

Domestic Non-Bank Systemically Important Financial Institution Guideline

POST CONSULTATION PAPER

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The Financial Services Commission of Barbados (the "Commission"), as the regulator of non-banking financial services in Barbados, will, from time to time, in accordance with the Financial Services Commission Act, 2010-21, issue guidelines that apply to financial institutions which the Commission (the "Commission") regulates. The rationale for the guideline and subsequent consultation paper was circulated to the industry for comments in April 2023.

The period for submitting comments has ended, and the Commission has reviewed the comments received. The attached document includes a summary and the Commission's response to the comments. The guidelines have been finalised, and they, along with the post-consultation document, will be posted on the Commission's website.

For questions related to the guidelines, kindly submit <u>info@fsc.gov.bb</u>.

1. GENERAL RESPONSES TO THE SECTION ENTITLED "PURPOSE"

- 1.1 Financial institutions are reminded that the Domestic Non-Bank Systemically Important Financial Institutions Guideline does not supersede, codify or amend any existing legislation or regulations. Amending legislation is a separate process through an established consultative process.
- 1.2 Guidelines are issued subject to the authority conferred by Section 53 of the Financial Services Commission Act, which allows the Commission to issue Guidelines to, inter alia:
 - a) Establish codes of conduct to govern the financial services sector.
 - b) Modernise the financial services sector; and
 - c) Promote international standards and best practices.
- 1.3 This guideline ultimately applies to non-bank financial institutions designated as systematically important by the Commission and not to all non-bank financial institutions under the Commission's regulatory purview.

GENERAL RESPONSES TO SECTION 1 (CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SYSTEMIC IMPORTANCE

2.1 A group has the meaning as defined in Section 2 of the Financial Services Commission Act 2010¹.

2. GENERAL RESPONSES TO SECTION 4 (APPENDIX)

3.1 The following table was amended to insert a bi-annual reporting frequency and filing deadlines for annual and bi-annual submissions.

Frequency	Filing deadline	Report type
Annual	Within 30 days of the end	Corporate Structure
	of the institution's financial	 Annual business plan
	year-end	and objectives
		 Internal Audit
		Reports
		• Reports on Internal
		control failures
		 Auditor's
		management letter
Bi-annual		 stress testing reports

¹ Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Act, 2019-21

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Quarterly	Within 30 days of the end of	Liquidity report
	each quarter	 Large exposure report
		 Cash flow statements
		 Loan report
		 Delinquency report
		 Report regarding
		affiliated entities,
		including its parent or
		holding company and
		subsidiaries.
Monthly	Within 15 days of the end of	 Board minutes and
	each month	related board papers
		and packages.

3. GENERAL RESPONSES TO GENERAL COMMENTS

- 4.1 To ensure consistency throughout the guideline, all references to "SIFI" were replaced with "DNB-SIFI."
- 4.2 All other comments provided are noted and will be considered.