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Circular

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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 22 December 2021, an updated list of “individuals, groups, undertakings and entities” was published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (“CEDB”) under section 25 of the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation (Cap. 537CB) ^{Note¹} on 30 December 2021. Relevant press releases issued by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”), reflecting the updates since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, are available at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sc14753.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid 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/isil_and_ai-qaida_List_of_TargetedFinancialSanctions_en.pdf.

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020

Further to our circular issued on 7 April 2021, an updated list of “individuals and entities” was published under section 33 of the United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Cap. 537CM) on the website of the CEDB on 22 December 2021 at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03_CITB_2.0_Policies/CITB_2.0_Policies_Eng/Policies/CAR_List_of_TargetedFinancialSanctions_en.pdf.

A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the update since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, is at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sc14749.doc.htm>.

(3) United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021

The United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (“Mali Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (“UNSO”) (Cap. 537), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 238 of 2021) on 26 November 2021 with immediate effect.

The Mali Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Mali renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2590, which include, inter alia, prohibition against making available to certain persons or entities any economic assets, or dealing with economic assets of such persons or entities, except with a licence.

^{Note 1} The updates made to the sanctions lists published under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation are identical.



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The aforesaid regulation in item (3) can be found on the Government's website at <https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html>.

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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