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

United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024

The United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024 ("the DR Congo Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 5 of 2024) on 19 January 2024 with immediate effect.

The DR Congo Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 to give effect to certain decisions on sanctions under the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") Resolutions 2688 in respect of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The amendments renew arms embargo, travel ban and financial sanctions.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government's website at (https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20242803/es2202428035.pdf).

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.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us at 3742 7742.

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