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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Eritrea) (Amendment) Regulation 2013

The United Nations Sanctions (Eritrea) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 (“the Eritrea Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 136 of 2013) on 26 July 2013 with immediate effect.

The Eritrea Amendment Regulation amends the existing Regulation on Eritrea to incorporate decisions of the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) under Resolution 2060. It mainly provides for exceptions to the arms embargo measures against Eritrea.

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) Regulation 2013

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 (“the Somalia Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 137 of 2013) on 26 July 2013 with immediate effect.

The Somalia Amendment Regulation amends the existing Regulation on Somalia to incorporate decisions of the UNSC under Resolution 2093. It mainly provides for additional exceptions to the arms embargo measures against Somalia as well as expands the criteria for designation by the relevant UNSC Sanctions Committee.

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

MSOs are reminded that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing, they should maintain a database of individuals and entities designated under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance, United Nations Sanctions Ordinance and US Executive Order 13224 for client and transaction screening purposes. Furthermore, MSOs 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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