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Circular

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

United Nations Sanctions (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action-Iran) (Amendment) Regulation 2024

The United Nations Sanctions (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action-Iran) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (the Amendment Regulation), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 107 of 2024) on 28 June 2024 with immediate effect.

The Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action-Iran) Regulation (Cap.537BV) to reflect the expiry of certain restrictive measures imposed against Iran under United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231.

The expired measures mainly relate to prohibition against:

- the supply, sale, transfer or carriage of certain items to/from Iran;
- the provision of certain training, services or assistance related to conventional arms;
- the provision or transfer of certain technology, assistance, training, services or resources related to ballistic missiles;
- making available to, or for the benefit of, certain persons or entities any funds or other financial assets or economic resources ("economic assets");
- dealing with economic assets belonging to, or owned or controlled by, certain persons or entities;
- the sale and acquisition of interest in certain commercial activities; and
- entry into or transit through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by certain persons.

The Amendment 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=26&extra=0&type=2&number=107).

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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