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Circular to Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Terrorist Financing

United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation (Amendment) Regulation 2024

The United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation (Amendment) Regulation 2024 ("the Haiti Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 24 of 2024) on 23 February 2024 with immediate effect.

The Haiti Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Haiti) Regulation to give effect to certain decisions on sanctions under the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") Resolutions 2700 in respect of Haiti. The amendments renew the travel ban, financial sanctions and arms embargo, revise the scope of arms embargo, and reflect the new exemption requirements relating to arms embargo.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government's website at - https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20242808/es22024280824.pdf.

Dealers in precious metals and stones are reminded to comply with the regulations made under the UNSO. Category B registrants ("CBRs") are further reminded to refer to Chapters 6 & 7 of the "Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For Category B Registrants Dealing in Precious Metals and Stones)" which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that CBRs should take to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements.

Should you have any queries, please contact us at 3580 1484.

Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Supervision Bureau Customs and Excise Department