# MEMORANDUM NO. M-2025-020

To

**All BSP-Supervised Institutions** 

Subject

Guidelines on the Registration, Replacement, and Use of E-mail Accounts Intended for Official Communications with the Consumer Account Protection Office in Relation to the Conduct of Inquiry into Financial Accounts with Clarification on the Submission of Report on Temporary Holding of

**Disputed Funds** 

Further to Rule VII of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1214, Series of 2025 (the "Circular 1214"),1 please be guided by the following Guidelines on the Registration, Replacement, and Use of E-mail Accounts Intended for Official Communications with the Consumer Account Protection Office (CAPO) in Relation to the Conduct of Inquiry into Financial Accounts:

## A. Registration of E-mail Accounts

- All BSIs are required to register on or before 25 July 2025 the e-mail account/s that they will use to send and receive official communications, notices, and other documents in connection with CAPO's conduct of inquiry under Circular 1214.
- A BSI shall register its e-mail account/s by accomplishing the E-mail Account Registration Form (EARF).<sup>2</sup> The EARF must be signed and approved by the BSI's President or an officer of equivalent rank.
- 3. A BSI can officially register a maximum of three (3) e-mail accounts. Each e-mail account shall be registered to a single officer only, one of whom must be the BSI's President, Chief Compliance Officer, Head of the Legal Department, or an officer of equivalent rank. In no case shall there be two (2) or more registered officers for the same e-mail address.
- The scanned copy of the signed EARF in Portable Document Format (PDF), together with the accomplished MS Excel file of the EARF, shall be transmitted to caporegistry@bsp.gov.ph, using the following e-mail subject format:

EARF<space><BSI Name><space><Date of approval by the BSI President or officer of equivalent rank in dd Month yyyy format>

#### For example:

To: caporegistry@bsp.gov.ph Subject: EARF ABC Bank 25 July 2025

Rules of Procedure on the Conduct of Inquiry into Financial Accounts and Sharing of Financial Account Information by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Pursuant to the Anti-Financial Account Scamming Act (AFASA).

Annex "A." The prescribed EARF (in MS Excel format) can be downloaded https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Regulations/Banking%20Laws/CAPO-Email-Account-Registration-Form.xlsx.

### **B. Replacement of Registered E-mail Accounts**

 In case of the existence of the conditions/circumstances mentioned in Rule VII, Section 21 of Circular 1214, the concerned BSI must notify CAPO and register replacement e-mail account/s by submitting a duly-accomplished E-mail Account Change Form (EACF),<sup>3</sup> signed and approved by the BSI's President or an officer of equivalent rank, within the following period:

Circumstance/Condition		
Authorized officer with access to a registered e-mail account is separated from service or is otherwise no longer authorized to act on behalf of the BSI		
Registered e-mail account has been compromised	Within twenty-four (24) hours upon discovery of the compromise or security breach	

 The scanned copy of the signed EACF in PDF, together with the accomplished MS Excel file of the EACF, shall be transmitted to caporegistry@bsp.gov.ph, using the following e-mail subject format:

EACF<space><BSI Name><space><Date of approval by the BSI President or officer of equivalent rank in dd Month yyyy format>

#### For example:

To: caporegistry@bsp.gov.ph Subject: EACF ABC Bank 25 July 2025

#### C. Use of Registered E-mail Accounts

- The CAPO shall use the e-mail account capo-fai@bsp.gov.ph in transmitting Inquiry Orders and other notices in relation to its conduct of inquiry to the registered e-mail account/s of a BSI. All communications, documents, and submissions by a BSI in relation to CAPO's conduct of inquiry shall be transmitted to the same e-mail address.
- 2. The CAPO shall only acknowledge and accept submissions from registered email accounts of BSIs. An electronic transmittal from an unregistered e-mail account shall be rejected and shall not be considered as an official submission of a BSI.

