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The Chief Executive
All Stored Value Facility Licensees

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Statements issued by the Financial Action Task Force**

I am writing to inform you that on 19 October 2018 the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) published two updated statements identifying jurisdictions that pose a risk to the international financial system and also to draw your attention to a number of outcomes from the FATF Plenary meeting held on 17-19 October 2018.

**FATF Public Statement**


\(^{1}\) Jurisdiction subject to a FATF call on its members and other jurisdictions to apply counter-measures

**Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)**

The FATF remains concerned by the DPRK’s failure to address the significant deficiencies in its AML/CFT regime and the threat posed by the DPRK’s illicit activities related to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and its financing.

Stored value facility (SVF) licensees should give special attention to business relationships and transactions associated with the DPRK, including DPRK

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\(^{1}\) SVF licensees are reminded of the requirements set out in paragraph 4.13 of the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For Stored Value Facility Licensees).
companies, financial institutions and those acting on their behalf, and subject them to increased scrutiny and enhanced due diligence.

(2) Jurisdiction subject to a FATF call on its members and other jurisdictions to apply enhanced due diligence measures

**Iran**

The FATF decided to continue the suspension of counter-measures while expressing disappointment that the majority of the Action Plan remains outstanding, and expected Iran to proceed swiftly to address all the remaining items. The FATF remains concerned with the terrorist financing risk emanating from Iran and the threat it poses to the international financial system.

SVF licensees should therefore continue to apply enhanced due diligence, including obtaining information on the reasons for intended transactions, proportionate to the risks, to business relationships and transactions with natural and legal persons from Iran.

**Improving Global AML/CFT Compliance: On-going Process**

The FATF has also issued an updated statement on jurisdictions that have strategic AML/CFT deficiencies but have developed an action plan and provided a written high level political commitment to address the identified deficiencies. The statement can be found at: [http://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/high-riskandnon-cooperativejurisdictions/documents/fatf-compliance-october-2018.html](http://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/high-riskandnon-cooperativejurisdictions/documents/fatf-compliance-october-2018.html).

**Other Outcomes from the FATF Plenary, Paris, 17-19 October 2018**


Yours faithfully,

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