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Customs and Excise Department

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Circular

**Circular to Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones
Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing**

United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (“the Somalia Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 97 of 2024) on 14 June 2024 with immediate effect.

The Somalia Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 to give effect to certain decisions on sanctions in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2713 and 2714 in respect of Somalia. The amendments mainly relate to prohibition against the supply, sale, transfer or carriage of weapons, ammunition or military equipment to Somalia or to certain persons; prohibition against the provision of technical assistance or training or financial or other assistance to certain persons; and certain exemption arrangements in respect of arms embargo, improvised explosive devices (IED) components ban and provision of IED technology.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government’s website at -
<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/file.php?year=2024&vol=28&no=24&extra=0&type=2&number=97>.

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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