

Internal Audits and Compliance System

Internal Audits

Principles of Internal Audits

We define an internal audit as a series of processes for objective verification of the appropriateness and effectiveness of internal controls (including risk management) and as making suggestions for necessary improvements.

YMFG has devised standard internal audit rules for the whole Group. On the basis of these rules, the internal audit departments of each Group company verify the appropriateness and effectiveness of internal controls and make suggestions for necessary improvements.

Further, YMFG creates the Group's medium- to long-term internal audit plan on the basis of its management policy and conditions. Internal audits by the auditing bodies of each Group company are conducted on the basis of this plan to ensure their effectiveness and efficiency.

Implementation of Internal Audits

YMFG's Audit and Inspection Dept. plans audit processes for the whole Group, implements audits and supervises each

Group company's internal audits.

The YMFG Audit and Inspection Dept. devises the rules and medium- to long-term plans for the Group's internal audits, implements audits of the Group companies' compliance/risk management departments and checks the accuracy of the financial statements of the Group companies. The department monitors and gives guidance and advice to the Group companies' audit and inspection departments. On the basis of their audit reports, the department reports on the internal audits of the Group to the Board of Directors and audit and supervisory committee.

The banks' audit and inspection departments implement internal audits of branches in Japan and overseas, and reports to YMFG and to the Board of Directors and audit and supervisory committee. In particular, internal audits of front-line sales outlets are performed to verify the status of compliance and risk management functions and ensure their mutual effectiveness.

Compliance System

YMFG's Attitude toward Compliance

YMFG and its Group companies share a common understanding of their responsibilities to fulfill their public mission and corporate social responsibilities. Accordingly, we accord topmost management priority to thorough compliance, take the seriousness of compliance seriously and consider earning the trust of a broad-based society our fundamental policy.

Compliance System

We have established a compliance administration department to take overall charge of ensuring appropriate compliance for YMFG and its Group companies. Individual companies' compliance departments handle the centralized management of compliance-related activities, including the creation of compliance structures and the training of executives and general employees. Compliance supervisors and officers at all departments and branches foster an enhanced awareness of appropriate compliance in daily operations.

The Group Compliance Committee, chaired by the president, acts as a deliberative body. This committee formulates Group compliance programs for each fiscal year and monitors the status of program implementation. The

committee discusses ways to create and reinforce compliance systems, reports the results of these deliberations to the Board of Directors and reflects these results in Group operations.

YMFG's Compliance Administration Department communicates with compliance personnel at each Group company and, in accordance with the deliberations of the Group Compliance Committee, ensures the appropriateness of compliance systems for the entire Group.

Efforts to Prevent Money Laundering

The Act on Punishment of Organized Crimes and Control of Crime Proceeds and the Law for Prevention of Transfer of Criminal Proceeds prescribes heightened measures to prevent money laundering. The Group's efforts are appropriate and in conformance with these regulations, in keeping with our aim of maintaining society's trust in us as a financial institution. Specifically, we have formulated a policy of controls and procedures reasonably designed to prevent and detect money laundering/terrorist financing activities. We have appointed a senior officer to take charge of this policy and established training programs on this topic for all management and staff.