

# Suspicious Transaction Reporting

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### **About JFIU**

- Set up in 1989
- ► Co-staffed by officers of HKPF & C&ED
- Sole agency to manage the suspicious transaction reporting regime
- Financial intelligence exchanges with FIUs and LEAs worldwide
- Member of Egmont Group since 1996
- Establishment of Financial Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (FIIB) in

Q1 2021



## **About JFIU**



#### CHARTER

- Operation analysis of STR
- Global exchange of financial intelligence and information
- Strategic analysis of financial intelligence and other information
- Research on ML/TF trends and typologies
- Operation of the STREAMS
- Support on provisional measures to prevent further dealing of suspicious property
- Staffing of local and international AML/CFT policy matters
- Coordination of AML/CFT training and outreach



## Financial Intelligence and Investigation Bureau

- Establishment of FIIB in June 2021
- Three divisions: Joint Financial Intelligence Unit (JFIU), Financial Investigation

  Division (FID) and Headquarters (HQ)
- Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risk Assessment Unit (RAU) under HQ
- Allow HKPF to achieve more synergies among the existing formations, while elevating the importance and sharpening the focus of AML/CFT work in a manner that is commensurate with Hong Kong's status as an international financial center





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## **Key Legislation**

- Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance(DTROP, Cap. 405) 販毒(追討得益)條例(第405章)
- Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (OSCO, Cap. 455) 有組織及嚴重罪行條例(第455章)
- United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (UNATMO, Cap. 575) 聯合國(反恐怖主義措施)條例(第575章)
- AML & CFT (Financial Institutions) Ordinance (AMLO, Cap. 615) 打擊洗錢及恐怖分子資金籌集(金融機構)條例 (第615章)
- 2018 Amendment of AMLO, Cap. 615 打擊洗錢及恐怖分子資金籌集條例(第615章)的修訂



## Key Legislation (AML)

### Any person

- Knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe
- Any property
- In whole or in part directly or indirectly represents proceeds of drug trafficking / indicatable offence
- Deals with the property

### Maximum Penalty:

- HKD 5 Million fine
- 14 years' imprisonment

S.25 of Cap. 405 DTROP

S.25 of Cap. 455 OSCO



## Key Legislation (CFT)

### Any person shall not

- Provide or collect directly or indirectly
- Any property
- With the intention that the property be used or knowing that the property will be used
- In whole or in part to commit one or more terrorist acts

Maximum Penalty:

- 14 years' imprisonment

S.7 of Cap. 575 UNATMO



## Key Legislation (STR)

### Any person

- Knows or suspects
- Any property represents / was used / is intended to be used in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking or terrorist property
- Should disclose that knowledge or suspicion to an authorized officer (i.e. JFIU)

### Maximum Penalty:

- Level 5 fine (HKD 50,000)
- 3 months' imprisonment

S.25A(1) of Cap. 405 DTROP

S.25A(1) of Cap. 455 OSCO

S.12(1) of Cap. 575 UNATMÓ



## Key Legislation (STR - cont'd)

### Where a person

- Knows or suspects that a disclosure has been made
- The person shall not disclose to another person any matter
- Which is likely to prejudice any investigation which might be conducted following that first-mentioned disclosure

### Maximum Penalty:

- HKD 500,000 fine
- 3 months' imprisonment

S.25A(5) of Cap. 405 DTROP

S.25A(5) of Cap. 455 OSCO

S. 12(5) of Cap. 575 UNATMÓ



## Key Legislation (restriction on revealing disclosure)

No witness in any civil or criminal proceedings shall be obliged -

- To reveal that a disclosure was made under section \$.25
- To reveal the identity of any person as the person making the disclosure
- To answer any question if the answer would lead, or would tend to lead, to the revealing of any fact or matter referred to above



