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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION SECTOR

MEMORANDUM NO. M – 2009 – 019

To : ALL BSP-SUPERVISED INSTITUTIONS

Subject : Security Breach in Independent Payment Processors

In view of a recent security breach in one independent payment processor in the United States of America which may have affected some payment card system operators globally, we remind BSP-supervised institutions to ensure that:

1. Payment card system operators and their related partners adhere to worldwide security standards such as the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) or other comparable standards, including those which may later be developed, with the objective of promoting public confidence, general safety and efficiency in payment card operations;
2. The contract/agreement with Payment Card System Operators clearly delineate the rights and obligations of parties involved in case of unilateral action of a certain party, security breaches, and other similar incidents. In addition, adherence to security standards as mentioned above may be stipulated in the said contract/agreement;
3. A well-defined, consistent, and systematic procedures and processes to respond to payment card security-related incidents are in place, including timely reporting to BSP of any incident that may adversely impact the cardholders in the Philippines; and
4. A program is implemented to provide cardholders with information on fraud awareness.

For your guidance and implementation.


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