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

**United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment)
Regulation 2025**

The United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2025 (“the CAR Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 32 of 2025) on 21 February 2025 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 (UNSC) Resolution 2745 in respect of the Central African Republic. The amendments renew the travel ban and financial sanctions, and amend the time-limited arms-related sanctions measures.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government’s website at (<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/file.php?year=2025&vol=29&no=8&extra=0&type=2&number=32>).

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.

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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