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Circular

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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 11 September 2020, an updated list of “individuals, groups, undertakings and entities” was published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (“CEDB”) under section 25 of the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation (“Regulation”) (Cap. 537CB) ^{Note 1} on 9 October 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/sc14321.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid list can be found on the website of the CEDB at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/citb/en/Policy_Responsibilities/united_nations_sanctions.html.

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

An updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by the UNSC was published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (“the UNATMO”) (Cap. 575) ^{Note 1} in the Gazette on 9 October 2020.

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2020

The United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2020 (“the DRC Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 164 of 2020) on 11 September 2020 with immediate effect.

The DRC Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against the Democratic Republic of the Congo as renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2528, which include, inter alia, prohibition against making available to certain persons or entities any economic assets, or dealing with economic assets of such persons or entities, except with a licence.

(4) United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2020

The United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2020 (“the South Sudan Amendment Regulation”), made under the UNSO, was published in the Gazette (L.N. 165 of 2020) on 11 September 2020 with immediate effect.

The South Sudan Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against South Sudan as renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2521, which include, inter alia, prohibition against making available to certain persons or entities any economic assets, or dealing with economic assets of such persons or entities, except with a licence.

^{Note 1} The updates made to the sanctions lists published under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and the Regulation are identical.



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The aforesaid list in item (2), regulations in items (3) and (4) can be found on the Government's website at (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e>).

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 UNSO and the UNATMO.

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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