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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 22 January 2015, 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 27 February 2015 (G.N. 1838 of 2015). Relevant press releases issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous list was published in the Gazette (G.N. 7391 of 2014).

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Eritrea) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 14 November 2014, an updated list specifying “relevant persons and entities” under section 32 of the United Nations Sanctions (Eritrea) Regulation (Cap. 537AR) was published in the Gazette on 27 February 2015 (G.N. 1839 of 2015).

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 14 November 2014, an updated list specifying “relevant persons and entities” under section 30 of the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation (Cap. 537AN) was published in the Gazette on 27 February 2015 (G.N. 1840 of 2015).

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

(4) US President’s Executive Order 13224

Further to our circular issued on 22 January 2015, 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, money service operators (“MSOs”) are reminded to browse the website of the US Treasury regularly for the latest information.



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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 UNATMO, the regulations made under 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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