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

United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024

The United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024 ("the DR Congo Amendment Regulation"), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO"), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 5 of 2024) on 19 January 2024 with immediate effect.

The DR Congo Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 to give effect to certain decisions on sanctions under the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") Resolutions 2688 in respect of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The amendments renew arms embargo, travel ban and financial sanctions.

The aforesaid regulation can be found on the Government's website at - https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20242803/es2202428035.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.

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