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

**United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020
(Amendment) Regulation 2023**

The United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2023 (“the CAR Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 165 of 2023) on 15 December 2023 with immediate effect.

The CAR Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 to give effect to certain decisions relating to sanctions in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2664 and 2693 in respect of the Central African Republic. The amendments renew the financial sanctions, travel ban and arms-related sanctions, and reflect the latest exemption arrangements in respect of an asset freeze and arms-related sanctions.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government’s website at (<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20232750/es220232750165.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 UNSO.

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

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