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**Circular**

**Circular to Money Service Operators**

**Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing**

**Early Alert on United Nations Sanctions**

The 1988(2011) Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) amended two names on its sanctions list<sup>Note 1</sup> on 30 January 2019. Please refer to the relevant press release issued by the UNSC available at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sc13685.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<sup>Note 2</sup> 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). 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](https://eservices.customs.gov.hk/MSOS/common/circulars?request_locale=en).