

BSA Essentials for the **Board & Senior Management**



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Bank Secrecy Act: & Then September 11, 2001...

The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act)

- Criminalized the financing of terrorism;
- **Strengthened** customer identification procedures; **Prohibited** financial institutions from engaging in business with foreign shell banks;
- Required financial institutions to have due diligence procedures and, in some cases, enhanced due diligence (EDD) procedures for foreign correspondent and private
- Improved information sharing between financial institutions and the U.S. government.

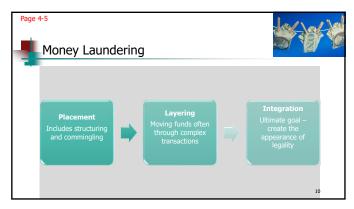
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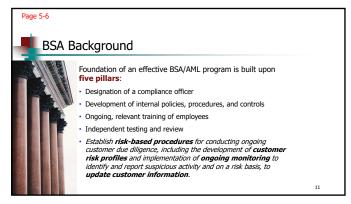


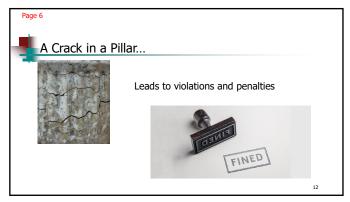
Money Laundering

- Criminal practice of processing ill-gotten gains, or "dirty" money, through a series of transactions.
- In this way, the funds are "cleaned" so that they appear to be proceeds from legal activities.
- Generally, does not involve currency at every stage of the laundering process.











Program Requirements: Designate BSA Officer & Assistant

- Must be designated by the Board
 - Reappointed annually
- \bullet Must be granted the authority to:
 - Develop and administer a program that provides for BSA compliance and training



- Must designate an OFAC Officer and 314(a) point of contact
 - Notate the appointment in Board minutes
- An Assistant BSA/OFAC Officer should also be designated for continuity purposes

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Program Requirements: System of Internal Controls



- Board is <u>ultimately responsible</u> for ensuring the financial institution maintains an effective BSA/AML internal control structure, including suspicious activity monitoring and reporting.
- Internal controls:
 - · Policies,
 - Procedures, and
 - Processes designed to limit and control risks and achieve compliance with the BSA.

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Program Requirements: *Independent Testing*

- Should be **conducted annually** by a qualified independent party.
- Auditors should report directly to the Board.
- Audit deficiencies should be tracked, and corrective actions documented.



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Program Requirements: Annual Training



- Training should be ongoing and incorporate current developments and changes to BSA and related regulations.
- Ensure all employees and the Board understand their role in maintaining an effective BSA/AML compliance program.
- · Document, Document, Document.

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Program Requirements:



- Policies and procedures to detail how the institution will assign risk levels and develop risk profiles for its accountholders based on defined risk factors and anticipated activity
- Procedures for automated and manual ongoing monitoring of its accountholder base for the purpose of identifying and reporting suspicious activity and updated risk information as needed
- High-risk accountholders
- Beneficial owner identification

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Other Responsibilities

- File reports (CTRs) of daily transactions conducted in currency in amounts over \$10,000 with certain exemptions
- Recordkeeping on beneficiaries and originators of funds transfers in amounts over \$3,000
- Information gathering and recordkeeping on sales of money orders, cashier's checks, prepaid cards and traveler's checks in amounts between \$3,000 and \$10,000

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OFAC Overview

≻OFAC Regs not part of BSA

 \succ OFAC review not $\mathit{required}$ each exam, but usually are part of your BSA/AML exam

➤Will be a risk-based decision

 \succ Will evaluate the sufficiency of your OFAC program

➤ Includes review of OFAC Risk Assessment

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OFAC Screening

OFAC screening should be performed for:

- All new accountholders
- Beneficial owners
- \bullet All parties to the loan PRIOR to loan disbursement
- All parties to a wire
- Monetary instruments



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OFAC Verification

- Required to monitor all financial transactions performed by or through your institution
- Easiest to scan all new accountholders at account opening
- Matches should be reviewed by the BSA Officer, who will consult with OFAC



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OFAC Verification -Transactions Subject to OFAC



- Deposit accounts
- Loans
- Lines of credit
- Letters of credit
- · Safety deposit boxes • Wire transfers/ACH transfers
- Currency exchanges
- · Depositing or cashing checks
- · Purchase of money orders or cashier's checks
- · Loan payments
- Guarantors and collateral owners
- Trust accounts
- · Credit cards
- Vendors

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OFAC -Other Areas of Importance



- OFAC Submission Reports
- · Independent Testing
- Individual Responsible
- Training
- OFAC Enforcement Actions

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CIP – Who Is Your Accountholder?

