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

United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019

Further to our circulars issued on 7 October 2022 and 28 March 2024, two updated lists of "individuals and entities" under sections 30 and 31 of the United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CI) were published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau ("CEDB") on 1 August 2024. A relevant press release issued by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC"), reflecting the updates since the previous lists were published on the website of the CEDB, is available at https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15781.doc.htm.

The aforesaid updated list can be found on the website of the CEDB at https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03 CITB 2.0 Policies/CITB 2.0 Policies En g/Policies/20240731%20Yemen%20-%20List%20s30%20(Eng).pdf and https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/citb/03 CITB 2.0 Policies/CITB 2.0 Policies En g/Policies/20240731%20Yemen%20-%20List%20s31%20(Eng).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 United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap.537).

The Customs and Excise Department expects all new designations to be screened by MSOs against their client lists as soon as practicable whenever there are updates. MSOs are also reminded to report any transactions or relationships they have or have had with any designated person or entity to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit.

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

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