

Financial Crime Compliance Principles ...

... for Securities Custody and Settlement originally published by ISSA in 2015 and revised in May 2017 are accompanied by additional documents.

This Newsletter launches the publication of ISSA's Sample Due Diligence Questionnaire to support Custody Account Holders in performing their due diligence process. Included is a document with Explanatory Notes.

The Wolfsberg Group ...

... is a non-governmental association of thirteen global banks, founded in 2000 at the Wolfsberg Castle in Ermatingen, Switzerland (incidentally the same location where ISSA has held its many Symposia). The Wolfsberg Group's goal has been to develop financial industry standards for Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Know Your Customer (KYC) and Counter Terrorist Financing (CTF) policies.

In the 2002 Wolfsberg Correspondent Banking Principles, the Group articulated its vision for, and encouraged the development of, an international due diligence registry for financial institutions. In 2004, the Wolfsberg AML Questionnaire (Wolfsberg DDQ) was developed and made available via the Bankers Almanac Due Diligence Repository.

<http://www.wolfsberg-principles.com/>



Publication of ISSA's Financial Crime Compliance Questionnaire

In May 2017, ISSA released a [revised version](#) of its Financial Crime Compliance Principles accompanied by «Examples of Contractual Terms to Support the Implementation of the Principles». With this Newsletter the securities community is informed that the previously announced «ISSA Financial Crime Compliance Sample Questionnaire» (ISSA DDQ) is now accessible on ISSA's Homepage. This is a simplified version and should be used by Custody Account Holders that have completed the Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Questionnaire (Wolfsberg DDQ). It can be accessed [here](#).

The ISSA DDQ aims to provide those Custodians that require it with the guidance and information necessary to perform due diligence on their Account Holders (financial institutions) in cross-border securities relationships as may be required when following a risk based approach.

ISSA is pleased to inform that Swift has agreed to integrate the ISSA DDQ in the Swift Registry with their September release.

As a complementary document to the ISSA DDQ, the «Explanatory Notes» can be accessed as well on our Homepage. The document can be found [here](#).

The Wolfsberg Group (see left frame) is working on an in-depth revision of their DDQ, addressing primarily Correspondent Banking relationships. Their new expanded version will serve ISSA as a basis to elaborate on a 2nd ISSA DDQ version to be used by institutions that are not required to fill out the Wolfsberg DDQ (e.g. Brokers, Fund Administrators). We expect to start this activity after Sibos 2017, at which time the revised Wolfsberg DDQ is expected to become available.

ISSA will continue to inform on further progress by means of its Homepage.

With best regards,
ISSA CEO Office