

enforce, review, test and modify the compliance program established under this Appendix and §255.20 of this part in a manner reasonably designed to achieve compliance with section 13 of the BHC Act and this part. In the case of a U.S. branch or agency of a foreign banking entity, the attestation may be provided for the entire U.S. operations of the foreign banking entity by the senior management officer of the United States operations of the foreign banking entity who is located in the United States.

IV. INDEPENDENT TESTING

a. Independent testing must occur with a frequency appropriate to the size, scope, and risk profile of the banking entity's trading and covered fund activities or investments, which shall be at least annually. This independent testing must include an evaluation of:

1. The overall adequacy and effectiveness of the banking entity's compliance program, including an analysis of the extent to which the program contains all the required elements of this appendix;
2. The effectiveness of the banking entity's internal controls, including an analysis and documentation of instances in which such internal controls have been breached, and how such breaches were addressed and resolved; and
3. The effectiveness of the banking entity's management procedures.

b. A banking entity must ensure that independent testing regarding the effectiveness of the banking entity's compliance program is conducted by a qualified independent party, such as the banking entity's internal audit department, compliance personnel or risk managers independent of the organizational unit being tested, outside auditors, consultants, or other qualified independent parties. A banking entity must promptly take appropriate action to remedy any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in its compliance program and to terminate any violations of section 13 of the BHC Act or this part.

V. TRAINING

Banking entities must provide adequate training to personnel and managers of the banking entity engaged in activities or investments governed by section 13 of the BHC Act or this part, as well as other appropriate supervisory, risk, independent testing, and audit personnel, in order to effectively implement and enforce the compliance program. This training should occur with a frequency appropriate to the size and the risk profile of the banking entity's trading activities and covered fund activities or investments.

VI. RECORDKEEPING

Banking entities must create and retain records sufficient to demonstrate compliance and support the operations and effectiveness of the compliance program. A banking entity must retain these records for a period that is no less than 5 years or such longer period as required by the SEC in a form that allows it to promptly produce such records to the SEC on request.

PARTS 256–259 [RESERVED]

PART 260—GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939

TERMS USED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec.

- 260.0-1 Application of definitions contained in the act.
- 260.0-2 Definitions of terms used in the rules and regulations.
- 260.0-3 Definition of “rules and regulations” as used in certain sections of the Act.
- 260.0-4 Sequential numbering of documents filed with the Commission.

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- 260.0-5 Business hours of the Commission.
- 260.0-6 Nondisclosure of information obtained in the course of examinations and investigations.
- 260.0-7 Small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.
- 260.0-11 Liability for certain statements by issuers.

RULES UNDER SECTION 303

- 260.3(4)-1 Definition of “commission from an underwriter or dealer not in excess of the usual and customary distributors' or sellers' commissions” in section 303(4), for certain transactions.
- 260.3(4)-2 Definition of “distribution” in section 303(4) for certain transactions.
- 260.3(4)-3 Definitions of “participates” and “participation” as used in section 303(4), in relation to certain transactions.

RULES UNDER SECTION 304

- 260.4a-1 Exempted securities under section 304(a)(8).
- 260.4a-2 Exempted securities under section 304(d).
- 260.4a-3 Exempted securities under section 304(a)(9).
- 260.4c-1 Form for applications under section 304(c).
- 260.4c-2 General requirements as to form and content of applications.
- 260.4c-3 Number of copies; filing; signatures; binding.