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Circular to Money Service Operators Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing

United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

Further to our circular issued on 22 November 2023, an updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") was published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance ("the UNATMO") (Cap. 575) in the Gazette on 8 January 2024 (G.N. (E.) 3 of 2024). A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous list was published in the Gazette, is available at https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15556.doc.htm.

The aforesaid gazette notice can be found on the Government's website at <u>https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html</u>.

Money Service Operators ("MSOs") are reminded to refer to Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For MSOs) which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that MSOs should take to ensure compliance with the UNATMO.

The Customs and Excise Department expects all new designations to be screened by MSOs against their client lists as soon as practicable whenever there are updates. MSOs are also reminded to report any transactions or relationships they have or have had with any designated person or entity to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us at 3742 7742.

Money Service Supervision Bureau

Customs and Excise Department

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