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Circular to Money Service Operators
Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing
Early Alert on United Nations Sanctions

The following sanctions committees of the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) amended their sanctions lists on 29 and 30 March 2018 respectively:

- (a) the sanctions committee which administers the sanctions regime for ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida added an entity to its sanctions list ^{Note 1} on 29 March 2018. Please refer to the relevant press release issued by the UNSC available at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sc13271.doc.htm>; and
- (b) the sanctions committee which administers the sanctions regime for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea added one individual and 21 entities to its sanctions list and designated 27 vessels ^{Note 1} on 30 March, 2018. Please refer to the relevant press release issued by the UNSC available at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sc13272.doc.htm>.

Money Service Operators (“MSOs”) should update their screening databases with the above changes made by the UNSC sanctions committees for sanctions screening of customers and payments. MSOs are reminded to refer to the circular on United Nations Sanctions issued by the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) on 7 February 2018 ^{Note 2} which sets out C&ED’s expectations on actions that MSOs should take regarding sanctions imposed by the UNSC.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us at 2707 7819.

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^{Note 1} MSOs will also be alerted when the updated UNSC sanctions lists are subsequently published under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (Cap. 575) or the relevant regulation made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) in the Gazette. The website of the Money Service Supervision Bureau (“MSSB”) will also be updated to provide a weblink to the gazette notice thereof for easy reference.

^{Note 2} The circular on United Nations Sanctions can be accessed on the MSSB’s website at https://eservices.customs.gov.hk/MSOS/common/circulars?request_locale=en.