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

United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019

Further to our circulars issued on 25 November 2021 and 8 March 2022, two updated lists of "individuals and entities" under sections 30 and 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CI) were published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau ("CEDB") on 28 September 2022. A relevant press release issued by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC"), reflecting the updates since the previous lists were published on the website of the CEDB, are available at

https://press.un.org/en/2022/sc15040.doc.htm.

The aforesaid updated list can be found on the website of the CEDB at

https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03 CITB 2.0 Policies/CITB 2.0 Policies Eng/Policies/List of TargetedArms-Related yemen en.pdf and

https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03 CITB 2.0 Policies/CITB 2.0 Policies Eng/Policies/List of TargetedFinancialSanctions yemen en.pdf.

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 United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap.537).

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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