



Priorities of SESC's Oversight

- in relation to Financial Administration Policy-

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- Oversight of <u>regulated entities</u>; licensing/registration, off- and on-site monitoring, enforcement
- Market oversight; surveillance of market participants and transactions, enforcement
- Integrated oversight both domestic and global; globalization of regulated entities and transactions



SESC's role for Three Pillars

- Oversight of regulated entities; <u>on-site</u> <u>inspection</u> of investment banks, broker dealers and other firms
- 2. Market oversight; <u>surveillance for</u> <u>market integrity</u> and enforcement actions against <u>market misconducts</u>
- Integrated oversight both domestic and global; global firms and cross-border transactions

SESC's priorities: Market integrity

- **1.** Leveraging SESC's cross-functions
- 2. Surveillance of cross-border transactions
- 3. Timely and effective enforcement actions
- 4. Root cause analysis
- 5. Enhanced market discipline
- 6. Response to IT
- **7.** Fair disclosure by listed companies
- 8. Enhanced audit quality
- 9. Risk-based on-site inspections of regulated entities
- 10. Increased accountability of SESC



Leveraging cross-functions

- SESC's power
- market surveillance
- inspection of regulated entities
- inspection of market misconducts (insider dealings, market manipulations)
- inspection of financial fraud and false financial disclosures
- criminal investigation



Leveraging cross-functions

- Closer information sharing across functions within SESC
- Multiple use of information for other functions/cases within SESC
- Deeper and horizontal analysis of results of each inspection/investigation
- Identification of common trends and issues for market integrity
- Contribution to efforts by other stakeholders for market integrity; rule making by FSA, preventive measures by SROs



- On-going monitoring of cross-border transactions
- Enhanced cooperation with stock exchanges and broker dealers
- Enhanced cooperation with foreign oversight bodies; information exchange, joint inspection,
- Increased cases of enforcement actions against investors overseas



- Timely inspections and investigations
- Increased use of administrative monetary penalty inspection; in particular, for false financial disclosures
- Effective use of criminal investigations against serious misconducts
- Enhanced cooperation with other bodies; SROs, criminal authorities, foreign regulators



Root cause analysis

- SESC's focus on non-compliance and failure in risk management
- Increased SESC's attention to root cause analysis of non-compliance/risk management; prevent recurrence of problems
- Root causes
- business models
- incentives (HR, salaries/bonuses)
- culture
- tone at the top ...



Enhanced market discipline

- Importance of preventive measures vs. expost actions by SESC
- Preventive measures by stakeholders for market integrity
 - SROs; rule making and monitoring
- Securities firms and broker dealers; 3 Lines of defense
 - PIEs; enhanced corporate governance
 - Audit firms; enhanced audit quality
 - Law firms and other gatekeepers
 - Investors



Enhanced market discipline

- Raising awareness about SESC's oversight; increased visibility and exposures of SESC
- Outreach to stakeholders for market integrity; horizontal/industry-wide issues and implications identified by SESC's inspections/investigations



Response to IT

- Market surveillance; HFT
- Inspections/investigations; digital forensics
- FinTech and AI (artificial intelligence);
 - impact to business models of regulated firms
 - impact to transactions and their surveillance

Fair disclosures by Listed Companies

- A group of problematic companies (so-called `Box companies`): continuous monitoring, enforcement actions, delisting from stock exchanges
- Majority of listed companies; new monitoring approach
 - Macro analysis; impact by economic changes
 - Industry specific and thematic reviews
- Root cause analysis; corporate governance, Board of Directors, Audit Committees



Enhanced audit quality

- Heightened expectation for audit firms as gatekeeper for market integrity
- Issues of audit firms for fair disclosures and effective corporate governance of PIEs
- Closer cooperation with Certified Public Accountants and Audit Oversight Board (CPAAOB), FSA



Risk-based on-site inspections of regulated entities

- Integration of off-site monitoring by FSA and on-site inspection by SESC as seamless process
- More risk-based approach based on effective risk assessment off-site
- Developing monitoring policy for each firm and group/category of entities; G-SIFIs, med- and small-sized firms, Internet Brokers...



Risk-based on-site inspections of regulated entities

- Continuous monitoring; more off-site than on-site
- Horizontal/thematic reviews
- Review of three Lines of Defense
- 1st Line; business
- 2nd Line; risk management and compliance
- 3rd Line; internal audit



Focus of monitoring of regulated entities

- Effectiveness of each three line of defense
- Business models and their changes/sustainability
- Governance; effectiveness of board of directors and audit committees
- Root cause analysis; business model, governance, HR, incentives, culture



Issues for IBA members; Local governance and accountability

- Business models and changes (downsizing, deleveraging); beyond control by local management
- Local governance and accountability
- Local compliance
- Risk/compliance culture
- Oversight by global management
- Balance between global/matrix management and local management



Issues for IBA members

- Outsourcing outside Japan
- IT governance; cybersecurity
- Surveillance of transactions of market misconducts
- Risk management; Compliance, liquidity risk, market risk, operational risk



Approach for IBA members

- FSA (Inspection and Supervisory Department)-SESC joint/coordinated monitoring, including risk-assessment
- Continuous monitoring; more off-site, frequent meetings with three lines of defense
- On-site monitoring/inspection with focused issues/areas



Expectation for IBA members

- Frequent meetings with local and global/regional management for three lines of defense
- In particular, meetings with CEO, CFO, COO, CRO, CIO, CCO, members of Board and Audit Committee, and Chief Internal Auditor



Increased accountability of SESC

- External communications; more information on backgrounds and details of cases of market misconducts
- Outreach to stakeholders; lectures, speeches, publications
- SESC's first meeting in Osaka (Nov 2015)



Thank you