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

**United Nations Sanctions (Iran) (Amendment) Regulation 2013**

The United Nations Sanctions (Iran) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 (“the Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 109 of 2013) on 14 June 2013. It came into effect on the same date.

The Amendment Regulation amends the existing sanctions against Iran to implement the decision of the Committee established by paragraph 18 of the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) Resolution 1737 to update the list of prohibited items subject to sanctions referred to in paragraph 13 of the UNSC Resolution 1929.

The Amendment Regulation mainly provides for an updated scope of items subject to sanctions to include all items, materials, equipment, goods and technology as per the International Atomic Energy Agency documents INFCIRC/254/Rev.11/Part1, INFCIRC/254/Rev.8/Part2 and the UNSC document S/2012/947.

The Amendment Regulation can be found on the Government’s website (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e>).

Furthermore, Money Service Operators are reminded to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the Regulations made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us on 3759 3755.

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