

# DRIVING EFFECTIVE INTERNAL AUDITS THROUGH COMPLIANCE RISK ASSESSMENTS

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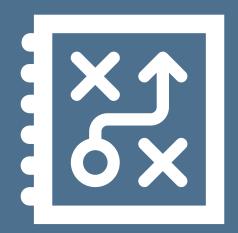
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#### **ROADMAP**

- Creating a Compliance
   Risk Assessment
- Leveraging RiskAssessments in AuditPlanning
- Remediation and Corrective Action



#### CREATING A COMPLIANCE RISK ASSESSMENT



#### **COMPLIANCE RISK ASSESSMENT ELEMENTS**



**Risk Identification** 



**Risk Measurement** 



**Risk Response** 



Monitoring

#### **IDENTIFYING COMPLIANCE RISKS**

## ANALYZETHE REGULATORY LANDSCAPE

- Identify requirements and prohibitions
- Stay on top of reg change
- Don't forget about state laws and regs such as elder abuse and privacy

# KEEP AN INVENTORY WITH LINKAGES AND DATA

- Product, service, activity, department
- Regulator
- Level
- Thresholds

#### START WITH YOUR INVENTORY

## ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING RISK ASSESSMENT

#### **Customers/Entities**

- Transaction Types
- Account Types
- Methods for Interacting (Including Thirdparties)

#### Geography

- Transactions
- Countries and locations

#### **Products/Services**

Third-parties

#### REQUIREMENTS ARE GROWING

"...BSA compliance risk assessments provide a comprehensive and accurate assessment of the Bank's BSA compliance risk...at a minimum:

- a) Analysis and documentation to identify: (i) the quantity of risk associated with third-party activities, (ii) any control weaknesses and gaps, (iii) any deficiencies identified during independent testing, and (iv) mitigating factors related to identified weaknesses; and
- b) policies and procedures for developing accurate MIS reporting, including a Money Laundering Risk report... to identify and manage money laundering, terrorist financing, and other illicit finance risks related to the Bank's third-party relationships..."

# BEST PRACTICES FOR STRUCTURING COMPLIANCE RISK ASSESSMENTS



Categorizing Risk
Assessments by Reg,
Product/Service, or
Department



What's Recommended by Regulators



Practitioners'
Advice

# FORMAT MAY BE DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

#### DETERMINING PROGRAM ELEMENTS



Business Area	Inherent Risk	Control Effectiveness	Residual Exposure
BSA/AML	High-Moderate	77.63%	Low
Customers	High-Moderate	77.58%	Low
Geography	High	78.41%	Low-Mod
Domestic	High	78.42%	Low-Mod
Foreign	High	78.40%	Low-Mod
OFAC	High-Moderate	75.98%	Low
Product/Service	High	77.89%	Low
ATM/Debit Cards	Low-Mod	78.40%	Low
Cash Management	High	78.40%	Low-Mod
Deposit Accounts	High	76.13%	Low
Lending Activities	High-Moderate	78.40%	Low
Monetary Instruments	High-Moderate	78.40%	Low
Online and Mobile Banking	High	78.40%	Low-Mod
Safe Deposit	Low-Mod	78.40%	Low
Wire Transfers	High	80.01%	Low-Mod