- Required to Obtain at a Minimum:

 - · Date of Birth of Individuals
 - Address
 - · Identification Number
- Documentary and Non-Documentary Verification Methods



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Elements of CDD

- 1. Identifying and verifying the accountholder.
- Identifying and verifying the identity of the beneficial owners of "legal entity customers" opening accounts.
- 3. Understanding the **nature and purpose of accountholder relationships** to develop accountholder risk profiles.
- Conducting ongoing monitoring to identify and report suspicious transactions and, on a risk basis, to maintain and update accountholder information.

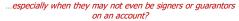
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Why Are We Identifying Beneficial Owners?



These rules provide information that will:

- Assist law enforcement in financial investigations
- Help prevent evasion of targeted financial sanctions
- $\mbox{\bf Improve}$ the ability of financial institutions to assess risk
- Facilitate tax compliance, and
- $\hbox{\bf \cdot Advance U.S. compliance with international standards and commitments }$

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Which Accounts Do These Rules Apply to?

The beneficial ownership rules apply to **ALL** accounts opened for legal entity customers **on or after** May 11, 2018, including checking, savings, certificates of deposits and loans.

Some exclusions apply!



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Which Accountholders Are We Gathering Beneficial Ownership Information for?

- Limited Liability Company (LLC), business trust, or other entity created by filing a public document with the Secretary of State or similar office
- General and Limited Partnerships
- Similar entity formed under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction that opens an account

Does **NOT** include **trusts** other than those that may be created through a state filing or **sole proprietorships.**



Again...Some exclusions apply!

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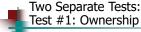


Rule Requirements



- You must follow your institution's procedures to **identify and verify the** identity of the beneficial owners of all legal entity customers (other than those that are excluded) at the time a new account is opened.
- We are **required** to verify the identity of accountholders that are individuals under our customer identification program ("CIP") requirements.
- You must identify and verify the legal entity customer's beneficial ownership information for each new account opening, regardless of the number of accounts opened or over a specific period of time.

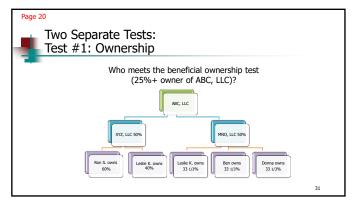
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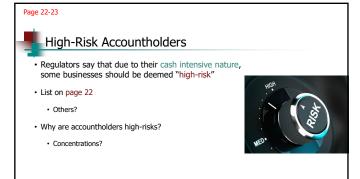
- Ownership prong: required to identify zero to
 - Natural person owns 25% or more equity interest.
 - Zero to four individuals who meet this test.
 - Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), charities and religious organizations such as churches are **excluded from the ownership prong**.



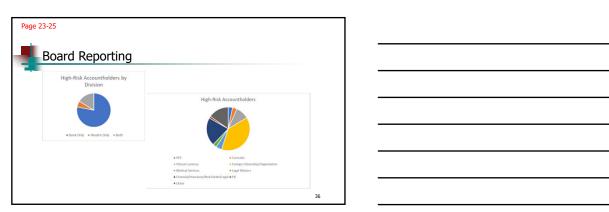












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Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs)

Four categories that $\ensuremath{\textit{require}}$ filing an SAR:

- · Insider Abuse
- Known Suspect
- Unknown Suspect
- Money Laundering....AND
- Cyber Events



Policies, procedures, and processes for **referring unusual activity** from all business lines to the personnel or department responsible for evaluating unusual activity should be in place.

