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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 24 March 2021, 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 7 April 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/sc14489.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid list can be found on the website of the CEDB at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03_CITB_2.0_Policies/CITB_2.0_Policies_Eng/Policies/isil_and_ai-qaida_List_of_TargetedFinancialSanctions_en.pdf.

(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 7 April 2021.

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019

Further to our circular issued on 8 April 2019, an updated list of “individuals and entities” was published under section 29 of the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CG) on the website of the CEDB on 27 February 2021 at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03_CITB_2.0_Policies/CITB_2.0_Policies_Eng/Policies/somalia_List_of_TargetedFinancialSanctions_en.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/2021/sc14455.doc.htm>.

(4) United Nations Sanctions (Sudan) Regulation 2013

Further to our circular issued on 13 June 2018, an updated list specifying “relevant persons” under section 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Sudan) Regulation 2013 (Cap. 537BF) was published in the Gazette on 9 March 2021 (G.N. (E.) 150 of 2021).

A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous list was published in the Gazette (G.N. 2087 of 2018), is at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sc14459.doc.htm>.

^{Note 1} 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 (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020

Further to our circular issued on 24 February 2021, an updated list specifying “individuals and entities” under section 33 of the United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Cap. 537CM) was published on the website of the CEDB on 6 April 2021 at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03_CITB_2.0_Policies/CITB_2.0_Policies_Eng/Policies/CAR_List_of_TargetedFinancialSanctions_en.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/2021/sc14485.doc.htm>.

(6) United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019

An updated list of “individuals and entities” was published under section 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CI) on the website of the CEDB on 6 April 2021 at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03_CITB_2.0_Policies/CITB_2.0_Policies_Eng/Policies/List_of_TargetedFinancialSanctions_yemen_en.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/2021/sc14486.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid lists in items (2) 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 United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap.537) 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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