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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 26 May 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 29 May and 5 June 2015 (G.N. 3664 and 3923 of 2015). Relevant press releases issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous lists were published in the Gazette (G.N. 3269 and 3664 of 2015).

(2) United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation

The United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation ("the South Sudan Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance ("the UNSO") (Cap. 537), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 104 of 2015) on 29 May 2015 with immediate effect.

The South Sudan Regulation implements sanctions against South Sudan imposed by the UNSC under Resolution 2206.

We would like to draw Money Service Operators' ("MSOs") attention to section 2 of the South Sudan Regulation which provides for the prohibition against making available funds or other financial assets or economic resources to relevant persons or entities, or dealing with funds or other financial assets or economic resources of relevant persons or entities, except with a licence.

The aforesaid lists in items (1) and (2) can be found on the Government's website (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e>).

(3) US President's Executive Order 13224

Further to our circular issued on 26 May 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, 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 the UNSO and the Executive Order.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us on 3759 3720.

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