisories call for enhanced scrutiny of certain transactions or banking relationships related to certain foreign jurisdictions because of perceived weaknesses in their anti-money laundering regimes. The advisories can be accessed through a link found in DTC's web site (accessed through www.dtc.org). The advisories can also be accessed directly at the following url:

<http://www.ustreas.gov/fincen/pubs.html>