

Circular

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Circular to Money Service Operators

Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorist Financing

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Notice 2015

This is to inform you that the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury has made the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Notice 2015 ("the Notice"). The Notice was published in the Gazette (L.N. 16 of 2015) on 23 January 2015 and can be found on the Government's website (<u>http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e</u>).

The Notice amends section 18(5) of Schedule 2 to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance ("AMLO") to enable financial institutions to continue relying on certain specified intermediaries to carry out customer due diligence measures until 31 March 2018. Subject to negative vetting by the Legislative Council, the relevant amendments to the AMLO will come into operation on 1 April 2015.

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

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