DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bank Secrecy Act Application to Tribal Casinos

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") is announcing its sponsorship, in Orlando, Florida, in April of this year, of a Bank Secrecy Act compliance conference for persons wishing to learn more about the application of Bank Secrecy Act regulations to tribal casinos later this year.

DATES: The conference will be held on April 4–5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, 6515 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leonard C. Senia, Senior Financial Enforcement Officer, Office of Regulatory Policy and Enforcement, FinCEN, (703) 905–3931.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Published elsewhere in today's Federal Register is the text of a final rule which subjects certain tribal casino operations to various regulatory requirements promulgated under the statute popularly known as the "Bank Secrecy Act," Pub. L. 91–508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951–1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311–5330. The final rule will become effective on August 1, 1996.

In order to provide a timely forum at which these regulatory requirements can be explained in depth, FinCEN will sponsor a $1\frac{1}{2}$ day compliance conference on April 4–5, 1996, in Orlando, Florida. Representatives from the National Indian Gaming Association, the National Indian Gaming Commission, the American Gaming Association, and various casino regulatory authorities will also participate. The speakers will address such subjects as the specific components of a Bank Secrecy Act compliance program for casinos, the development of effective internal controls, the need for on-going training of casino personnel, and methods to recognize and report potentially suspicious transactions.

There will be no charge for attendance at the conference. However, space is limited. Any individual interested in attending should submit a written request by March 8, 1996, indicating their name, address, and, if applicable, tribal casino affiliation. Requests may be mailed to Leonard Senia, U.S. Department of the Treasury, FinCEN, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 200, Vienna, Virginia 22182–2536, or submitted to Mr. Senia by telefax, at (703) 905–3690.

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