

Circular

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Circular to Money Service Operators Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorist Financing United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) Regulation 2015

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 ("the Amendment Regulation") made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO") was published in the Gazette (L.N. 10 of 2015) on 16 January 2015 with immediate effect

The Amendment Regulation amends the existing Regulation on Somalia to incorporate decisions of the United Nations Security Council under Resolution 2182. It mainly renews the exceptions to the arms embargo measures, the prohibition against the provision of advice, assistance and training, as well as financial sanctions in respect of Somalia.

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

Furthermore, money Service operators ("MSO") 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 UNSO.

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

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