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### **Circular to Money Service Operators**

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

## (1) United Nations Sanctions (Iran) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 14 September 2012, an updated list specifying "relevant entities and persons" designated by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") was published under section 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Iran) Regulation (Cap. 537AF) in the Gazette on 1 February 2013 (G.N. 554 of 2013).

# (2) United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 24 October 2012, an updated list specifying "relevant entities and persons" designated by the UNSC was published under section 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulation (Cap. 537AE) in the Gazette on 1 February 2013 (G.N. 555 of 2013).

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

### (3) US President's Executive Order 13224

Further to our circular issued on 29 January 2013, the US Government has updated the list of designated individuals and entities issued under the US President's Executive Order 13224 ("the Executive Order"). The updated information can be found on the 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 ("UNATMO"), the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance and the Executive Order for client and transaction screening purposes.



#### Furthermore:

- for (1) to (2), MSOs are reminded to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the UNATMO and the Regulations made under United Nations Sanctions Ordinance.
- 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 3759 3755 or 3759 3754.

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