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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 7 April 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 (Cap. 537CB) ^{Note 1} on 18 June 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/sc14555.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 18 June 2021.

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019

Further to our circular issued on 8 April 2020, an updated list specifying “individuals and entities” under section 43 of the United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CF) was published on the website of the CEDB on 30 April 2021 at

https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03_CITB_2.0_Policies/CITB_2.0_Policies_Eng/Policies/libya_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/sc14509.doc.htm>.

(4) United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021

The United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (“Yemen Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 72 of 2021) on 28 May 2021 with immediate effect.

The Yemen Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Yemen as imposed or renewed by the United Nations Security Council under Resolution 2564, which include, inter alia, prohibition against making available to certain persons or entities any funds or other financial assets or economic resources, or dealing with funds or other financial assets or economic resources of certain persons or entities..

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



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The aforesaid list in item (2) and regulation in item (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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