

DPSB/SR/2024/14 28 June 2024 Circular

## **Circular to Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones 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 to reflect the expiry of certain restrictive measures imposed against Iran under the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) 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 - <a href="https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/file.php?year=2024&vol=28&no=26&extra=0&type=2&number=107">https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/file.php?year=2024&vol=28&no=26&extra=0&type=2&number=107</a>.

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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