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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2013

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2013 (“Somalia Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537), was published in the Gazette (L.N.165 of 2013) on 25 October 2013 with immediate effect.

The Somalia Amendment Regulation amends existing Regulation on Somalia to incorporate decisions of the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) under Resolution 2111. It mainly modifies the exceptions to the arms embargo measures, the prohibition against the provision of advice, assistance and training, as well as financial sanctions in respect of Somalia.

(2) United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

Further to our circular issued on 8 October 2013, an updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by UNSC was published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (“the UNATMO”) (Cap. 575) in the Gazette on 25 October 2013 (G.N. 6296 of 2013).

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2012

Further to our circular issued on 8 October 2013, an updated list specifying “relevant entities and persons” under section 29 of the United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 537AX) was published in the Gazette on 25 October 2013 (G.N. 6297 of 2013).

(4) United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 22 May 2013, an updated list specifying “relevant entities and persons” under section 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulation (Cap. 537AE) was published in the Gazette on 25 October 2013 (G.N. 6298 of 2013).

(5) United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2011

Further to our circular issued on 8 October 2013, an updated list specifying “relevant entities and persons” under section 38 of the United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2011 (Cap. 537AW) was published in the Gazette on 25 October 2013 (G.N. 6299 of 2013).



(6) United Nations Sanctions (Sudan) Regulation 2013

Further to our circular issued on 8 October 2013, an updated list specifying “relevant persons” under section 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Sudan) Regulation 2013 (Cap. 537BF) was published in the Gazette on 25 October 2013 (G.N. 6300 of 2013).

The aforesaid regulations and lists in items (1) to (6) can be found on the Government’s website (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e>).

(7) US President’s Executive Order 13224

Further to our circular issued on 8 October 2013, this is to inform you that the US Government has updated the list of designated individuals and entities issued under the US President’s Executive Order 13224 (“the Executive Order”). The updated information can be found on the website of the US Treasury (<http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/terror.pdf>)

Money Service Operators (MSOs) should check the names in all of the above lists against their records, and report any transactions or relationships they have or have had with the named persons or entities to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit.

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:

For (1) to (6), MSOs are reminded to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the UNATMO and the Regulations made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance.

For (7), as the designated individuals and entities under the Executive Order may be updated by the US Government from time to time, MSOs are reminded to browse the website of the US Treasury regularly for the latest information.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us on 3759 3755.

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