S.26 of Cap. 405 DTROP

S.26 of Cap. 455 OSCO



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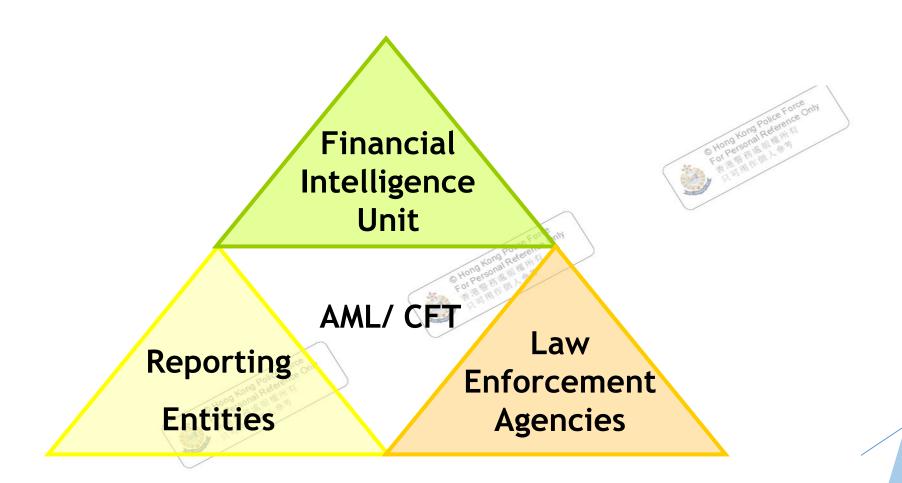
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## **STR Mechanism**