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Voluntary SAR Filings

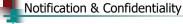
You can still file a SAR that doesn't meet the thresholds if you feel it is a possible violation of law or regulation



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Required to notify the Board that SARs have been filed.

- Prohibited from mentioning a SAR has been filed as well as what information is contained in the SAR or documentation supporting a SAR.



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Red Flags

- The mere presence of a red flag is **not** by itself evidence of criminal activity
 - Analyze further
- Examples:
 - Money Laundering
 - · Lending Activity
 - · Employees
 - Other Suspicious Accountholder Activity



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Mortgage Fraud – Categories



- Fraud for Property
 - Typically involves a borrower who will overstate income or asset values on his or her financial statement to qualify for a loan to purchase a home.
- Fraud for Profit
 - Fraudulent methods are used to acquire and dispose of property with the inflated profits going to the perpetrators of the fraudulent transaction.

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Mortgage Fraud - Types Examiners Are Seeing



- · Broker-facilitated fraud
- · Loan documentation fraud
- · Appraisal fraud
- Property flipping
- Misapplication of funds from construction or rehabilitation projects

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Common Fraud Schemes

- Occupancy Fraud
- Income Fraud
- Appraisal Fraud
- Employment Fraud
- Liability Fraud
- Debt Elimination Schemes
- Foreclosure Rescue Scams
- SSN Fraud/Identity Theft
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgage



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Red Flags for Mortgage Loan Fraud

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Commercial Real Estate Fraud

SARs related to the CRE market involve a variety of transactions and activities:

- Purchase and development of raw land
- Acquisition, development, construction, and improvement of commercial buildings
- Most loans are under \$1 million

When might you know?

- Borrower files for bankruptcy
- Finding undisclosed liens on collateral
- After conducting property instructions

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New Product & Service Implementation

Most successful product launches involve a **team of individuals** from all effected departments

Compliance and BSA Officers should be involved in:

- Early discussions regarding new products/services
- Development of policies, procedures, disclosures, controls, and training



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BSA: Penalties for Noncompliance



- Civil Money Penalties
 - Negligence to \$500 per bank/\$50,000 for patterns of violations
 - \blacksquare Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements: Up to $\$100,\!000$
 - OFAC and Information Sharing: Up to \$500,000
 - AML Program: Up to **\$25,000**

Criminal Penalties

- Willful violations of BSA: Up to \$250,000 and/or 5 years in prison
- BSA and Other U.S. Law Violation: Up to \$500,000 and/or 10 years in prison
- OFAC: Up to \$500,000 and/or 13 years in prison AND up to \$1,000,000 in corporate fines

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Increased Penalties for Repeat Findings

- Penalties for **repeat violations** are permitted to increase to the greater of:
 - Three times the profit gained, or loss avoided as a result of the violation **OR**
 - Two times the maximum applicable penalty. 24 For this purpose, only violations occurring after the Act's enactment will be subjected to the heightened sanctions.
- Criminal penalties increased:
 - Fine in an amount equal to the profit gained; and
 - If a partner, director, officer, or employee at the time of the violation, repayment to the FI of any bonus paid during the year in which the violation occurred or the following year.
- New 10-year prohibition from serving on a financial institution's board of directors for anyone who commits an "egregious violation."

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Whistleblower Program

- Increases the reward for reporting violations that lead to civil or criminal
 - Whistleblower may receive an award of up to 30% of the monetary penalty or fine assessed against the violator

penalties exceeding \$1 million

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AML Act: Purpose

- \bullet Improve agency coordination and information sharing
- Adapt laws to new and emerging threats
- Encourage technological innovation
- Reinforce "risk-based" programs
- Establish new beneficial ownership requirements
- Establish a beneficial ownership database



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AML/CFT Program Standards



- Treasury, DOJ, and regulatory agencies will develop **minimum risk-based standards** for AML/CFT programs
- \bullet Codifies the "risk-based" exam guidance we've seen
- Duty to establish, maintain, and enforce an AML/CFT program must remain the responsibility of, and be performed by, persons in the United States

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Risk-Focused BSA/AML Supervision

