

Circular

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

## **United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2011**

The United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2011 (Amendment) Regulation 2014 ("the Amendment Regulation") made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO") was published in the Gazette (L.N. 143 of 2014) on 28 November 2014 with immediate effect.

The Amendment Regulation amends existing sanctions against Libya to implement decisions of the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") under Resolutions 2146 and 2174.

We would like to draw Money Service Operators' ("MSOs") attention to section 5 of the Amendment Regulation which provides for the prohibition against engaging in financial transactions related to any crude oil from Libya aboard ships designated by the relevant UNSC Sanctions Committee.

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

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 UNSO.

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

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