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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 9 October 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) <sup>Note 1</sup> on 20 February 2021. 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/2021/sc14440.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid list can be found on the website of the CEDB at <https://www.cedb.gov.hk/citb/en/policies/united-nations-security-council-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) <sup>Note 1</sup> in the Gazette on 22 February 2021.

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

Further to our circular issued on 9 October 2020, an updated list specifying “individuals and entities” under section 29 of the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CJ) was published on the website of the CEDB on 3 November 2020 at [https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03\\_CITB\\_2.0\\_Policies/CITB\\_2.0\\_Policies\\_Eng/Policies/DR\\_Congo\\_\(201103\)-Eng.pdf](https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03_CITB_2.0_Policies/CITB_2.0_Policies_Eng/Policies/DR_Congo_(201103)-Eng.pdf)

A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the update since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, is at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sc14344.doc.htm>.

**(4) United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2020**

The United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2020 (“CAR Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 216 of 2020) on 13 November 2020 with immediate effect.

The CAR Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Central African Republic as renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2536, 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.

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<sup>Note 1</sup> The updates made to the sanctions lists published under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and the Regulation are identical.



**(5) United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2020**

The United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2020 (“Mali Amendment Regulation”), made under the UNSO, was published in the Gazette (L.N. 217 of 2020) on 13 November 2020 with immediate effect.

The Mali Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Mali renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2541, 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.

**(6) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021**

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (“Somalia Amendment Regulation”), made under the UNSO, was published in the Gazette (L.N. 19 of 2021) on 11 February 2021 with immediate effect.

The Somalia Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CG) to implement the decisions on exemptions for arms embargo and financial sanctions, as set out in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2551.

The aforesaid list in item (2), regulations in items (4) to (6) 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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