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

Dear Sirs,

**United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012
& Amendments to the Guideline on
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing**

We are writing to inform you of the following developments:

(a) United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012

The United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 (“the Amendment Ordinance”) has been published in the Gazette today and is available on the Government’s website <http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/>. The Amendment Ordinance takes immediate effect and, inter alia,

- (1) amended the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (“UNATMO”) including:
 - (i) repealing the definition of “funds” and replacing the term “funds” by “property”; and
 - (ii) expanding the prohibition on assistance for terrorists and terrorist associates to also cover the collection of property or soliciting financial (or related) services for terrorists and terrorist associates.
- (2) made consequential amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance (“AMLO”) that have ensured that the definition of “terrorist financing” under the AMLO continues to tally with sections 7 and 8 of the UNATMO.

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(b) Amendments to the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing

As the Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (“AML Guideline”) makes reference to and explains various provisions of the UNATMO and AMLO and given the abovementioned changes, the AML Guideline has been amended accordingly. Please see Appendix A (English version) and Appendix B (Chinese version) concerning the amendments.

The amended AML Guideline has also been published in the Gazette today which takes immediate effect. A copy of the amended AML Guideline is attached at Appendix C (English version) and Appendix D (Chinese version) for your information. The amended AML Guideline is also available on the Government’s website <http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/> and our office’s website <http://www.oci.gov.hk>.

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Yours faithfully,

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