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Circular No. 066-2006

General Manager
Panama City

Ref.: Article 5 of Law No. 35 of October 31, 2006, whereby Numerals 1 and 2 of Article 128 of Law 22 of June 27, 2006 are modified.

Dear General Manager:

We hereby call to your attention the contents of Article 5 of Law No. 35 of October 31, 2006, which authorizes the mintage and issue of fractional coins of current circulation for a face value of up to twelve million Balboas, and prescribes other provisions, which stipulates that Numerals 1 and 2 of Article 128 of Law 22 of June 27, 2006 will read:

"Article 128. Interest rates. . . .

1. Loans granted to cooperatives that grant loans to their associates and to the associate groups of stockbreeders, recognized by Law 38 of 1980.
2. Inter-bank loans, external loans, financing through the issue of bonds and securities, duly registered before the National Securities Commission and loans granted to financial entities regulated by Law 42 of 2001."

Moreover, its Article 6 states that this Law modifies Numerals 1 and 2 of Article 128 of Law 22 of June 27, 2006.

Regarding Numeral 5 of Article 128 of Law No. 22 of 2006, which refers to loans granted to retirees, pensioned persons or those in the golden age, we have submitted the corresponding query to the Ministry of Economy and Finances. Once we get an answer, we will disclose it to the public.

By virtue thereof, we request you notify the staff of the entity you represent, so as to take the pertinent measures.

Attentively,

Amauri A. Castillo
Interim Superintendent

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Attachment: Digital Official Gazette No. 25666 of November 2, 2006 (Law 35 of October 31, 2006).

c.c. Orcila de Constable, Deputy Minister of Finances / M.E.F.
Gisela Porras, General Director D.G.I./M.E.F.