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Circular

Circular to Money Service Operators

Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing

We would like to draw the attention of Money Service Operators ("MSOs") to the following resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") on 30 October 2026:

(1) United Nations Security Council Resolution 2833 (2026)

The UNSC adopted resolution 2833 (2026) to extend the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia until 31 October 2027. For details, please refer to https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16495.doc.htm.

(2) United Nations Security Council Resolution 2834 (2026)

The UNSC adopted resolution 2834 (2026) to renew the authorization of the European Union-led multinational stabilization force (EUFOR-Althea) in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 12 months. For details, please refer to https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16496.doc.htm-0.

(3) United Nations Security Council Resolution 2835 (2026)

The UNSC adopted resolution 2835 (2026) to extend the mandate of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) for one year until 31 October 2027. For details, please refer to https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16497.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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