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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation

Further to the gazettal of the United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation (Cap. 537BH) ("the CAR Regulation") on 11 April 2014, a list specifying "relevant persons" under section 32 of the CAR Regulation was published in the Gazette on 11 July 2014 (G.N. 3922 of 2014).

We would like to draw Money Service Operators ("MSOs") attention to section 5 of the CAR Regulation which provides for the prohibition against making available funds or other financial assets or economic resources to certain persons or entities, or dealing with funds or other financial assets or economic resources of certain persons or entities, except with a licence.

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

(2) US President's Executive Order 13224

Further to our circular issued on 15 July 2014, 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>).

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.

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.

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 regulations made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) and the Executive Order.

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

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