Luxembourg, 23 February 2006

To all persons and undertakings under the supervision of the CSSF

CIRCULAR CSSF 06/237

<u>Re</u>: restrictive measures in connection with the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are pleased to inform you of the publication of Council Regulation (EC) No 305/2006 of 21 February 2006 imposing specific restrictive measures against certain persons suspected of involvement in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri.

We draw you attention in particular to article 2 of this Regulation which provides for the freezing of funds and economic resources belonging to the natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in Annexe I to this Regulation. This list does currently not contain any entries of persons to whom these restrictive measures apply; it will indeed only be published after the relevant Committee of the Security Council of the United Nations has registered the persons concerned.

Articles 3 and 4 of this Regulation provide for derogations from the freezing of funds and economic resources as laid down in article 2.

Regulation (EC) No 305/2006 entered into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No L 51 pages 1-8 of 22 February 2006. It is binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

According to article 5 of the Regulation, please supply immediately any relevant information relating to this Regulation to the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier, which will forward the information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Division of International Economic Relations, as well as to the Ministry of Finance.

Yours faithfully,

COMMISSION DE SURVEILLANCE DU SECTEUR FINANCIER

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