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

United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2023

The United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2023 ("South Sudan Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 124 of 2023) on 29 September 2023 with immediate effect.

The South Sudan Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulation 2019 to give effect to certain decisions relating to sanctions in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2664 and 2683 in respect of South Sudan, which include, the renewal of the financial sanctions, travel ban and arms embargo, and to reflect the latest exemption arrangements in respect of asset freeze and arms embargo.

The South Sudan Amendment Regulation can be found on the Government's website at <u>https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20232739/es220232739124.pdf</u>.

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