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Circular

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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019

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Further to our circular issued on 30 July 2020, an updated list of “individuals and entities” was published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (“CEDB”) under section 33 of the United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Cap. 537CM) on 7 August 2020. Relevant press releases issued by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”), reflecting the updates since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, are available at

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sc14272.doc.htm>.

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019

Further to our circular issued on 8 April 2020, an updated list of “individuals and entities” was published on the website of the CEDB under section 29 of the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Cap.537CJ) on 21 August 2020. Relevant press releases issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, are available at

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sc14280.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid lists in items (1) and (2) can be found on the website of the CEDB at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/citb/en/Policy_Responsibilities/united_nations_sanctions.html.

Money Service Operators (“MSOs”) are reminded to refer to Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For MSOs) which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that MSOs should take to ensure compliance with the regulations made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap.537).

The Customs and Excise Department expects all new designations to be screened by MSOs against their client lists as soon as practicable whenever there are updates. MSOs are also reminded to report any transactions or relationships they have or have had with any designated person or entity to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us at 2707 7800.

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