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Subject:

Requirement to Apply a Risk Based Approach

- 1. The Money Laundering & Financing of Terrorism Guidelines (MLFTG), Part II, section 1.3 requires financial institutions to apply a Risk Based Approach (RBA) in dealing with threats explicitly related to the financing of terrorism, and implicitly related to money laundering.
- 2. The Supervisory Authority has on the date of this Directive issued an update to Part I of the MLFTG to make explicit the requirement that a Risk Based Approach is to be applied to dealing with threats of money laundering, terrorism financing and the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- 3. Financial institutions are therefore required to review any existing RBA strategies for AML/CFT that presently exist, and where necessary, make appropriate changes so that their RBA is compliant with the requirements of the newly issued guidelines.
- 4. Financial institutions that have not previously implemented their RBA for purposes of money laundering are required to do so forthwith.
- 5. Financial institutions that have implemented the RBA requirements of Part II, section

1.3 should review those controls and procedures to ensure that they are appropriately updated and sufficiently robust.

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