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

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

Further to our circular issued on 23 January 2017, 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 17 February, 3 March, 10 March and 31 March 2017 (G.N. 780, 1085, 1203 and 1584 of 2017).

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2012

Further to our circular issued on 28 November 2016, an updated list specifying “relevant persons and entities” under section 29 of the United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 537AX) was published in the Gazette on 3 March 2017 (G.N. 1086 of 2017).

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) Regulation 2017

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (“Amendment Regulation”) made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (“the UNSO”) (Cap. 537) was published in the Gazette (L.N. 15 of 2017) on 27 January 2017 with immediate effect.

The Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation (Cap. 537AN) to incorporate provisions implementing decisions of the United Nations Security Council under Resolution 2317. It mainly implements the exceptions to the arms embargo measures, the prohibition against the provision of advice, assistance and training, as well as financial sanctions in respect of Somalia.

The aforesaid lists in items (1) to (2) and regulation in item (3) can be found on the Government’s website (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e>).

Money Service Operators (MSOs) should check the names in the lists in item (1) to (2) 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.

Furthermore, MSOs are reminded to refer to Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (“AML Guideline”) which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that MSOs should take to ensure compliance with the UNATMO and the regulations made under the UNSO.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us on 3759 3735.

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