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Circular

**Circular to Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones
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>.

Dealers in precious metals and stones are reminded to comply with the regulations made under the UNSO. Category B registrants (“CBRs”) are further reminded to refer to Chapters 6 & 7 of the “Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For Category B Registrants Dealing in Precious Metals and Stones)” which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that CBRs should take to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements.

Should you have any queries, please contact us at 3580 1484.

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