## **STR Mechanism**

← Public-Private Partnership →

Reporting Entities

Financial Institutions & DNFBPs

CDD + KYC

**Record Keeping** 

**Internal Controls** 

STR Filing

Financial Intelligence Unit

**JFIU** 

STR Regime

Intelligence Exchange

International Cooperation

Training & Outreach

Law Enforcement Agencies

e.g. Police, Customs, ICAC

Financial Investigation

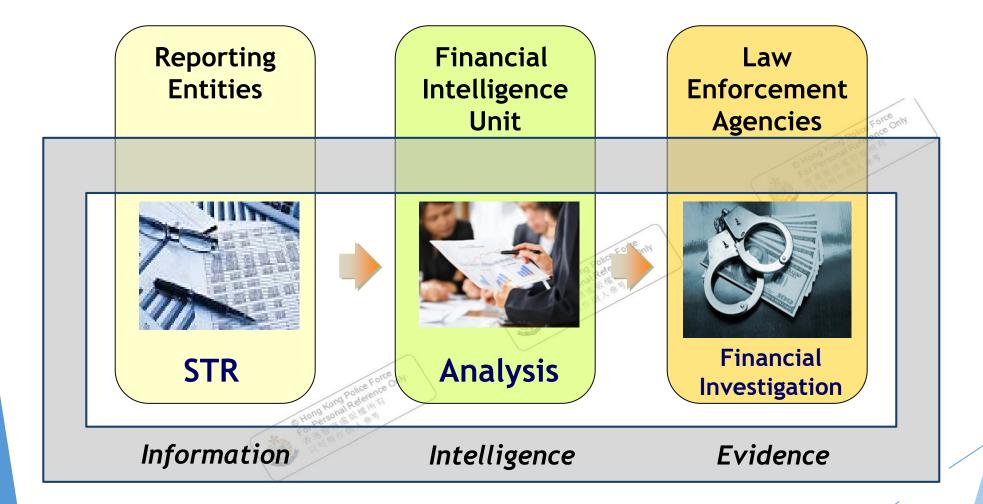
**Asset Tracing** 

Restraint & Confiscation

Mutual Legal Assistance



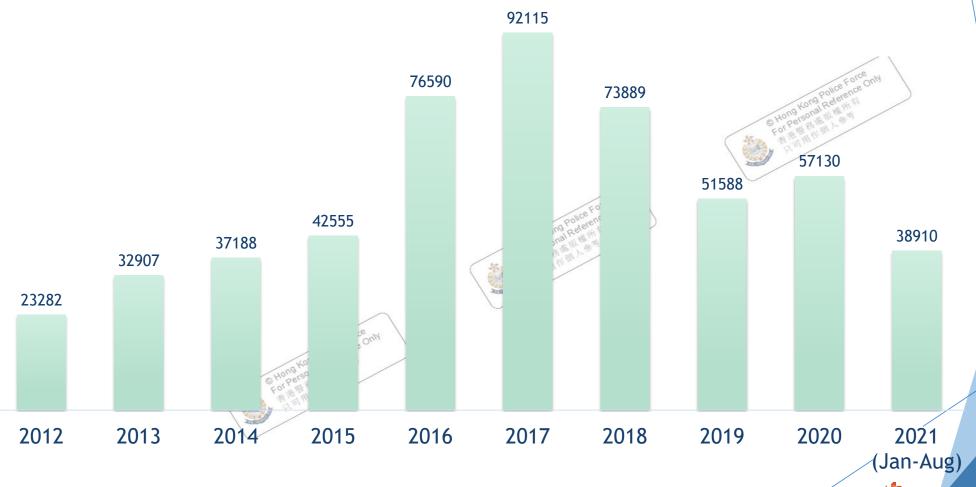
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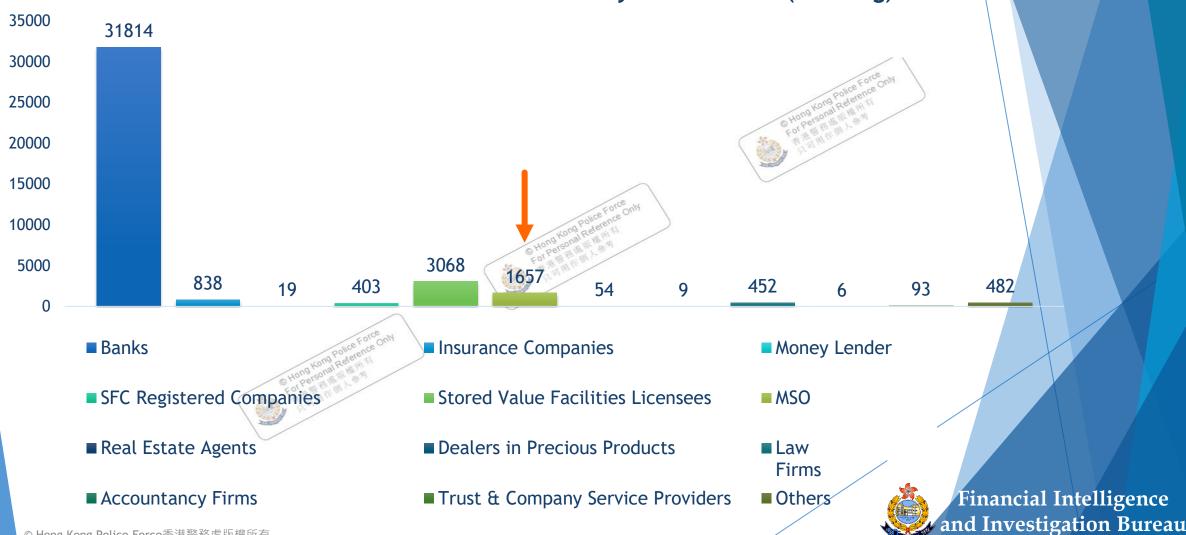
## **STR Statistics**

### Number of STR received between 2012 and 2021



### **STR Statistics**

### Sectoral Breakdown of STRs received by JFIU in 2021 (Jan-Aug)



## **STR Reporting**

#### How to submit an STR?

Suspicious Transaction Report And Management System (STREAMS)

Suspicious transaction reports can be made in one of the following ways:



- · by e-reporting system, STREAMS
- by email to jfiu@police.gov.hk



by fax to: (852) 2529 4013



by mail, addressed to Joint Financial Intelligence Unit, GPO Box 6555 Hong Kong



• by telephone (852) 2866 3366 (for urgent reports during office hours)

If you want to file an STR via STREAMS, you have to complete **the application form** and return to the JFIU either by fax (2529 4013) or email (**jfiu@police.gov.hk**). If you need any further information, please feel free to contact the JFIU.





