

CERTIFICATION REGARDING CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNTS FOR FOREIGN BANKS

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The information contained in this Certification is sought pursuant to Sections 5318(j) and 5318(k) of Title 31 of the United State Code, as added by sections 313 and 319(b) of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-56).

This Certification should be completed by any **foreign bank** that maintains a **correspondent account** with any U.S. bank or broker-dealer in securities (a **covered financial institution** as defined in 31 CFR 1010.605(e)). An entity that is not a foreign bank is not required to complete this Certification.

A **foreign bank** is a bank organized under foreign law and located outside of the United States (see definition at 31 CFR 1010.100(u)). A **bank** includes offices, branches, and agencies of commercial banks or trust companies, private banks, national banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, and other organizations chartered under banking laws and supervised by banking supervisors of any state (see definition at 31 CFR 1010.100(d)).¹

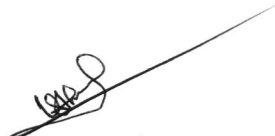
A **correspondent account** for a foreign bank is any account to receive deposits from, make payments or other disbursements on behalf of a foreign bank, or handle other financial transactions related to the foreign bank.

Special instructions for foreign branches of U.S. banks: A branch or office of a U.S. bank outside the United State is a foreign bank. Such a branch or office is not required to complete this Certification with respect to Correspondent Accounts with U.S. branches and offices of the same U.S. bank.

Special instructions for covering multiple branches on a single Certification: A foreign bank may complete one Certification for its branches and offices outside the United States. The Certification must list all of the branches and offices that are covered and must include the information required in Part C for **each** branch or office that maintains a Correspondent Account with a Covered Financial Institution. Use attachment sheets as necessary.

A. The undersigned financial institution, Mercantile Bank Limited ("**Foreign Bank**") hereby certifies as follows:

¹ A "foreign bank" does not include any foreign central bank or monetary authority that functions as a central bank, or any international financial institution or regional development bank formed by treaty or international agreement.



B. Correspondent Accounts Covered by this Certification: Check **one** box.

- This Certification applies to **all** accounts established for Foreign Bank by Covered Financial Institutions.
- This Certification applies to Correspondent Accounts established by _____ (name of Covered Financial Institution(s)) for Foreign Bank.

C. Physical Presence/Regulated Affiliate Status: Check **one** box and complete the blanks.

- Foreign Banks maintains a **physical presence** in any country. That means:
- Foreign Bank has a place of business at the following street address: GI, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka - 1000, where Foreign Bank employs one or more individuals on a full-time basis and maintains operating records related to its banking activities.
 - The above address is in Bangladesh (insert country), where Foreign Bank is authorized to conduct banking activities.
 - Foreign Bank is subject to inspection by Bangladesh Bank, (insert Banking Authority), the banking authority that licensed Foreign Bank to conduct banking activities.
- Foreign Bank does not have a physical presence in any country, but Foreign Bank is a **regulated affiliate**. That means:
- Foreign Bank is an affiliate of a depository institution, credit union, or a foreign bank that maintains a physical presence at the following street address: _____, where it employs one or more persons on a full-time basis and maintains operating records related to its banking activities.
 - The above address is in _____ (insert country), where the depository institution, credit union, or foreign bank is authorized to conduct banking activities.
 - Foreign Bank is subject to supervision by _____, (insert Banking Authority), the same banking authority that regulates the depository institution, credit union, or foreign bank.
- Foreign Bank does **not** have a physical presence in a country and is **not** a regulated affiliate.

D. Indirect Use of Correspondent Accounts: Check box to certify.

- No Correspondent Account maintained by a Covered Financial Institution may be used to indirectly provide banking services to certain foreign banks. Foreign Bank

