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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 4 March 2022, 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 8 March 2022. 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/2022/sc14822.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 8 March 2022.

The aforesaid list can be found on the Government’s website at <https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html>.

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019

Pursuant to section 30 of the United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CI), an updated list of “individuals and entities” was published on the website of the CEDB on 3 March 2022 to reflect a decision in Resolution 2624 (2022) adopted by the UNSC on 28 February 2022 (New York Time) ^{Note 2}.

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.

^{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.

^{Note 2} According to paragraph 5 of Resolution 2624 (2022), the UNSC decided that one entity listed in the annex of this resolution shall be subject to the measures imposed by paragraph 14 (viz. targeted arms embargo) of resolution 2216 (2015). Please refer to Resolution 2624 (2022) ([https://undocs.org/S/RES/2624\(2022\)](https://undocs.org/S/RES/2624(2022))) for details.



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