



**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 September 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) on 25 November 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/sc14712.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](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 (“UNATMO”) (Cap. 575)<sup>Note1</sup> in the Gazette on 25 November 2021.

**(3) United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2021**

The United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (“CAR Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 235 of 2021) on 29 October 2021 with immediate effect.

CAR Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Central African Republic as renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2588, 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.

**(4) United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021**

The United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (“South Sudan Amendment Regulation”), made under the UNSO, was published in the Gazette (L.N. 236 of 2021) on 29 October 2021 with immediate effect.

South Sudan Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against South Sudan as renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2577, 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>Note1</sup> 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.



**(5) United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019**

Further to our circular issued on 7 April 2021, 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 11 November 2021.

A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the update since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, is available at

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sc14695.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/List\\_of\\_TargetedFinancialSanctions\\_yemen\\_en.pdf](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).

The regulations in item (3) and (4) and aforesaid list in item (2) 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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