



TO: All New York State Regulated Financial Institutions

FROM: Superintendent Maria T. Vullo

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RE: New Examination Process

In an effort to promote and assist our regulated financial institutions in achieving greater protection against increasing risk of cybersecurity attacks, the Department will be enhancing its supervisory oversight and examination process by adding a number of specific questions relating to cyber security to its first day letters, which will be issued by the Department in connection with its examinations of institutions starting in January 2018. Specialist examiners will be called upon as the need arises.

This new process is intended to assist our regulated financial institutions in identifying their risks of cyber security threats and in managing such risks by taking necessary steps and adopting measures designed to protect and secure the financial system, consistently with DFS's landmark cybersecurity regulation. DFS examiners will work with institutions to enhance governance and controls, and seek to protect the security of data and financial systems. In light of the increasing volume and sophistication of cyber security threats, the Department encourages all institutions to view this as an integral aspect of their overall risk management strategy and programs.