



9 September 2015

To all foreign bank branches (foreign ADIs)

CLASS APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 11E OF THE BANKING ACT

APRA recently undertook a consultation on proposed changes to the form and operation of required disclosures by foreign ADIs under s11E of the *Banking Act 1959*.

The two submissions received in response to this consultation were supportive of the proposals, although one submission did seek clarification on the operation and application of the proposed class approval. That submission also suggested there may be merit in simplifying the wording in the class approval as most foreign ADIs would be likely to use the actual wording of the approval in giving the required disclosures to prospective depositors.

Accordingly, APRA has made a class approval replacing all individual entity approvals with effect from 1 October 2015. A six-month transition will be provided to allow foreign ADIs time to meet the new requirements or agree alternative arrangements with APRA where there is a demonstrated need.

The class approval is attached to this letter for information.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact your APRA responsible supervisor.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Goodman', written over a horizontal line.

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