

OFFENCES & PENALTIES under the AML/CFT Laws of Trinidad and Tobago

The Proceeds of Crime Act and amendments thereto, the Anti-Terrorism Act and amendments thereto, the Financial Intelligence Unit Act and amendments thereto and Regulations made under these Acts contain detailed provisions of money laundering offences, financing of terrorism offences and related offences. The Table below lists some of the important offences of which you should be aware as a Supervised Entity reporting to the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago.

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| No. | Brief Description OF THE OFFENCE | PENALTY | Section Creating Offence | SECTION IMPOSING PENALTY |
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| 1 | Money Laundering The offence includes engaging directly or indirectly with any transaction involving criminal property OR receiving, possessing, concealing, disguising, transferring, converting, bringing into or removing from T&T property which a person knows or has reasonable grounds to suspect is criminal | \$25M & 15 yrs. imprisonment upon conviction on indictment | POCA, Sec. 45(1) | POCA, Sec. 53(1) |

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| 2 | Tipping-Off Disclosing information to any other person knowing that the matter is subject of investigation or proposed investigation | \$5M & 5 yrs. imprisonment upon summary conviction | POCA, Sec. 51 | POCA, Sec. 53(2) |
| 3 | Failure to disclose knowledge or suspicion of Money Laundering | \$250K & 3 yrs. imprisonment upon summary conviction | POCA, Sec. 52(1) | POCA, Sec. 53(3) |
| 4 | Failure to make a suspicious transaction /suspicious activity report to the FIU | \$500k & 2 yrs. imprisonment upon summary conviction; \$3M & 7 yrs. imprisonment upon conviction on indictment | POCA, Sec. 55A | POCA, Sec. 57(1) |
| 5 | Where the company commits an offence under the POCA any Officer, Director or agent of a company is guilty of an offence | \$500k & 2 yrs. imprisonment upon summary conviction; \$3M & 7 yrs. imprisonment upon conviction on indictment | POCA, Sec. 57(2) | POCA, Sec. 57(1) |
| 6 | Commission of a terrorist act, providing financial or other services, assistance, support, etc. for commission of terrorist acts | 20 – 25 yrs. imprisonment upon conviction on indictment | ATA, Sec. 4-15 | Same |
| 7 | Participating in the Commission of a terrorist act | 25 yrs. imprisonment upon conviction on indictment | ATA, Sec. 3 | Same |

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| 8 | Financing of Terrorism | Upon conviction on indictment:- • Individuals:- \$5M & 25 yrs. imprisonment • Legal entities:- \$25M | ATA, Sec. 22A | ATA, Sec. 22A(3) and (4) |
| 9 | Disclosing the facts or content of an STR/SAR to any person | \$5M & 5 yrs. imprisonment on summary conviction | POCA, Sec. 55A(2) & ATA, Sec. 22C(5) | Same |
| 10 | Failure to disclose information to the FIU relating to property used for the commission of offences under the ATA or (proposed) transactions involving terrorist property | 5 yrs. imprisonment upon conviction on indictment | ATA, Sec. 33(6) | Same |
| 11 | Failure of a FI or LB to comply with Court Order to provide information requested by the FIU | Upon summary conviction:- \$500K &\$25k for each day the offence continues; Upon conviction on indictment:-\$1M &\$50k for each day the offence continues | FIU Act, Sec.21(1) | Same |
| 12 | Director, CEO or other officer, or Owner/Partner of FI or LB who knowingly authorized or agreed to withhold the information requested by the FIU | \$250K & 3 yrs. Imprisonment on summary conviction | FIU Act, Sec. 21(2) | Same |

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| 13 | Disclosure of Information received from FIU | \$250K & 3 yrs. imprisonment on summary conviction | FIU Act, Sec.23(1) | Same |
| 14 | Disclosure of Investigation into STR/SAR | \$250K & 3 yrs. imprisonment on summary conviction | FIU Act, Sec. 24 | Same |
| 15 | Failure by Supervised Entity to register with the FIU | \$50K & \$5k for each day the offence continues upon summary conviction | FIU Regulations, R.28(2) | Same |
| 16 | Failure By Supervised Entity to notify FIU of Change of address of registered office | \$20K on Summary Conviction | FIU Regulations, R.29(2) | Same |

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Abbreviations:

| CEO | Chief Executive Officer | ML | Money Laundering | POCA | Proceeds of Crime Act, Chap. 11:27 (as amended) |
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| FI | Financial Institution | Sec. | Section of the Legislation | АТА | Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07 (as amended) |
| LB | Listed Business | STR/ SAR | Suspicious Transaction/ . Activity Report | FIU Act | Financial intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01 (as amended) |
| К | Thousand (\$TT) | М | Million (\$TT) | Yrs. | Years |
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