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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2012

Further to our circular issued on 9 May 2012, an updated list specifying “relevant persons” designated by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) was published under section 29 of the United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2012 (“the Regulation”) (Cap. 537AX) in the Gazette on 29 June 2012 (G.N. 4430 of 2012). The list is available on the following Government’s website (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/>).

(2) United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

Further to our circular issued on 9 May 2012, an updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by the UNSC was published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (“the UNATMO”) (Cap.575) in the Gazette on 29 June 2012 (G.N. 4429 of 2012). The list is available on the following Government’s website (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/>).

(3) US President’s Executive Order 13224

Further to our circular issued on 9 May 2012, the US Government has updated the list of designated individuals and entities issued under the US Executive Order 13224 (“Executive Order”). The updated information in respect of changes from 17 May 2012 to 29 June 2012 is available on the following website of the US Treasury (<http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/terror.pdf>)

Money Service Operators (“MSOs”) should check the names in all of the above lists against their records, and report any transactions or relationships they have or have had with the named persons or entities to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit.

MSOs are reminded that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing, they should maintain a database of individuals and entities designated under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance, United Nations Sanctions Ordinance and US Executive Order 13224 for client and transaction screening purposes.



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Furthermore:

- for (1) and (2), MSOs are reminded to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the Regulation and the UNATMO.
- for (3), as the designated individuals and entities under the Executive Order may be updated by the US Government from time to time, MSOs are reminded to browse the website of the US Treasury regularly for the latest information.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us on 2707 7871 or 2707 7812.

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