



New from Treasury

Most money transmitters rely on their software to flag possible SDN matches. Programming that software has always been a matter of concern: too exact, and you might miss a substantially similar name, too broad, and you have an overload of false positives, costing time and delay. Since OFAC encourages financial institutions to call for guidance if in doubt, this may end up costing them more time, as well.

In seeking to comply with SDN matching requirements, one must remember that OFAC's powers are broad, its penalties severe, and without chance of appeal. Here is a new 4-page brochure from OFAC which gets very specific, entitled *Protecting Our National Security: The Critical Nature of OFAC Compliance for Money Service Businesses*.

Some of its provisions need to be carefully reviewed. I do not believe most transmitters' programmed matching criteria are in line with the incredibly high standards of awareness exemplified in the hypothetical given.

This publication. It may be found on the web at:

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Featured Website

Access to all 50 of the states' websites, courtesy of Nevada. Thank you, Nevada!

<http://www.nv.gov/USMAP.htm>

This Indiana Law Firm has a summary of state MT application requirements, state transmitter lists, etc. Careful with outdated info, however:

<http://www.rubensanchez.com/RFS%20Project/services%20%20money%20transmitters.htm>

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