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

United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2022

The United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2022 (“the Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 192 of 2022) on 14 October 2022 with immediate effect.

The Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Libya as renewed by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) under Resolution 2644, which include, inter alia, prohibition against engaging in any financial transaction related to any petroleum from Libya aboard certain ships.

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

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.

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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