Annex "B." The prescribed EACF (in MS Excel format) can be downloaded at https://www.bsp.gov.ph/Regulations/Banking%20Laws/CAPO-Email-Account-Change-Form.xlsx.

# D. Clarification on the Submission of Report on Temporary Holding of Disputed Funds

- BSIs shall use their existing e-mail accounts that are registered with the Department of Supervisory Analytics, BSP, in their submission of Report on Temporarily-Held Funds (THF) as required under the Guidelines on the Submission of Report on Temporary Holding of Disputed Funds, Annex C, BSP Circular No. 1215, Series of 2025.4
- 2. The BSP shall issue a separate *Memorandum* on the Reporting Templates (*i.e.*, Data Entry Template, Control Prooflist, and User Guide) which shall be used by BSIs in the submission of Reports on THF to BSP.

For guidance and immediate compliance.

ELMORE O. CAPULE Officer-in-Charge

<u>∂5</u> June 2025

As provided in Section 4(b), Transitory Provisions, of Circular No. 1215, Series of 2025, the Guidelines on the Submission of Report on Temporary Holding of Disputed Funds shall take effect one (1) year from the effectivity of said Circular.



ANNEX "A"

		E-MAIL ACCOUNT REGISTRATION FORM		
		(BSI NAME)		
		(BSI CODE)		
OFFICIAL E-MAI	L ADDRESS/ES			
NO.	E-MAIL ADDRESS	NAME OF BSI OFFICER (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME)	POSITION TITLE (do not abbreviate)	CONTACT NO.
2				
3				
CERTIFICATION				
l, [Full Name of	Authorized Officer], [Designation/Position	on] of [Name of BSI] hereby certifies and warrants that:		
1. The e-ma	ail account/s enumerated above are the of	ricial e-mail account/s of <b>[Name_of_BSI]</b> , pursuant to Rule VII of BSP Circu	ılar No. 1214. Series of 2025	
2. The e-m	ail account/s enumerated above shall be, a	it all times, available, functional, and capable of receiving all official commi rders, notices, correspondences, and other relevant documents.		
			[Signature Over Printed Name	

Date:

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ANNEX "B"

# **E-MAIL ACCOUNT CHANGE FORM**

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			(BSI CODE)	_						
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A.	REGIS	STERED E-MAIL ACCOUNT/S TO BE REPLACED								
	NO.	E-MAIL ADDRESS	NAME OF BSI OFFICER (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME)	DATE OF REGISTRATION (MM/DD/YYYY)	REASON FOR REPLACEMENT					
	1		(Section and Francisco Mark)	(ville) DD/ 1111)						
	2									
	3									
ъ.	REPL	ACEMENT E-MAIL ACCOUNT/S								
	NO.	E-MAIL ADDRESS	NAME OF BSI OFFICER	POSITION TITLE	CONTACT NO.					
	1		(LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME)	(do not abbreviate)	CONTACT NO.					
	2									
	3									
C.	CERT	TFICATION								
	I, [Ful	Il Name of Authorized Officer], [Designation/Position	of [Name of BSI] hereby certifies and warrants that:							
		1. [For officers who have been separated or who are no	o longer authorized to act on behalf of the BSI]: All access to the e-mail ac	count/s to be replaced, including all	data					
		contained therein, by the officer/s who have been se	parated or who are no longer authorized to act on behalf of [Name_of_BS	II], have already been revoked.						
IFor replacement of compromised e-mails1: All access to the compromised e-mail account/s have already been disabled										
	2. The replacement e-mail account/s enumerated above are the official e-mail account/s of [Name_of_BSI], pursuant to Rule VII of BSP Circular No. 1214, Series of 2025.									
3. The replacement e-mail account/s enumerated above shall be, at all times, available, functional, and capable of receiving all official communications from the Consumer Account Protection Office (CAPO), BSP, including Inquiry Orders, notices, correspondence, and other relevant documents.										
[Signature Over Printed Name of Authorized Officer]										
		[Designation/Position]								
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