

Note concerning the prosecution of a Société Générale branch executive as part of an investigation into money laundering

Société Générale has been informed of the prosecution of an employee as part of an investigation into money laundering. The investigation concerns funds transferred by the bank between France and China on the order of foreign exchange bureaux, which are customers of the branch where the employee is manager. Société Générale will be defending the employee. These proceedings are distinct from those being led by the same magistrate, under which Société Générale and several of its executives are being investigated.

Société Générale reiterates that these bank accounts were all subjected to the necessary verifications when they were opened. In the case of bureaux de change, this implies declarations to the Banque de France, Tracfin and the French Banking Commission. Moreover, for each of the accounts, Société Générale filed a declaration of suspicion with Tracfin.

The Société Générale branch where these accounts were opened did not end its relation with the account holders to enable Tracfin and the legal authorities to pursue their investigation following the bank's declaration of suspicion. To note, this clientele was of limited interest to the bank.

The fact that declarations of suspicion were made in every case hence proves that the bank had no intention of facilitating suspicious transactions.

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