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Circular to Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones 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 Resolution 2745 in respect of 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 – <u>https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/file.php?year=2025&vol=29&no=8&extra=0</u> <u>&type=2&number=32</u>.

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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