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

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

Further to our circular issued on 20 March 2014, an updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) was published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (“the UNATMO”) (Cap. 575) in the Gazette on 2 May 2014 (G.N. 2517 of 2014). Relevant press releases issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous list was published in the Gazette (G.N. 1184 of 2014).

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2012

Further to our circular issued on 20 March 2014, 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 2 May 2014 (G.N. 2518 of 2014).

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Eritrea) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 9 September 2013, an updated list specifying “relevant entities and persons” under section 32 of the United Nations Sanctions (Eritrea) Regulation (Cap. 537AR) was published in the Gazette on 2 May 2014 (G.N. 2519 of 2014).

(4) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 12 November 2013, an updated list specifying “relevant entities and persons” under section 30 of the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation (Cap. 537AN) was published in the Gazette on 2 May 2014 (G.N. 2520 of 2014).

(5) United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation

The United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation (“the Yemen Regulation”) made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (“UNSO”) (Cap. 537) was published in the Gazette (L.N. 62 of 2014) on 16 May 2014 with immediate effect. The Yemen Regulation implements sanctions against Yemen imposed by the UNSC under Resolution 2140.



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We would like to draw Money Service Operators (“MSOs”) attention to section 2 of the Yemen Regulation which provides for the prohibition against making available any funds or other financial assets or economic resources to certain persons or entities, or dealing with any funds or other financial assets or economic resources of certain persons or entities, except with a licence.

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

MSOs should check the names in 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.

Furthermore, MSOs are reminded to refer to Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that MSOs should take to ensure compliance with the UNATMO and the regulations made under the UNSO.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us on 3759 3742.

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