

Advisory

BCFSA Discussion Paper: Policy Issues Related to Information Security Incident Reporting

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PURPOSE

BC Financial Services Authority (“BCFSA”) is issuing for comment a [Discussion Paper](#) on policy issues related to Information Security (“IS”) Incident Reporting.

BCFSA is seeking feedback on the policy issues related to IS Incident Reporting in order to inform the development of a potential new rule under the *Financial Institutions Act*. The new rule would apply to all credit unions, insurance, and trust companies authorized to do business in B.C., as well as extraprovincial companies with clients in B.C. (collectively, financial institutions or “FIs”).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The objective of an IS Incident Reporting Rule is to ensure that BCFSA is aware of material IS incidents that impact the financial institutions it regulates.

Under an IS Incident Reporting Rule, financial institutions would be required to notify BCFSA within specified timelines of IS incidents that could jeopardize their operations, disclose confidential client or corporate information, result in customers being unable to access their deposits or accounts, and impact the stability of the financial services sector.

The Discussion Paper outlines the objectives and scope of a potential rule, possible triggers to reporting an IS incident to BCFSA, and the potential range of the reporting requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As a first step, BCFSA is issuing the Discussion Paper to seek feedback from stakeholders, including financial institutions, on important issues related to reporting IS incidents to the regulator. Key questions for consideration are highlighted throughout the paper.

Please submit your feedback to policy@bcfsa.ca by February 25, 2022.

Responses and feedback on the paper will inform BCFSA’s next steps, including seeking ministerial approval to conduct a separate public consultation on a draft IS Incident Reporting Rule.