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**Chief Executive Officer**  
All Retail Bank Licensees  
All Financing Companies  
Manama  
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

**Subject: Internet Security Measures**

With reference to the "Internet Security" measures introduced in October 2011 as part of the "Operational Risk Module", specifically OM-6.2, which requires retail banks/financing companies providing internet banking services to regularly test their systems against security breaches and to verify the robustness of the security controls in place. Banks were required to conduct the tests at least once every six months and must be provided to the CBB upon request.

Effective from the date of the issuance of this circular, and as an on-going reporting requirement, all banks and financing companies are required to conduct the above-stated penetration testing in June and in December of each year and to submit the results to the CBB within two months following the month end of June and December.

This additional requirement will be added to the "CBB Reporting Requirements Module" in the next rulebook update.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Khalid Hamad**