

INSURANCE COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS



NOTICE

To: All Long-term and General Insurers

Date: December 20, 2022

Re: Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Public Statement on High-Risk Jurisdictions – Iran, Myanmar and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (Iran, Myanmar and DPRK) Pursuant to the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2018

Pursuant to sections 6(3)(b) and 6(3)(d) of the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2018, the National Identified Risk Framework Coordinator has requested that the Insurance Commission of The Bahamas (“the Commission”) circulate the following Notice regarding the Public Statements issued by the Financial Action Task Force in October 2022 in relation to Iran, Myanmar and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea which have been identified as high-risk jurisdictions with strategic deficiencies.

Licensees are advised to refer to the statement on these jurisdictions adopted in February 2020. While the statement may not necessarily reflect the most recent status of Iran, Myanmar and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s AML/CFT regimes, the FATF’s call for action on these high-risk jurisdictions remains in effect.

High-risk jurisdictions have significant strategic deficiencies in their regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing. In this regard, Licensees are asked to apply enhanced due diligence, and counter measures to protect its financial system from the ongoing money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing (ML/TF/PF) risks emanating from these countries.

In so doing, Licensees should consider the ML/TF/PF risk associated with these jurisdictions when maintaining business relationships and conducting transactions with the listed jurisdictions including individuals, companies, financial institutions, and those acting on their behalf. In that regard, when conducting their risk analysis, Licensees should refer to the information on these jurisdictions which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/high-risk-and-other-monitored-jurisdictions/documents/call-for-action-october-2022.html>

Companies must report to the Commission, in writing, that in the performance of their risk analysis, they have taken into consideration all ML/TF/PF risks associated with the jurisdictions listed in the above Public Statements.

A copy of the Notice regarding the Call For Action on High-Risk Jurisdictions can also be found on the Commission’s website under Announcements and Notices (Alerts).

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