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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 12 October 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 9 October, 23 October and 13 November 2015 (G.N. 7701, 8098 and 8660 of 2015).

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

(2) US President's Executive Order 13224

Further to our circular issued on 12 October 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.

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 and the Executive Order.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us on 3759 3735.

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