- Tailor BSA/AML examinations to your institution's risk profile
 - Exam testing
 - Risk-focused testing
- Aligns with our Compliance and "Safety and Soundness" examinations



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Exam Process - How It Starts

- Process starts with a review of your institution's information to determine your risk level
- Retain copies for your records



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Assessing BSA/AML Compliance Program

- Minimum set of procedures for **full-scope** examinations
- \bullet Separates the following into individual sections:
 - · Internal controls
 - Independent testing
 - BSA compliance officer
 - Training



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Testing

- Size and composition is risk-based
- May focus on regulatory requirements, but isn't necessary for **every** regulation



• Will concentrate on areas you've made recent changes to and areas of past weakness

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Established Policies & Procedures

Need to have a *written* program to address the five pillars, including CIP



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BSA/AML Risk Assessment

- · Identify specific risk categories:
 - · Products and Services
 - Customers
 - Geographic Locations
- Analysis of the information to assess risk
- No required format
- No required timeframe for updating



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Developing Conclusions & Finalizing Exam

- · You have flexibility in the design of your program
 - Must meet the needs of the size and complexity of your institution

Minor weaknesses, deficiencies, and technical violations alone are not indicative of an inadequate program



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Systemic Violations

Above all...avoid systemic/repeat violations

- Number of violations is high compared to total activity
- Similar violations across a series of transactions or multiple departments
- Relationship of violations to one another
- $\bullet\,$ Impact on your FIs suspicious activity monitoring process
- Grounded in written policy/procedures
- Have a common source
- Resulted from errors in software programming



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De-Risking

- "De-Risking" When an FI terminates or restricts business relationships with clients or categories of clients to avoid, rather than manage risk.
- \bullet This has excluded some entities from normal banking channels.
- Treasury reviewing CTR and SAR requirements and impact of de-risking.



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National Priorities

- Most significant AML/CFT threats facing the country
- FinCEN will revisit at least once every four years



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National Priorities – The Big Eight

- Corruption
- Cybercrime
- Foreign and Domestic Terrorist Financing
- Transnational Criminal Organizational Activity
- Drug Trafficking Organization Activity
- Human Trafficking/Smuggling
- Proliferation Financing





What Do You Need to Do Now?

- Awareness is the first step CHECK!
- Board, management team, compliance council, and BSA Departments should stay informed
- Tackle the AML Act provisions we've discussed...



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What Do You Need to Do Now? AML/CFT Priorities

- No immediate action required!
- However
- Board and management team should review eight priorities
- Consider how you will incorporate the Priorities into your risk-based program
 - Products and services offered
 - Delivery methods
 - Geographic area in which you operate



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What Do You Need to Do Now? Technology Updates

- BSA Dept., IT Dept., management and Board committees stay informed of FinCEN exchange meetings
- Drive strategic discussion
- Assess your BSA/AML program's preparedness



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What Do You Need to Do Now? Training

- Red flags for AML/CFT Priorities and other areas of money laundering risks identified by the AML Act
- Training for staff, BSA personnel, management, and Board



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What Do You Need to Do Now? Stay Alert!

Expect **A LOT** of communication from FinCEN over the next 6-12 months



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New Requirements & Registry

- Will require certain entities ("reporting companies") to report the personal information of their beneficial owners to FinCEN.
 - Identifying the "beating hearts" behind these companies. **Sound familiar**?
- \bullet Information to be maintained in a non-public registry.



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New Requirements & Registry – Reporting Company Definition

- New and existing state corporations, tribal corporations, limited liability companies, and other similar entities both domestic and foreign
- Exclusions apply (23 categories)
 - Publicly traded companies
 - · Financial institutions
 - · Insurance companies
 - Larger companies (see page 53)



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New Requirements & Registry – Beneficial Owner Definition

- Similar to CDD Rules, but....a little different
 - Individuals who own or control 25 percent or more of the ownership interests of a Reporting Company; or
 - Exercise "substantial control" over a Reporting Company



- "Substantial control"
 - FinCEN has defined a range of activities
 - \bullet Person able to make " $\mathbf{significant}$ $\mathbf{decisions}$ " on behalf of the entity

