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Field Operations Memo 2001-26 B
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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff

From:  Cescia Derderian, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

Re: Suspension of BEACON Release 2.0 Pre-Conversion Activities

Introduction

Field Operations Memo 2001-26 A informed staff of pre-conversion activities necessary for the planned implementation of BEACON on June 21, 2001. That planned implementation date has been delayed. The Integrated User Acceptance Test (IUAT) identified a number of issues which must be resolved prior to implementation. You will be informed when the new implementation date is determined. The activities identified in Field Operations Memo 2001-26 A, *BEACON Release 2.0 Pre-Conversion Procedures* are suspended.

**Modification to
Field Operations
Memo 2001-21**

TAO staff should continue to perform the activities described in Field Operations Memo 2001-21, *BEACON Release 2.0 Pilot Activities-Phase IV*. It is extremely important that staff continue to focus on BEACON activities both to enhance their skill level and to continue to report any identified issues. Field Operations Memo 2001-21, *BEACON Release 2.0 Pilot Activities-Phase IV* specified that staff were to spend a minimum of eight hours per week on pilot activities. This instruction is being modified. Staff who are currently prepared to implement BEACON may require less practice each week. Directors will determine how much time each staff person will spend on BEACON pilot activities. The primary focus of this time must be on interactive interviews.

**Field Operations
Memo 2001-26 A**

The activities identified in Field Operations Memo 2001-26 A *BEACON Release 2.0 Pre-Conversion Procedures* are suspended. The memo is currently being reviewed to determine if any of the information in it (for example, changes in the Closing and Reduction Schedule found in Attachment A) is still valid. When that review is completed, the memo will be obsoleted and any still valid information will be reissued.

Questions

Policy-related questions should be referred by your Hotline designee to the Policy Hotline at (617) 348-8478. Systems-related questions should be referred to Customer Services at (617)-348-5290.
