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FDCPA Compliance Checklist For Collectors

- 1.) Is your financial institution aware of conditions in which FDCPA applies, and as needed, have you created processes and controls to ensure that your actions comply with FDCPA rules? **Yes | No**
- 2.) Has your bank or credit union performed as a “debt collector” as outlined by FDCPA, by either:
 - 2-1) Regularly endeavoring to collect unpaid consumer debts owed to others, or **Yes | No**
 - 2-2) Endeavoring to collect its own consumer debts in a name other than the institution’s? **Yes | No**

*If answers to 2-1 and 2-2 are “No”, then your institution is not considered a debt collector under FDCPA.
Now consider questions 3-1 and 3-2, but do not complete [4], since it does not apply to your institution.*

- 3.) Consider these key questions as they pertain to your bank or credit union’s collection efforts:
 - 3-1) Do you think it would strengthen your institution’s collection efforts and enhance your collection compliance to follow FDCPA guidelines? **Yes | No**
 - 3-2) Even though it’s not required of your bank or credit union, do you agree that following FDCPA guidelines will improve your collections efforts and enhance your compliance? **Yes | No**
- 4.) In endeavoring to collect consumer debts as a “debt collector” under FDCPA rules, did the institution:
 - 4-1) Communicate with the consumer or any third party in a prohibited manner? **Yes | No | Not Sure**
 - 4-2) Follow required debt-validation procedures? **Yes | No | Not Sure**
 - 4-3) Use any means of harassment or abusive, unfair, or deceptive practices? **Yes | No | Not Sure**
 - 4-4) Collect any more than authorized by the debt instrument or state law? **Yes | No | Not Sure**
 - 4-5) Appropriately apply payment received in the case of multiple debts owed by the same consumer? **Yes | No | Not Sure**
 - 4-6) Pursue legal action in an area limited to the court district permitted under FDCPA? **Yes | No | Not Sure**