

DPSB/SR/2024/11 26 April 2024 Circular

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

(1) United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation

Further to our circular issued on 9 February 2024, an updated list of "individuals, groups, undertakings and entities" was published on the website of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau ("CEDB") under section 25 of the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation (Cap. 537CB) Note 1 on 26 April 2024.

Relevant press release issued by the UNSC, reflecting the updates since the previous list was published on the website of the CEDB, is available at – https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15682.doc.htm.

The aforesaid list can be found on the website of the CEDB at - https://www.cedb.gov.hk/assets/document/cedb/policies/sanctions/20240425-%20ISIL%20and%20Al-Qaida%20-List%20(Eng).pdf.

(2) United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

An updated list specifying terrorists and terrorist associates designated by the UNSC will be published under section 4 of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance ("UNATMO") (Cap. 575) Note 1 in the Gazette.

The aforesaid list can be found on the Government's website at - https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html.

Dealers in precious metals and stones are reminded to report any transactions or relationships they have with any designated person or entity to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit. 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

Note 1 The updates made to the sanctions lists published under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and the United Nations Sanctions (ISIL and Al-Qaida) Regulation are identical.