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Circular

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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2022

Further to our circular issued on 19 April 2022, an updated list of “individuals, groups, undertakings and entities” was published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (“CEDB”) under section 25 of the United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2022 (Cap. 537CN) ^{Note1} on 12 March 2026. A relevant press release issued by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”), reflecting the updates since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, is available at:

<https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16313.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid list can be found on the website of the CEDB at:

<https://www.cedb.gov.hk/en/policies/united-nations-security-council-sanctions.html>.

(2) United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

Further to our circular issued on 2 March 2026, an updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by the UNSC will be published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (“the UNATMO”) (Cap. 575) ^{Note1} in the Gazette.

The aforesaid list can be found on the Government’s website at <https://egazette.gld.gov.hk/en>.

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) and the UNATMO.

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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^{Note 1} The updates made to the sanctions lists published under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and the United Nations Sanctions (Afghanistan) Regulation 2022 are identical.