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**Circular to Money Service Operators**  
**Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing**  
**Early Alert on United Nations Sanctions**

The sanctions committee of the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) which administers the sanctions regime for the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida amended the entries of four individuals and one entity on its sanctions list <sup>Note 1</sup> on 14 November 2023. Please refer to the relevant press release issued by the UNSC available at <https://press.un.org/en/2023/sg15492.doc.htm>.

Money Service Operators (“MSOs”) should update their screening databases with the above changes made by the UNSC sanctions committees for sanctions screening of customers and payments. MSOs are reminded to refer to the circular on United Nations Sanctions issued by the Customs and Excise Department (“C&ED”) on 7 February 2018 <sup>Note 2</sup> which sets out C&ED’s expectations on actions that MSOs should take regarding sanctions imposed by the UNSC.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us at 3742 7742.

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<sup>Note 1</sup> An updated list specifying “individuals, groups, undertakings and entities” under section 25 of the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation (Cap. 537CB), which reflects the amendments by the sanctions committee of the UNSC, will be published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau at <https://www.cedb.gov.hk/en/policies/united-nations-security-council-sanctions.html>.

<sup>Note 2</sup> The circular on United Nations Sanctions can be accessed on the MSSB’s website at [https://eservices.customs.gov.hk/MSOS/common/circulars?request\\_locale=en](https://eservices.customs.gov.hk/MSOS/common/circulars?request_locale=en).