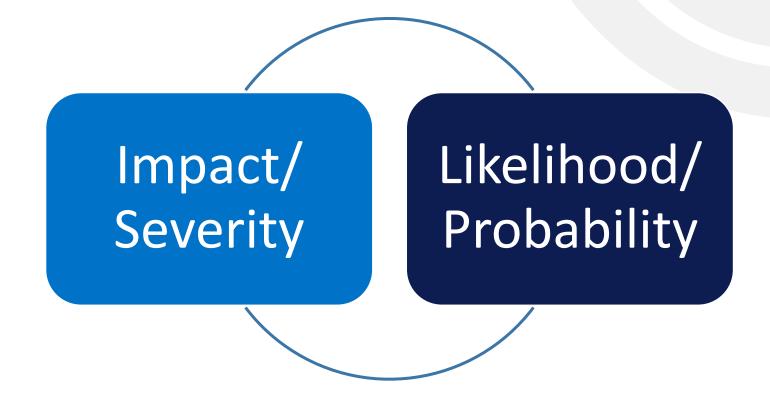
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ATM Safety and Surcharge - Division 4 (included with Branches)	High-Moderate	78.40%	Low	
Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)	High	72.28%	High-Moderate	
Deposit Compliance	High	67.01%	Low-Mod	
Regulation CC	High	76.36%	Low-Mod	
Regulation DD	High	69.83%	Low-Mod	
Regulation E	High	63.20%	High-Moderate	
Elder Abuse - CA Welfare & Inst Code 15630	High	68.60%	High-Moderate	
Information Privacy Act - Division 1.4	High-Moderate	78.40%	Low	
Lending Compliance	High	56.08%	High-Moderate	
California Division 1.7 for Covered Loans	High	78.40%	Low	
Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (including Rosenthal Act)	High	58.57%	High-Moderate	
FCRA	High	62.88%	High-Moderate	
Flood	High	56.72%	High-Moderate	
Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)	High	74.32%	Low-Mod	
Regulation B	High	55.00%	High-Moderate	
Regulation O (Insider Loans)	High	78.40%	Low-Mod	
Regulation X RESPA	High	42.15%	High-Moderate	
Regulation Z TILA	High-Moderate	54.64%	Low-Mod	
S.A.F.E Act	High-Moderate	78.40%	Low	
TRID	High	54.56%	High-Moderate	
UDAAP	High	65.00%	Low-Mod	



DETERMINING MONITORING PLAN

#### KEY RISK MEASUREMENT TERMS

**Inherent Risk** 



#### **IMPACT**

#### **CONSIDER**

- Reputation Risk
- Consumer Harm
- Regulatory Fines
- External Costs

#### **DEFINE LEVELS OF IMPACT**

High

Moderate High

Moderate

**Low Moderate** 

Low

#### LIKELIHOOD

#### **CONSIDER**

- Findings
- Audit
- Examinations
- Awareness / Relevance
- Frequency of Transaction / Product Usage

