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To : CEOs/ General Managers/ Managing Directors of all Financial Institutions

Certification of Database Screening Against Sanctioned Individuals/Entities

In line with the regulatory requirements relating to Anti-Money Laundering, Countering the Financing of Terrorism and Counter Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF), all Financial Institutions (FIs) are required to verify customers against list of designated persons or entities issued under United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968, at the time of establishing business relationships and immediately when any designated lists are updated.

In addition to the above, as an extra precautionary measure to ensure the effectiveness and completeness of the screening process, all FIs are hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive screening of their entire database, including both active and inactive records, on quarterly basis, to ensure that no business relationship is held by or linked to any of the entities or individuals designated under the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs).

Accordingly, all FIs are required to undertake the following actions.

1. Screening and verification of databases against sanction lists:

- **Screening of entire database:** This includes customer records, beneficial owners, authorized signatories, directors and shareholders, transaction histories, including active and inactive accounts.
- **Verification against updated sanction lists:** Screening must be conducted against the most up-to-date designated lists pursuant to the following UNSCRs issued under the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968, with respect to targeted financial sanctions related to terrorism and terrorist financing and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and its financing:
 - i. United Nations Regulations No. 01 of 2012 (UNSCR 1373)
 - ii. United Nations Regulations No. 02 of 2012 (UNSCR 1267)
 - iii. United Nations (Sanctions in relation to Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulations of 2017 (UNSCR 1718)
 - iv. United Nations (Sanctions in relation to Iran) Regulations No. 1 of 2018 (UNSCR 1737)

2. Providing a formal declaration to the Director, Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), at the first instance, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors (BOD), confirming the followings:

- The screening of the entire database has been completed as at May 29, 2026; and
- The BOD is satisfied of the screening process followed to be comprehensive and that no sanctioned individual/entity has been identified in the FIs' active and inactive customer databases.

The above declaration must be submitted to the Director, FIU and the relevant sector regulator on or before **June 30, 2026**. Further, FIs shall conduct such screening on a quarterly basis thereafter and maintain records on the screening results and actions taken, which shall be made available to the FIU or the sector regulator as and when required.

You may contact FIU for any clarifications in this regard, on 0112477509.

Yours sincerely,



**Director
Financial Intelligence Unit**

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1. Director, Bank Supervision Department of Central Bank of Sri Lanka
2. Director, Department of Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions of Central Bank of Sri Lanka
3. Director, Payment and Settlement Department of Central Bank of Sri Lanka
4. Director, Department of Foreign Exchange of Central Bank of Sri Lanka
5. Director General, Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka
6. Director General, Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka
7. Compliance Officers, all Financial Institutions