



Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) focus: What are the expectations of the OCC?



The OCC expects financial firms to practice effective Third Party Risk Management (TPRM) regardless of whether the bank performs the activity internally or through a third party. A bank's use of third parties does not diminish the responsibility of its board of directors and senior management to ensure that the activity is performed in a safe and sound manner an in compliance with applicable laws.

Examinations may evaluate safety and soundness risks, the financial and operational viability of the third party to fulfill its contractual obligations, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including consumer protection, fair lending, BSA/AML and OFAC laws, and whether the third party engages in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of federal or applicable state law.

- The OCC Bulletin 2013-29 set the expectations that supervised entities will:

 <u>Plan and outline</u> the bank's strategy, identify the inherent risks of the activity, and detail how the bank selects, assesses, and oversees the third party.
- <u>Perform proper due diligence</u> in selecting a third party.
- Have written contracts that outline the rights and responsibilities of all parties.
- . Perform ongoing monitoring of the third party's activities and performance
- Prepare contingency plans for terminating the relationship in an effective manner.
- Clear roles and responsibilities for overseeing and managing the relationship and risk management process.
- <u>Documentation and reporting</u> that facilitates oversight, accountability, monitoring, and risk management.

Conduct independent reviews that allow bank management to determine that the bank's process aligns with its strategy and effectively manages risks.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) focus: What are the expectations of the CFPB?



The CFPB was established to promote fairness and transparency for consumer financial products and services as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act, a law passed after the financial crisis in 2008.

Examinations are expected to focus on key **Third Party Risk Management** evaluation activities, such as how the firm monitors compliance management systems, customer complaints management, and compliance with certain consumer protection laws and regulations.

The CFPB bulletin of 2012-13 set the expectations that supervised entities will:

- <u>Conduct thorough due diligence</u> to verify that the supplier understands and is capable of complying with Federal consumer financial laws
- Request and review supplier policies, procedures, internal controls, and training materials to ensure that the supplier is conducting appropriate training and oversight of employees or agents that have consumer contact or compliance responsibilities
- Include in the contract with the supplier clear expectations about compliance, as well as appropriate and enforceable consequences for violating any compliance-related responsibilities, including engaging in unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or
- Establish internal controls and on-going monitoring to determine whether the supplier is complying with Federal consumer financial laws
- Take prompt actions to address fully any problems identified through the monitoring process, including terminating the relationship where appropriate

TPRM Business Drivers

Globalization continues and business partnerships are increasingly being leveraged as strategic enablers. This increases the need for Third Party Risk Management.



Reputational Drivers Sample headiness involving third parties: A bank points outage finger at its technology provider A bank says a failure on its technology provider's part correctly fix an identified instability within the bank's storage system led to the seven-hour service outage

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