

30 April 2026

Circular to Licensed Corporations, SFC-licensed Virtual Asset Service

Providers and Associated Entities

Anti-Money Laundering / Counter-Financing of Terrorism

United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment)

Regulation 2026

The United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026 (the Somalia Amendment Regulation), made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) (UNSO), was published in the Gazette (L.N. 45 of 2026) on 30 April 2026 with immediate effect.

The Somalia Amendment Regulation amends the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation 2019 to give effect to certain decisions relating to sanctions in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2806 in respect of Somalia. The amendments mainly relate to the requirements of the licences for the supply, sale, transfer or carriage of weapons, ammunition or military equipment to Somalia or to certain persons.

The legal notice obtained from the Government's website is accessible through the link below (<https://www.sfc.hk/-/media/EN/files/IS/AML/es22026301845>).

Licensed corporations, SFC-licensed virtual asset service providers and associated entities are reminded to refer to Chapter 6 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For Licensed Corporations and SFC-licensed Virtual Asset Service Providers) (AML/CFT Guideline) which contains guidance on the appropriate measures that licensed corporations, SFC-licensed virtual asset service providers and associated entities should take to ensure compliance with the regulations made under the UNSO¹.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact Ms Kiki Wong at 2231 1569 who will assist in referring your queries to the relevant officer.

Intermediaries Division
Securities and Futures Commission

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¹ Under paragraph 6 of the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Guideline issued by the Securities and Futures Commission for Associated Entities of Licensed Corporations and SFC-licensed Virtual Asset Service Providers, associated entities that are not authorized financial institutions are expected to have regard to the provisions of the AML/CFT Guideline as if they were themselves licensed corporations and/or SFC-licensed virtual asset service providers.