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Foreword

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Introduction

Financial business practices have changed with the introduction of computer and network-based technologies. Increased reliance on electronic transactions has heightened the need to manage the security of information and communications technology. Huge amounts in funds and securities are transferred daily by electronic communication mechanisms controlled by security practices based on business policies.

The high value and sheer volume of such transactions within an increasingly connected, open environment exposes the financial industry to potentially severe consequences. Interconnected networks and the increased number and sophistication of malicious adversaries compound this risk with the potential to impact banks and their customers. And when financial transactions involve systemically important payment systems, these consequences may adversely affect national and global financial markets.

The necessity to expand business operations into these environments and to manage risk, demands a strong and effective enterprise information security programme. Financial institutions must manage these programmes in a comprehensive manner, just as they manage risk through well-established business practice and agreements, careful outsourcing of functions, insurance and the use of appropriate security controls. Also they must architect their security programmes to address the changing risks and requirements imposed by an expanding national and international legal and regulatory environment.

As the Basle accords warn us, operational, legal and regulatory risks can cause or exacerbate credit and liquidity risks. The management of these risks has become central to the information security programme of a financial institution. Each institution must interpret these risks in terms of its own business activities in order to understand its exposure. Careful consideration must be given to operational risks, including fraud and criminal activities, natural disasters and acts of terrorism. Low probability events, such as the tsunami that struck Asia in December 2004 and the September the eleventh, 2001 terrorist attacks on the financial services in New York City, do happen and must be planned for.

This Technical Report is intended for use by financial institutions of all sizes and types that need to employ a prudent and commercially reasonable information security management programme. It also gives useful guidance to providers of services to financial institutions, and may serve as a source document for educators and publishers serving the financial industry.

The objectives of this Technical Report are:

- to define the information security management programme;
- to present programme policy, organization and necessary structural components;
- to present guidance on the selection of security controls that represent accepted prudent business practice in financial applications;
- to inform financial services management of the need to systematically address legal and regulatory risks in their security information management programme.

This Technical Report is not intended to provide a single generic solution for all financial service institutions. A risk analysis must be performed by each organization and appropriate actions selected. This Technical Report provides guidance for conducting that process, not specific solutions.

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1 Scope

This Technical Report provides guidelines on the development of an information security programme for institutions in the financial services industry. It includes discussion of the policies, organization and the structural, legal and regulatory components of such a programme. Considerations for the selection and implementation of security controls, and the elements required to manage information security risk within a modern financial services institution are discussed. Recommendations are given that are based on consideration of the institutions' business environment, practices and procedures. Included in this guidance is a discussion of legal and regulatory compliance issues, which should be considered in the design and implementation of the programme.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 9564 (all parts), *Banking — Personal Identification Number (PIN) management and security*

ISO 10202 (all parts), *Financial transaction cards — Security architecture of financial transaction systems using integrated circuit cards*

ISO 11568 (all parts), *Banking — Key management (retail)*

ISO/IEC 11770 (All parts), *Information technology — Security techniques — Key management*

ISO 15782 (all parts), *Certificate management for financial services*

ISO 16609:2004, *Banking — Requirements for message authentication using symmetric techniques*

ISO/IEC 17799, *Information technology — Security techniques — Code of practice for Information security management*

ISO/IEC 18028 (All parts), *Information technology — Security techniques — IT network security*

ISO/IEC 18033 (All parts), *Information technology — Security techniques — Encryption algorithms*

ISO 21188, *Public key infrastructure for financial services — Practices and policy framework*