#### **DEFINE LEVELS OF IMPACT**

High

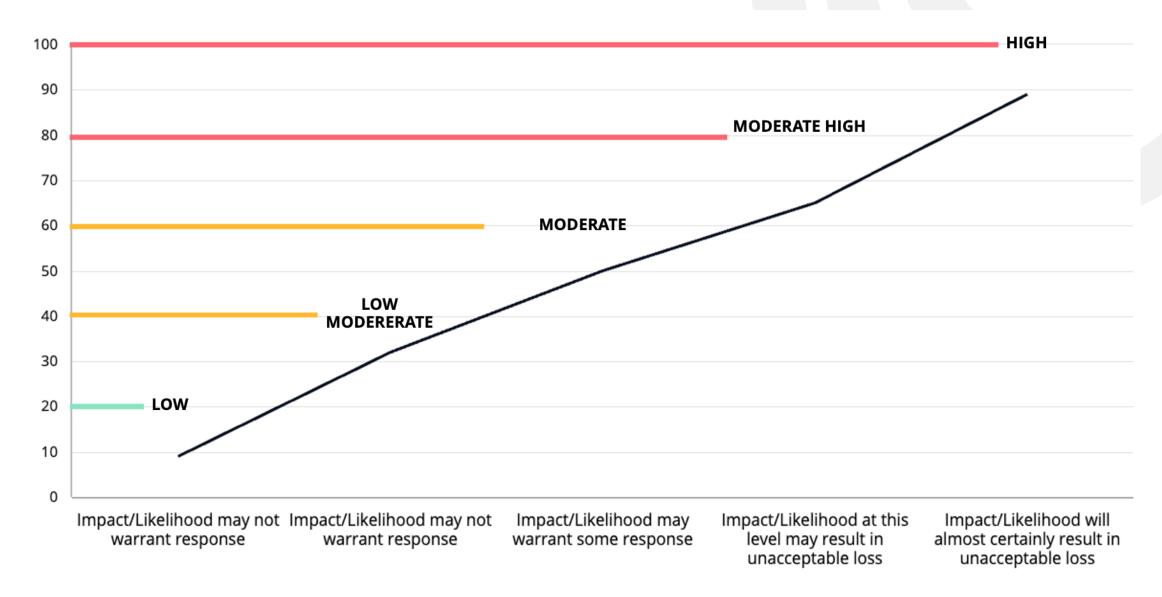
Moderate High

Moderate

**Low Moderate** 

Low

#### **IDENTIFY INHERENT RISK LEVEL**



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#### **Impact**

(0 - 100)

80 points

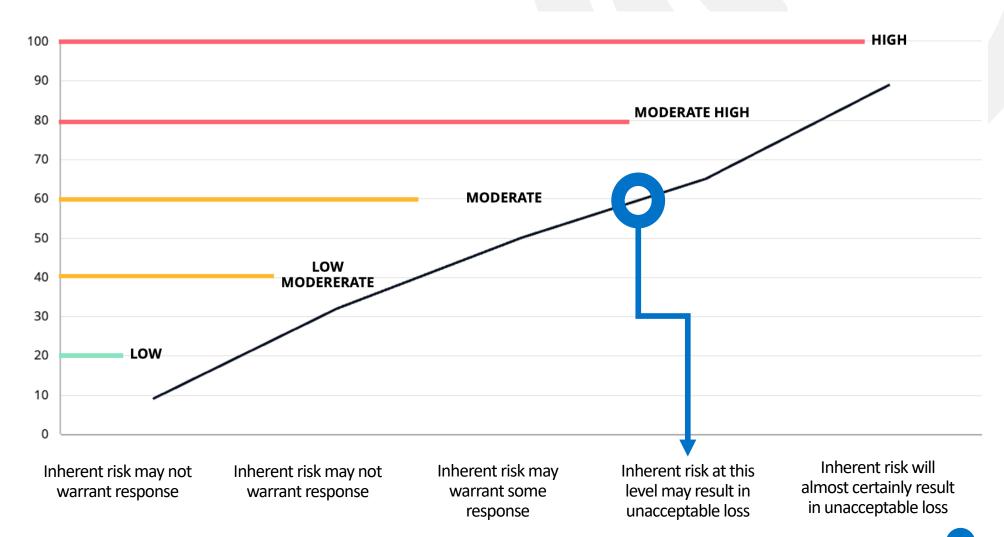


#### Likelihood

(0 - 100%)

80% = .80





#### **RISK RESPONSE**

- 1 Mitigate
  - Identify the Control
  - Assess the Weight
- 2 Accept

3 Transfer

4 Decline



Having defined risk tolerance and appetite makes it easier to suggest a course of action

#### **MITIGATION**

- Certain
   controls help
   mitigate more
   risk than others
- Type of Control
  - Preventative
  - Detective
  - Corrective

Automated vs Manual



Inherent risk – Control(s) = Residual Risk

#### **MONITORING**

TRIGGERING EVENTS FOR RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATES:



Internal and external events like audit findings, regulatory change, agency priorities, new product, outdated training and policies



- Impact (rare)
- Likelihood (potential)
- Control effectiveness (common)

#### HOT TOPICS AMPLIFYING COMPLIANCE RISK

- Fees
- Overdrafts
- AML/CFT
- AI/ML
- Fair Lending
- Lending Compliance
- CRA Modernization

- Identify heightened compliance risk via:
  - Common violations
  - Complaint data
  - Enforcements
  - Lawsuits
  - Audit and exam results

