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

United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026 (“the Somalia Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 45 of 2026) on 30 April 2026 with immediate effect.

The Somalia Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 to give effect to certain decisions relating to sanctions in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2806 in respect of Somalia. The amendments mainly relate to the requirements of the licences for the supply, sale, transfer or carriage of weapons, ammunition or military equipment to Somalia or to certain persons.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government’s website at [\(https://egazette.gld.gov.hk/\)](https://egazette.gld.gov.hk/).

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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