

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

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A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 50 A.P. (FL Series) Circular No. 12

To,

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

Madam/ Dear Sir,

Know Your Customer (KYC) norms/Anti-Money Laundering (AML) standards/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/Obligation of Authorised Persons under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA), 2002, as amended by Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Act, 2009-Cross Border Inward Remittance under Money Transfer Service Scheme

Attention of all Authorised Persons, who are Indian Agents under Money Transfer Service Scheme (MTSS) is invited to Paragraph 5.10 (b) of Annex-I, Annex to <u>A.P.</u> (DIR Series) Circular No.18 {A.P. (FL Series) Circular No.5} dated November 27, 2009 on the captioned subject.

- 2. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has issued a further Statement on October 22, 2010 on the subject (copy enclosed). It may be observed that the statement divides the strategic AML/CFT deficient jurisdictions into two groups as under:
 - a. Jurisdictions subject to FATF call on its members and other jurisdictions to apply countermeasures to protect the international financial system from the ongoing and substantial money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/FT) risks emanating from the jurisdiction: Iran
 - b. Jurisdictions with strategic AML/CFT deficiencies that have not committed to an action plan developed with the FATF to address key deficiencies as of October 2010. The FATF calls on its members to consider the risks arising from the deficiencies associated with each jurisdiction: Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

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3. All Authorised Persons (Indian Agents) are accordingly advised to take into

account risks arising from the deficiencies in AML/CFT regime of these countries,

while entering into business relationships and transactions with persons (including

legal persons and other financial institutions) from or in these countries/ jurisdictions.

4. Authorised Persons (Indian Agents) may bring the contents of this circular to

the notice of their constituents concerned.

5. Please advise your Principal Officer to acknowledge receipt of this circular

letter.

6. 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. Non-compliance with the guidelines would

attract penal provisions of the Acts concerned or Rules made there under.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Chief General Manager