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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019

Further to our circular issued on 29 September 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 6 October 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/sc15051.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.

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019

Further to our circular issued on 8 April 2020, an updated list of “individuals and entities” under section 15 of the United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CL) were published on the website of the CEDB on 6 October 2022. A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the update since the previous lists were published on the website of the CEDB, are available at <https://press.un.org/en/2022/sc15053.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/mali_List_of_TargetedFinancialSanctions_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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