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New Requirements & Registry

- Beneficial owners will provide similar information as under the CDD Rules
- Companies will have 1 year to comply
 - After initial phase, companies will provide the information at the time of registration
 - Required to file updates within 30 days
- CDD Rules to be revised to conform to new regulations



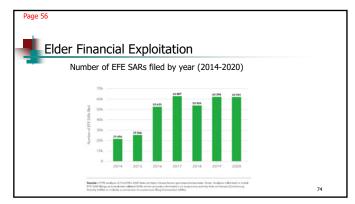
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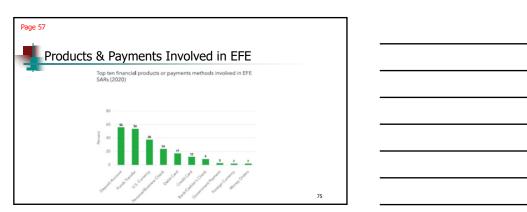
- How will you utilize the Registry when available?
 - Customer consent will be required.
 - Valuable to risk-profile process.
 - Penalties will be enforced for unauthorized disclosure of info.
- What will regulator expectations be?
- Begin discussions now on what your process will look like.
- **Remember**: This **does not** relieve your FI of its responsibilities under CDD Rules.

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Senior\$afe Act of 2017 – The Specifics

- Immunity applies to certain **depository-institution**, investment-adviser, broker-dealer, insurance-company, and insurance-agency employees...
- ...who have received specified training related to identifying and reporting the suspected exploitation of a senior citizen.



• FI is **not liable** with respect to disclosures made by such employees.

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CFPB Recommendations

- **Develop, implement, and maintain** internal protocols and procedures for protecting account holders from elder financial exploitation.
- Train employees.
- **Detect** elder financial exploitation by harnessing technology.
- Report suspicious activity.
- Protect older accountholders from financial exploitation.
- Collaborate with stakeholders.

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2019 CFPB Guidance

- "Reporting of Suspected Elder Financial Exploitation by Financial Institutions."
- 26 states and DC mandate reporting of suspected EFE by FIs or specified financial professionals
- Expedite this information to agencies when possible

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2019 CFPB Guidance – Collaboration Among Agencies • Sharing information about each other's organizate



- Sharing information about each other's organizational policies and procedures can facilitate timely response to EFE reports.
- We can provide insight on banking and finance documents, processes and procedures that will assist law enforcement and APS with case investigations.
- Participate in your local networks.

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- Fastest growing crime and currently the second largest criminal industry in the world behind illegal drug trade.
- Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
 - Established human trafficking as a criminal act, defined as labor trafficking and sex trafficking.

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Definition Differences

Human Smuggling

Involves persons choosing to immigrate illegally.

- Limited to illegal migration or harboring of undocumented aliens.
- Involves foreign nationals.
- Involves illegal border crossing or harboring of someone that illegally crossed the border.

Human Trafficking

- Involves use of force or coercion and exploitation of victims.
- Includes involuntary servitude, forced labor, debt bondage, peonage and sexual exploitation.
- · Anyone can be a victim.
- No need for a person to cross border to be trafficked; individuals can be trafficked within borders of a country.

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- · Pay in Advance
- Partial Payment
- On Arrival



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New Typologies of Human Trafficking



- Front Companies
- Exploitative Employment Practices
- Funnel Accounts
- Alternative Payment Methods

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Other Money Laundering Methods

- Online financial systems
- · Internet technologies
- Virtual currency
- Prepaid cards



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Effective Monitoring



- \bullet Should review transactions at the account level, $\ensuremath{\mathbf{AND}}$ at the relationship level.
- Should include a method to track the purchase and use of pre-paid cards.

Several vendors now offer human trafficking rules and filters within their account monitoring systems to assist FIs in identifying these types of activities.

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High-Risk Businesses

Some business types are commonly utilized as money-laundering fronts for human trafficking and human smuggling activities.

- Cash-intensive businesses
- Employers of domestic servants
- Massage parlors
- Agriculture companies
- Hospitality companies



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