## 'SAFE' Approach

Screen

Ask

Find

Evaluate

subject entities' background & transactions

appropriate questions to clarify circumstances

relevant records for review

whether suspicion is substantiated



## Recommended Structure of STR

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| Date of Submission:                         |  |  |          |     |  |   |   |   |  |   |      |      |     |    |  |  |
| Acknowledgement Issue Date:                 |  |  |          |     |  |   |   |   |  |   |      |      |     |    |  |  |
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| Reporting Officer ID:                   |                           |             |                             |
| Reporting Officer:                      |                           |             |                             |
| Organization Reference:                 |                           |             |                             |
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| *Reason for Disclosure:                 |                           |             |                             |
| Drug Trafficking (ROP) Ordinance [Cap   | .405]:                    |             |                             |
| Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinan    | ce [Cap. 455]:            |             |                             |
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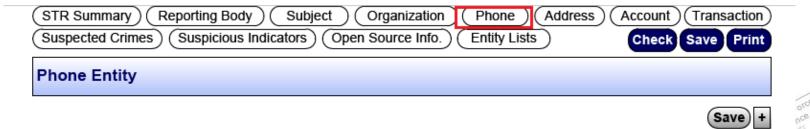
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| Non-Government<br>Organization: | □Yes □No   |       | Charitable Organiz | haritable Organization: |             | □No |  |  |  |
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| Designated Categories of Offences by FATF   | Clear Checkbox   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participation in an Organized Criminal Group and Racketeering Terrorism including Terrorist Financing Trafficking in Human Beings and Migrant Smuggling Sexual Exploitation including Sexual Exploitation of Children Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Illicit Arms Trafficking Illicit Trafficking in Stolen and Other Goods Corruption and Bribery Fraud Email Scam Investment Scam Romance Scam Telephone Deception Others (Please specify) | Counterfeiting Currency Counterfeiting and Piracy of Products Environmental Crime Murder, Grievous Bodily Injury Kidnapping, Illegal Restraint and Hostage-Taking Robbery or Theft Smuggling (including in relation to customs and excise duties and taxes) Tax Crimes (related to direct taxes and indirect taxes) Extortion Forgery Piracy Insider Trading and Market Manipulation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ☐ Money Laundering ☐ Self Laundering ☐ Third-Party Laundering  Additional Information:  | ☐ No Crime Related ☐ Other (Please specify in 'Additional Information')  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Suspicious Indicators (Please put a "✓" in the selected box(es).)   |   |  |  |  |
| Fund Movement Pattern   | Customer Background/Behavior  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Indirect Transaction/ Transaction Intended to Break Audit Trail</li> <li>Uneconomical Transaction/ Transaction with No Business Purpose</li> <li>Temporary Repository of Fund</li> <li>Numerous Transaction Counterparties without Apparent Reasonable Cause</li> <li>Transaction Involving High-Risk Jurisdiction/Region</li> <li>Large Cash Transaction</li> <li>N/A</li> <li>Accounts</li> <li>Shell Company</li> <li>Account Operated/Controlled by Third-Party other than Signatory/Account Holder</li> <li>Non-Resident Personal Account</li> <li>Offshore Company</li> <li>N/A</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>□ Transactions/ Amount Incommensurate with the Background of the Person / Business</li> <li>□ Suspected Money Courier/Unlicensed Money Service Operator</li> <li>□ Politically Exposed Persons (PEP)</li> <li>□ Customer Insisted to Use Less Secured Transactions</li> <li>□ Customer Evasive/Reluctant to Provide Information</li> <li>□ Suspected Counterfeit Document Presented by the Customers</li> <li>□ N/A</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| Others  Casino related Suspicious Transaction Charitable Organization/NPO related Suspicious Tran Others (Please Specify) N/A   | Clear Checkbox  |  |  |  |
| Narrative comment about the questioned transactions:  |   |  |  |  |





