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**Circular**

6 March 2023

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

**(1) United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation**

The United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation (Cap. 537CO) (“the Haiti Regulation”), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (“UNSO”), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 21 of 2023) on 3 March 2023 with immediate effect.

The Haiti Regulation implements sanctions against Haiti as imposed by the United Nations Security Council (“UNSC”) under Resolution 2653, as modified by Resolution 2664, 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.

Two lists of "individuals and entities" were published under sections 26 and 27 of the Haiti Regulation on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (“CEDB”) on 3 March 2023.

The aforesaid list can be found on the website of the CEDB at <https://www.cedb.gov.hk/en/policies/united-nations-security-council-sanctions.html>.

**(2) United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2023**

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2023 (“the Somalia Amendment Regulation”), made under the UNSO, was published in the Gazette (L.N. 22 of 2023) on 3 March 2023 with immediate effect.

The Somalia Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CG) to give effect to certain decisions on sanctions under UNSC Resolution 2662, as modified by Resolution 2664. The amendments mainly relate to prohibition against the provision of the technology required for the production or use of certain improvised explosive devices components; prohibition against the entry into or transit through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by certain persons; and certain exemption arrangements in respect of arms embargo and asset freeze.



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**(3) United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of Congo) Regulation 2019**

Further to our circular issued on 22 February 2021, an updated list of “individuals and entities” under section 29 of the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Cap. 537CJ) was published on the website of the CEDB on 3 March 2023. A relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the update since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, is available at <https://www.un.org/press/en/2023/sc15217.doc.htm>.

The aforesaid updated list can be found on the website of the CEDB at [https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/cedb/policies/sanctions/DR\\_Congo\\_List\\_\(Eng\).pdf](https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/cedb/policies/sanctions/DR_Congo_List_(Eng).pdf).

The aforesaid regulations in items (1) to (2) can be found on the Government’s website at <https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html>.

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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