

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA Foreign Exchange Department Central Office Mumbai - 400 001

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To

All Authorised Persons, who are Indian agents under Money Transfer Service Scheme

Madam / Sir,

Anti-Money Laundering (AML) / Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) Standards - Cross Border Inward Remittance under Money Transfer Service Scheme (MTSS)

Please refer to our <u>A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 108 dated April 17, 2012</u> on risks arising from the deficiencies in AML/CFT regime of certain jurisdictions.

- 2. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has issued a further Statement on June 22, 2012 on the subject (copy enclosed).
- 3. Authorised Persons (Indian Agents) are accordingly advised to consider the information contained in the enclosed statement.
- 4. This, however, does not preclude Authorised Persons (Indian Agents) from legitimate transactions with these countries and jurisdictions.
- 5. These guidelines would also be applicable mutatis mutandis to all Sub-Agents of the Indian Agents under MTSS and it will be the sole responsibility of the APs (Indian Agents) to ensure that their Sub-agents also adhere to these guidelines.

- 6. Authorised Persons (Indian Agents) may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents concerned.
- 7. Please advise your Principal Officer to acknowledge receipt of this circular letter.
- 8. The directions contained in this Circular have been issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and also under the, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA), 2002, as amended by Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Act, 2009 and Prevention of Money-Laundering (Maintenance of Records of the Nature and Value of Transactions, the Procedure and Manner of Maintaining and Time for Furnishing Information and Verification and Maintenance of Records of the Identity of the Clients of the Banking Companies, Financial Institutions and Intermediaries) Rules, 2005 as amended from time to time and are without prejudice to permission/approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Rudra Narayan Kar)
Chief General Manager