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**ANTHONY O. CIRILLO** 

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

March 1, 2012

Dear:

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, under delegated authority from the Office of Management and Budget, has approved the following changes to the Quarterly Report of Assets and Liabilities of Large Foreign Offices of U.S. Banks ("FR 2502q"). The changes are effective with the report as of March 30, 2012.

## **Reporting Instructions Changes**

• The reporting threshold for major foreign branches increased to \$2 billion or more total assets payable in all currencies on a quarter end.

## **Reporting Instructions Clarifications**

- Reports do not need to be filed for offices that are not located in the United Kingdom or the Caribbean.
- Claims and liabilities resulting from securities purchased and sold under resale and repurchase agreements can be netted if they meet the requirements outlined in FASB Interpretation No.41, "Offsetting of Amounts Related to Certain Repurchase and Reverse Agreements" (FIN41).

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## **Reporting Form Changes**

• Several country names have changed since the last time the FR 2502q report was renewed. Netherland Antilles (37206) was deleted from the reporting form; Curacao (36188) and Saint Maarten (36196) were added to the list of reportable countries; and Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, which are now municipalities of the Netherlands, are included in the line item Other Latin American and Caribbean (39993).

The Federal Register Notice, draft FR 2502q form, and instructions showing these proposed changes can be obtained from the Federal Reserve Board of Governors website at the following URL: http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/reportforms/review.cfm

In addition, you can sign up for e-mail alerts concerning form and instructions changes on the Federal Reserve of New York Web site at: http://www.newyorkfed.org/banking. If you have any questions please contact Noel Jang, Senior Reports Analyst at (212) 720-7992 or Lessa Gomez, Staff Director, at (212) 720-2542.

Sincerely,

(signed by Anthony Cirillo)

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