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Another strategy has been to focus on the financial aspect of trade transactions as a possible interdiction point. The buyer can finance trade transactions through a few different methods, each involving the banking sector as a stakeholder in differing degrees. Methods in which banks are least involved are known as direct finance transactions (open accounts transactions, for example), where banks only act as senders or recipients of cash as directed by the importer/exporter. In this case, banks do not review or take possession of trade documents, unless suspicion of laundering activity arises from other sources, like in the normal course of customer due diligence[4].

Notes

4. Personal communication with Rohan Bedi, April 7, 2010.



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