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Circular

Circular to Money Service Operators Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing

(1) United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

Further to our circular issued on 18 June 2021, 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 (G.N. (E.) 635 of 2021) on 8 September 2021.

A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the update since the previous list was published in the Gazette, is available at <u>https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sc14622.doc.htm</u>.

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021

The United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 ("Libya Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 111 of 2021) on 9 July 2021 with immediate effect.

The Libya Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Libya as extended by the UNSC under Resolution 2571, which include, inter alia, prohibition against engaging in financial transactions related to any petroleum from Libya aboard ships designated by the relevant UNSC Sanctions Committee.

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

Money Service Operators ("MSOs") are reminded to refer to Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For MSOs) which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that MSOs should take to ensure compliance with the regulations made under the UNSO and the UNATMO.

The Customs and Excise Department expects all new designations to be screened by MSOs against their client lists as soon as practicable whenever there are updates. MSOs are also reminded to report any transactions or relationships they have or have had with any designated person or entity to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us at 2707 7800.

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