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Circular to Money Service Operators

Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing

United Nations Security Council

Resolution 2825 (2026)

We would like to draw the attention of Money Service Operators ("MSOs") that on 29 June 2026 the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") renewed its sanctions regime on the Democratic Republic of the Congo until 1 July 2027 by adopting resolution 2825 (2026). For details, please refer to https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16403.doc.htm.

In accordance with the requirements set out in the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism, MSOs should establish and maintain effective policies, procedures and controls to ensure compliance with the relevant regulations and legislation. To this end, MSOs should maintain a database of individuals and entities designated under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and United Nations Sanctions Ordinance for customer and transaction screening purposes. MSOs are reminded to refer to the circular on United Nations Sanctions issued on 7 February 2018 which sets out the expectations on actions that MSOs should take regarding sanctions imposed by the UNSC. In particular, MSOs should ensure that countries, individuals, entities and activities included in UNSC sanctions resolutions and sanctions lists are included in their sanctions screening databases as soon as practicable after they are promulgated by the UNSC and regardless of whether the relevant sanctions have been implemented by legislation in Hong Kong. If MSOs identify any transactions or relationships, past or present, with any designated individual or entity, they should report these transactions or relationships 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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