

Internal Control and financial market activities:

Fighting fraud

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I. THE MAIN MEASURES TAKEN BY SG

A. The remediation plan includes about 20 specific and priority actions

- ☐ Front office supervision
- Control performed by middle and back offices
- Information security
- ☐ Internal control system monitoring
- ☐ Underlying actions



B. The transformation plan: medium term reflections

- ☐ « Organization and operation processing » work stream
- « Operations surveillance set-up » work stream
- □ « IT security, audit and strategy » work stream
- □ « Accountability and culture » work stream



II. FORTHCOMING LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY MEASURES

A. Legislative measures

- ☐ Creation of an audit committee
- Creation of a warning mechanism for operational and compliance risk
- Increase in the amount of the penalties which can be imposed by the Banking Commission



B. Regulatory measures

- ☐ Addition of a further mission to the internal control body
- ☐ The set-up of a « mapping of risks »
- ☐ Follow-up of operational risks
- ☐ Operational risk should include the risk of fraud



III. THE LIMITATIONS OF A PURELY REGULATORY APPROACH

- A. Like any other financial market activity, dealing on own account is subject to very strict and extremely detailed rules
 - Regulation on internal control of credit institutions and investment firms
 - ☐ Regulation on prudential supervision of market risks
 - General regulation of the AMF, in particular book III and book VI
 - A bank's trading activities are subject to many controls



B. Rendering more complex professional rules which are already extremely complex will unfortunately not completely eradicate the risk of fraud

- ☐ It is common knowledge that fraudsters are extremely skilled at adapting their behaviour to the regulatory context and inventing new strategies to avoid detection
- ☐ We all know that banking and financial regulation is governed by international standards