# LEVERAGING RISK ASSESSMENTS IN AUDIT PLANNING



#### **DISCLAIMER**

- The following section envisions a world where:
  - Financial institutions
     have access to the data
     they need to support
     risk-based decisions
  - Regulators fully support risk- based auditing



#### USING RISK ASSESSMENTS TO INFORM AUDIT SCOPES

- How should your compliance risk assessment help define scopes:
  - Helps prioritize areas of focus within the compliance program
  - Identifies where strong internal controls are warranted
  - Permits appropriate dedication of resources to areas that need them most
  - Assists in the development of the audit plan and compliance monitoring program
  - Meets regulator expectations

#### USING RISK ASSESSMENTS TO INFORM AUDIT SCOPE



Is your risk assessment detailed enough?



Does it reflect your current reality?



How are you coordinating with other risk areas?

#### BANK SECRECY ACT – REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Regulatory Risks	Institutional Changes	Exposure Penalties	Regulatory Changes / Environment	Calculated Monitoring Frequency	Monitoring Frequency Override
There is a BSA Policy approved by the Board.	Low	Low	High	Low	Semi-Annually	Annually
The policy contains the 4 required elements (designated Bank Secrecy Act Officer, training, internal controls, independent testing)	Low	Low	High	Moderate	Semi-Annually	Annually
Training is conducted to ensure employee compliance with regulatory requirements (suggested at least annually).	Low	Low	High	Low	Semi-Annually	Semi-Annually
There are procedures for identifying reportable transactions and completing CTRs and CMIRs (FinCEN Form 105 for international transactions).	Low	Low	High	High	Quarterly	Quarterly
There are procedures to record required information relating to currency purchases of negotiable instruments from \$3,000 to \$10,000	High	High	High	Moderate	Monthly	Monthly
There are procedures to record required information relating to wire transfers exceeding \$3,000.	Low	Low	High	Low	Semi-Annually	Semi-Annually
There are procedures for investigating and reporting suspicious activities, including accurate and timely completion of SARs, subsequent SARs and reporting SARs to the Board.	Low	High	High	High	Monthly	Monthly

#### PRIORITIZING AUDITS

IIA Practice Guide Developing a Risk Based Internal Audit Plan

Figure 1: Internal Audit Plan Development Cycle



#### FRAMEWORK FOR PRIORITIZING AUDITS

- Continuous Risk Assessment Methodology
- Predetermined Audit Frequency

- Either Method must include
  - Regulatory Required Audits
  - Mission-critical engagements

#### OTHER CONSIDERATION POINTS









CHANGES TO OPERATIONS



REQUESTS

CHANGES TO REGULATION



CHANGES IN REGULATORY FOCUS

# CHALLENGES WITH REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Targeted scopes

• Extended timeframes

Leveraging all work performed



#### TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR AUDIT PLANNING

#### Technology Enabled

- Data Capture
- Data Analytics
- Continuous Monitoring

#### **Tried and True**

- Self Assessment
- Planning Process
- Leveraging Monitoring

#### REMEDIATION & CORRECTIVE ACTION



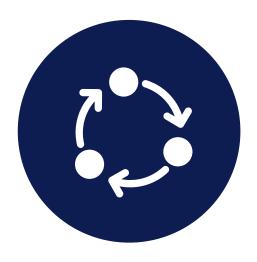
#### **BE PROACTIVE**

- Audits and compliance testing allow the bank to initiative self-corrective action
- Remediation program should address root cause and determine the severity, duration, and perverseness of the violation



#### **EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP ON CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

Prevent repeat violations through:



A Systematic Process



Monitoring and Testing



Deploying audit resources to areas of concern and heightened risk

#### **KEYTAKEAWAYS**

- Go back to foundational risk management principes and ensure there are objective methods to assess risk
- Continually monitor for change and make changes to your risk assessments to reflect current realities
- Balance risk assessment with real world data to construct a tailored audit plan
- Ensure root cause analysis and systematic remediation to prevent repeat violations and issues



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