TABLE III.—*Operational regulations and practices*—Continued

Country	Examination of foreign banks by banking authority	Foreign bank access to courts	Provisions for prior claim on assets by nationals	Requirements on number of nationals employed	Nonbank reports or regulations required by banks as foreign-owned or controlled entities	Most restrictive regulations imposed on U.S. banks
Europe—Con. United Kingdom.	None; but balance sheets are submitted periodically.	Same basis as domestic banks.	None.	None directly but a United Kingdom national should be employed whenever possible.	None when operating unit is a branch; subsidiaries must file accounts with Registrar of Companies.	No restrictions applied to U.S. banks per se.[9]
Canada	On an annual basis.	Do.	None.	None.	None.	(1) Legislation limiting foreign ownership to 10-percent interest by any group, whether foreign or domestic. Total foreign ownership is limited to 25 percent. (2) Absence of any provision in Bank Act for foreign agency or branch banking.
Latin America: Argentina	On a regular basis.	Do.	None.	None.	None.	(1) Initial high capital requirement. (2) Difficulty in establishing additional branches especially in interior.
Brazil	On a regular basis.	Do.	None; local creditors whether national or foreign, have preference.	Two-thirds of total salary expense must be paid to nationals or certain legal equivalents of nationals.	None.	(1) Branch expansion by foreign banks. (2) Restrictions on profit remittances.[10]
Chile	Do.	Do.	None.	Percentage of salaries paid to foreigners is restricted.	None.	Negotiation with banking authority as to initial capitalization and initial reserve requirement.[11]
Mexico	Do.	Do.	None.	At least 90 percent of officers and employees must be Mexican. Executive discretion on prohibiting entry of foreigners can effectively reduce this ratio. (Foreign nationals can only be employed if it is demonstrated that local personnel are unable to perform functions.)	None.	Law restricting any form of participation in a financial institution after December 1965.
Panama	None.	Do.	None.	Three-quarters of total salary expense must be paid to nationals and at least 75 percent of employees must be nationals.	None.	None regarded as discriminatory or unduly restrictive.