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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2022

The United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2020 (Amendment) Regulation 2022 (“the CAR Amendment Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 236 of 2022) on 23 December 2022 with immediate effect.

The CAR Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against the Central African Republic as renewed by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) under Resolution 2648, which include, inter alia, prohibition against making available to, or for the benefit of, certain persons or entities any funds or other financial assets or economic resources, or dealing with funds or other financial assets or economic resources belonging to, or owned or controlled by, certain persons or entities, except with a licence.

(2) United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2022

The United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2022 (“the Mali Amendment Regulation”), made under the UNSO, was published in the Gazette (L.N. 237 of 2022) on 23 December 2022 with immediate effect.

The Mali Amendment Regulation implements sanctions against Mali as renewed by the UNSC under Resolution 2649, which include, inter alia, prohibition against making available to, or for the benefit of, certain persons or entities any funds or other financial assets or economic resources, or dealing with funds or other financial assets or economic resources belonging to, or owned or controlled by, certain person or entities, except with a licence.

The aforesaid regulations can be found on the Government’s website at (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e>).

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.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact us at 3742 7761.

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