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

United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation (Amendment) Regulation 2025

The United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation (Amendment) Regulation 2025 ("the Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 76 of 2025) on 9 May 2025 with immediate effect.

The Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation to give effect to certain decisions on sanctions under the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2752 in respect of Haiti. The amendments renew the travel ban, financial sanctions and arms embargo, revise the scope of arms embargo, and reflect the new exemption requirements relating to arms embargo.

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=19&extra=0&type=2&number=76).

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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