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To: Chief Executives of all authorized insurers carrying on long term business

Dear Sirs,

## Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance

I am writing to inform you that the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance ("the Ordinance") was gazetted on 8 July 2011 and is available on the Government's website (<u>http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette</u>). The Ordinance will come into effect on 1 April 2012.

The Ordinance will, inter alia, provide for the imposition of requirements relating to customer due diligence and record-keeping on specified financial institutions, and provide for the powers of the relevant authorities including the Insurance Authority to supervise compliance with those requirements and other requirements under the Ordinance.

Guidelines to accompany the Ordinance to provide guidance to the insurance industry on the legislative requirements are being developed; and prior to their finalization, industry consultations will be conducted.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Mr. Hon Chan at 2153 2737 or Mr. Ivan Chan at 2153 2756.

Yours faithfully,

(Ms. Carol M. Y. Hui) for Commissioner of Insurance c.c. Chairman, The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers [SM(AML)1/lt-6-45IICE\_10114/cc]

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