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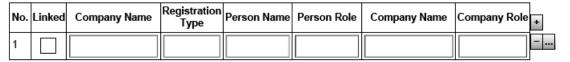




#### Subject List

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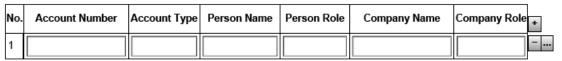
#### **Organization List**



#### Phone List

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#### **Account List**



#### Address List

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- 1) Triggering Factors
- 2) Background of Subject(s)



- 3) Transactions
- 4) Reporting Entity's Enquiries & Open Source Information
- 5) Conclusion & Way Forward



### 1) Triggering Factors

- Involved crimes (fraud/corruption/sanctions/terrorist acts, etc.)
- Warrants/court orders received
- Open source information (news/list of regulatory agencies, etc.)
- ▶ Pattern of suspicious transactions (large transactions/temporary repository of fund, etc.)

### 2) Background of Subject(s)

- Personal: Age, occupation, income, transaction history, etc.
- Corporate: Date of establishment, business nature, expected transaction amount, etc.



### 3) Transactions

- Reviewed period
- ► Fund movement pattern (sudden change?)
- ► Total amount deposited/withdrawn
- Suspicious transactions (Not limited to transactions of large amount/frequent transactions)
- Pattern of suspicious transactions





- 4) Reporting Entities' Enquiries & Open Source Information
  - Suspicious indicators (KYC queries, world check, etc. → not necessary to report all queries carried out)
  - ▶ Links of open source information
- 5) Conclusion & Way Forward)
  - Conclusion of the report
  - ► Follow-up actions (Enhanced CDD measure, End of business relationship, etc.)



## STR Feedback

- Acknowledgement of receipt
- Consent / No Consent / N/A
- Quarterly STR analyses
- Meeting with stakeholders









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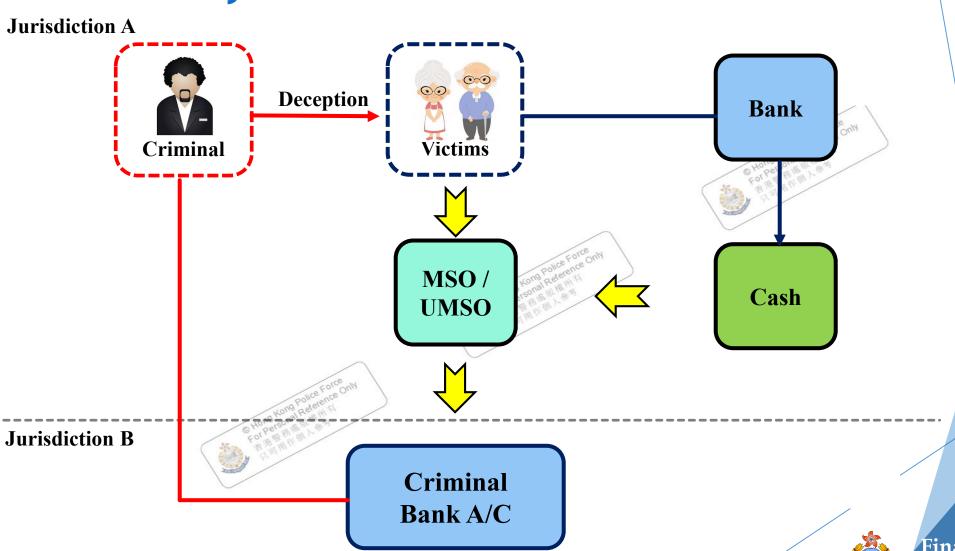


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# **Case Study**





# Thank You!

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Email: jfiu@police.gov.hk



