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Circular to Money Service Operators

Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026

The United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026 ("the Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 146 of 2026) on 6 November 2026 with immediate effect.

The Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Libya as renewed by the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") under Resolution 2819 in respect of preventing illicit petroleum exports from Libya, and reflect the latest exemption arrangements and scope of individuals and entities in respect of travel ban and asset freeze.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government's website at https://egazette.gld.gov.hk/pdf?type=es2&year=2026&volume=30&gno=45&notice_no=146&extra=0.

(2) The United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026

The United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026 ("the DR Congo Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 145 of 2026) on 6 November 2026 with immediate effect.

The DR Congo Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 to give effect to certain decisions relating to sanctions in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2825 in respect of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The amendments renew the arms embargo, travel ban and financial sanctions.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government's website at https://egazette.gld.gov.hk/pdf?type=es2&year=2026&volume=30&gno=45&notice_no=145&extra=0.

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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