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The enclosed booklet, "Federal Branches and Agencies Supervision," is part of an ongoing update and revision of the *Comptroller's Handbook*. The booklet revises and updates section 701 of the "*Comptroller's Handbook for National Bank Examiners*." The key objectives of this booklet are to:

- Articulate supervision-by-risk policies to suit the structure and operation of federal branches and agencies.
- Explain and apply OCC's supervisory process for federal branches and agencies in the context of OCC's participation in the interagency framework for supervising U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.
- Highlight special considerations to guide examination efforts in federal branches and agencies, emphasizing that they are not stand-alone units but operations whose condition and viability depend on the financial and managerial support of their parent banks.

Rescinded Issuances

The following OCC issuances are rescinded because the information has been incorporated in the enclosed booklet:

- Section 701 of the CHNBE
- FBC-4, "Deposit-Taking Restrictions of FDICIA"
- FBC-5, "Call Report Supplement: Federal Branches/Agencies"
- FBC-6, "Documentation of Small Business/Farm Loans"
- FBC-7, "Head Office Guarantees of Assets Booked at Federal Branches"
- FBC-8, "Offshore Branches of Foreign Banks"
- OCC 98-42, "Expanded Examination Cycle for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks"
- PPM 5130-1, "Supervision of Federal Branches and Agencies"
- PPM 5500-2, "Federal Branch and Agency Examination and Coordination"

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