

## GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON YOUR AML/CFT OBLIGATIONS**

By registering with the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago ("the FIU") you have taken the first step in becoming compliant with the Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) laws of Trinidad and Tobago. We now bring to your attention your additional AML/CFT obligations with which you must comply.

### 1 - Compliance Officer (CO) & Alternate Compliance Officer (ACO)

- Management/Board of Directors must appoint a (CO) and an (ACO).
- > Complete and submit Compliance Officer Fit and Proper Questionnaire to the FIU.

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COMPLIANCE

- > CO and ACO must be approved by the FIU
- > The ACO only performs the functions of the CO in the absence of the CO.

# **2 -** Develop a Compliance Programme approved by Senior Management

> Develop and document AML/CFT policies and procedures in accordance with laws.

> The CP should be approved by the Board of Directors/Senior Management

> Consult FIU's website for guidance

### 3 - Training for all Directors, Staff & CO

- > AML/CFT training is a priority and must be ongoing.
- Management/Board of Directors to make provision for AML/CFT training for the directors, all staff and the CO.
- The training received should enable staff to effectively identify and report suspicious transactions and suspicious activities.

## 4 — Adopt a Risk Based Approach

- > Assess and classify the risk of all transactions, customers and activities.
- > Develop and implement measures based on risk assessment.
- Apply simplified and enhanced due diligence measures where necessary.

#### 5 - Internal Controls

- > Develop and implement customer due diligence measures to establish the identity of all customers.
- > Obtain satisfactory evidence of customer identity.
- > Develop and implement enhanced due diligence measures for high risk customers, transactions and activities
- > Develop and implement a Payment Policy which should include an adequate cash threshold and measures to determine source of funds.
- > Record Keeping Securely maintain records of all transactions and customer identification information.

# 8 - Quarterly Terrorists Property Report (QTR) (Financial Institutions must report to the FIU every 3 months)

- > Financial Institutions as defined in the POCA must report quarterly to the FIU.
- Consult the Designated Lists and cross reference against customer database.
- Submit QTR upon confirmation that you are or are not in possession of terrorist funds.
- > Consult the FIU's website for guidance.

### 7 - Terrorist Funds Reporting (TFR)

- > Consult designated lists regularly and when initiating business with customers.
- You must report possession of terrorist funds immediately and without delay to the FIU.
- > Consult the FIU's website for guidance "Guidance Note on Procedures for Reporting Terrorist Funds".

## **6** - Suspicious Transaction/Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR/STR) to the FIU

- A suspicious transaction or a suspicious activity report must be made within fourteen (14) days once you have reasonable grounds to suspect that the funds were the proceeds of a specified offence.
- Consult the FIU's website for guidance "Guidance Note on Suspicious Transaction/Activity Reporting Standards".

The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago conducts AML/CFT Outreach and Awareness seminars. Consult the website (<u>www.fiu.gov.tt</u>) for updates.