ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING (AML) / COUNTER-FINANCING OF TERRORISM (CFT) – Be Our Gatekeepers

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AGENDA

- 1. Standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
 - 40 Recommendations
 - Major requirements to Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs)
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 Standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) - 40 Recommendations

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

an inter-governmental body established to set standards and promote effective implementation of measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.



 Standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) - 40 Recommendations

FATF MEMBERS

Argentina	Finland	Italy	Russian Federation
Australia	France	Japan	Singapore
Austria	Germany	Kingdom of the Netherlands	South Africa
Belgium	Greece	Luxembourg	Spain
Brazil	Gulf Co-operation Council	Mexico	Sweden
Canada	Hong Kong, China (since 1991)	New Zealand	Switzerland
China (since 2007)	Iceland	Norway	Turkey
Denmark	India	Portugal	United Kingdom
uropean Commission	Ireland	Republic of Korea	United States

(As of October 2014)

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- 40 Recommendations

THE FATF REQUIREMENTS



INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING AND THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM & PROLIFERATION

The FATF Recommendations

40 Recommendations

(Feb 2012)

February 2012

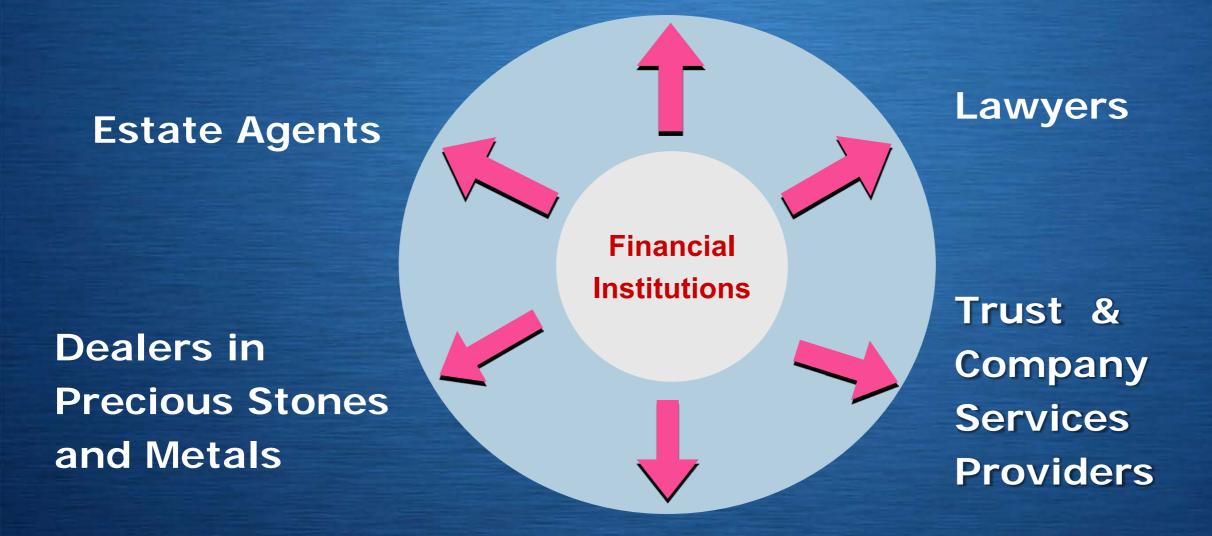
Standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) - 40 Recommendations

- Money laundering and confiscation, <u>Terrorist Financing and Financing of Proliferation</u> Criminalise ML/TF; means to detect, freeze, seize, confiscate proceeds and funding Terrorist financing offence, freeze of terrorist assets, Non-profit organisations, financial sanctions related to proliferation
- Preventive measures financial institutions and DNFBPs CDD, record keeping, STR, internal control, regulatory and supervisory measures
- <u>Power & responsibilities of competent authorities</u>
 Financial Intelligence Unit, law enforcement authorities, supervisors; their powers & resources
- <u>International cooperation</u> Mutual legal assistance, extradition, information exchange



Standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Major requirements to DNFBPs

