

INSURANCE COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS



NOTICE

To: All Registered Long-term Insurers

Date: April 17, 2020

Re: United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Sanctions Listing Pursuant to the International Obligations (Economic and Ancillary Measures) Amendment Act, 2019

Pursuant to sections 6(3)(b) and (d) of the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2018, the Identified Risk Framework (IRF) Steering Committee is required to maintain surveillance of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) pronouncements regarding country risk application of enhanced due diligence (EDD) and advise financial institutions of obligations to apply EDD to transactions emanating from jurisdictions or foreign financial institutions named by the IRF Steering Committee and the FATF. In this regard, the National IRF Coordinator has requested that the Insurance Commission of The Bahamas (“the Commission”) circulate the following Notice to all licensees.

Licensees are advised that the FATF’s public statement dated February 21, 2020 identified the country of **Iran** as a High-Risk jurisdiction that has significant strategic deficiencies in its regime to counter money laundering, terrorist financing and financing of proliferation. In this regard, the IRF Steering Committee requires financial institutions to apply countermeasures in accordance with FATF Recommendation 19 and take appropriate risk-based measures to protect the integrity of the financial sector from these threats.

Licensees should conduct immediate searches to their database and register of beneficial owners in relation to the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)** any of the individuals or entities listed in the UN Security Council 1718 Sanctions List. Companies must determine whether there is any new information regarding the individuals or entities on the sanctions list and report any “HITS” to the Financial Intelligence Unit immediately, as well as the Commission.

The UN Security Council (UNSC) is calling for any updates (new information) regarding the individuals and/or entities in the 1718 Sanctions List. The List is accessible via the Committee’s website: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1718/materials>.

Accordingly, we are requesting submissions to the NIRFC of any new information regarding 'Hits' or STRs, relevant new information discovered by licensees or registrants by the end of business April 21, 2020. All agencies are hereby required to advise the NIRFC of findings - 'Hits' or Nil reports.

As a reminder, licensees are required to maintain and keep accurate records to assist them in completing the annual Declarations at the end of the year. The declaration should be submitted to the Commission annually on or before December 31. All annual declarations should be addressed to the Policies and Practices Unit and can be forwarded via email to policies@icb.gov.bs.

A copy of the UN Security Council Resolution can be found on the Commission's website under the Legal Tab within Alerts and Warnings (www.icb.gov.bs). Companies are also required to notify the Commission in writing immediately if any of the listed individuals, groups or entities appear in their records, including nil results.

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