

**COMMISSION de SURVEILLANCE
du SECTEUR FINANCIER**

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To all the persons and undertakings
supervised by the CSSF

CIRCULAR CSSF 15/623

- Re:** **FATF statements concerning**
- 1) jurisdictions whose anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism regime has substantial and strategic deficiencies;**
 - 2) jurisdictions not making sufficient progress;**
 - 3) jurisdictions whose anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism regime is not satisfactory.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Financial Action Task Force ("FATF") Plenary of October 2015 issued statements on the following topics:

- 1) Jurisdictions whose anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism ("AML/CFT") regime has substantial and strategic deficiencies and that are subject to an FATF call on its members and other jurisdictions to apply counter-measures

The FATF maintains its position that the AML/CFT regimes of **Iran** and the **Democratic People's Republic of Korea** ("DPRK") continue to have substantial and strategic deficiencies and maintains the application of counter-measures against Iran and the DPRK.

We therefore require you to take into account the risks arising from the deficiencies of the AML/CFT regimes of Iran and the DPRK and to give special attention to business relationships and transactions with these two jurisdictions, including companies and financial institutions from these jurisdictions.

We require you to apply in these cases, as well as in correspondent banking relationships, enhanced due diligence and monitoring measures in order to avoid these business relationships being used to bypass or evade the application of enhanced measures and counter-measures.

Moreover, we invite you to reinforce the mechanisms for reporting to the Financial Intelligence Unit ("FIU") of the State Prosecutor's office of the Luxembourg district court.

As regards Iran, if it does not take concrete steps to continue to improve its AML/CFT regime, the FATF will consider calling its members and urging all jurisdictions to strengthen counter-measures at the next plenary in February 2016.

2) Jurisdictions not making sufficient progress

This list concerns the jurisdictions with strategic AML/CFT deficiencies and that have not made sufficient progress in addressing the deficiencies or have not committed to an action plan developed with the FATF to address the deficiencies. The list includes the following jurisdiction:

Myanmar/Burma.

We invite you to consider the deficiencies identified by the FATF in its statements as regards the regime of this jurisdiction and the risks arising from these deficiencies for your business relationships and transactions with this jurisdiction.

In light of the efforts made by **Algeria**, this jurisdiction is henceforth monitored in the framework of the jurisdictions whose AML/CFT regime is not satisfactory (cf. list under 3) below).

3) Jurisdictions whose anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism regime is not satisfactory

The following jurisdictions have strategic AML/CFT deficiencies for which they have developed an action plan with the FATF to address the deficiencies:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guyana, Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Syria, Uganda and Yemen.

Therefore, we invite you to consider, where appropriate, the deficiencies identified by the FATF in its statements and the risks arising from them for your business relationships and transactions with these jurisdictions.

As regards Lao People's Democratic Republic, the FATF considers identifying it as a jurisdiction whose progress regarding AML/CFT is not sufficient (list under point 2) above) if it does not take efficient measures to address its deficiencies until the next FATF Plenary in February 2016.

Please note also that, following the substantial efforts made by **Ecuador and Sudan**, these jurisdictions are no longer subject to the FATF's monitoring process but will continue working with the relevant FATF-style regional bodies.

Please refer to the FATF's full decisions and statements at the following addresses:

- <http://www.fatf-gafi.org/documents/documents/public-statement-october-2015.html>
- <http://www.fatf-gafi.org/documents/documents/fatf-compliance-october-2015.html>

This circular repeals Circular CSSF 15/616 of 2 July 2015.

Yours faithfully,

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