Accountants



Casino

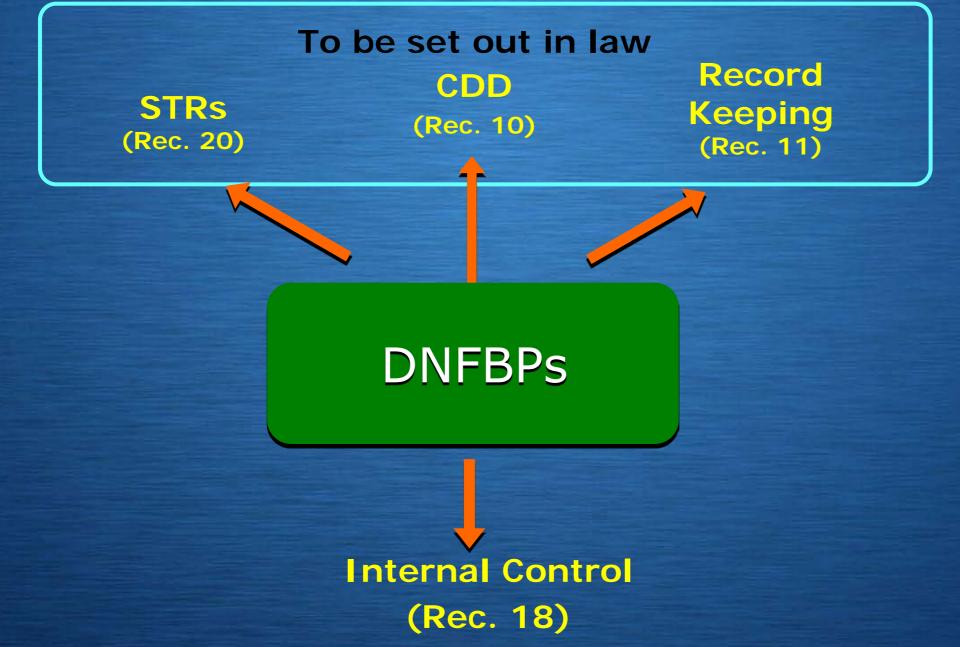
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LAWYERS (Recommendation 22(d))

When preparing for/carrying out transactions for client concerning

- buying / selling of real estates
- managing of client money, securities or other assets
- managing of bank, savings or securities accounts
- organisation of contributions for the creation, operation or management of companies
- creation, operation or management of legal persons or arrangements; buying / selling business entities

Standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Major requirements to DNFBPs



 Standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
 Major requirements to DNFBPs

REGULATION AND SUPERVISION

Competent authority or Self-regulatory Body (SRB) (Rec. 28)

DNFBPs

Sanctions (Rec. 35) Guidelines (Rec. 34)

Standards of the Financial Action Force (FATF) Major requirements to DNFBPs

Risk Based Approach

• A new Recommendation introduced in 2012

 Applies across all relevant FATF recommendations

(Recommendation 1)



2. Latest Development

1st Mutual Evaluation 1994 2nd Mutual Evaluation 1998 3rd Mutual Evaluation • ▶ 2007



2. Latest Development REMOVAL FROM FATF's FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES

- At FATF Plenary in October 2012, FATF recognized Hong Kong's efforts and agreed unanimously amongst member jurisdictions to remove Hong Kong from its "follow-up process"
 - The United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance was brought in full operation on 1 January 2011
 - implementation of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance with effect from April 2012
- Areas for improvement in Hong Kong's AML/CFT regime remained



2. Latest Development

REMOVAL FROM FATF's FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES

- Upgrading of compliance level of DNFBPs-related Recommendations from "Non-compliant" to "Partially compliant":
 - a number of initiatives have been taken to raise AML/CFT awareness of DNFBPs
 - voluntary initiatives launched to encourage the sector to comply with basic preventive AML/CFT measures
 - more progress is nevertheless required to develop an appropriate AML/CFT regulatory framework for DNFBPs
 - to ensure that non-compliant DNFBPs are sanctioned



2. The Fourth Mutual Evaluation

4th Mutual Evaluation

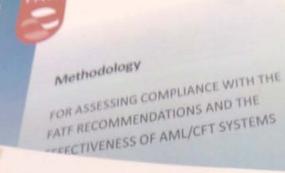
Schedule

- On-site visit: 4th quarter of 2017 or

1st quarter of 2018

Assessments

- Technical Compliance
- Effectiveness



FATF+GAFI

Financial Action Task Force Groupe d'action financière

THIRD MUTUAL EVALUATION REPORT ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COMBATING THE FINANCING OF TERRORIS HONG KONG, CHINA

3. WAY FORWARD

LEGISLATION ON CDD & RECORD KEEPING FOR DNFBPS

 more detailed study and planning are needed

continue to maintain dialogue with the professional bodies / organisations



4. WAY FORWARD

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Acknowledge the threat
- Conform with international standards
- Address HK's own circumstances
- Build up partnership



REFERENCES

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Narcotic Division, Security Bureau www.nd.gov.hk

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THANK YOU