

Særlig opmærksomhed ved forbindelser med visse lande

Financial Action Task Force besluttede på plenarmødet den 18. – 20. juni 2008 at gentage sin pressemeddelelse af 28. februar 2008 vedrørende Uzbekistan, Iran, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, São Tomé og Príncipe og Den Nordlige del af Cypern med en række tilføjelser. Der henvises til nedenstående gengivelse og til FATF's hjemmeside: www.fatf-gafi.org.

Finanstilsynet skal på baggrund heraf henstille, at der udvises særlig opmærksomhed ved forretningsvirksomhed og transaktioner med fysiske og juridiske personer, herunder finansielle virksomheder, i den nævnte lande.

"International co-operation issues

The FATF reaffirmed its public statement of 28 February 2008 regarding the anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism risks posed by Uzbekistan, Iran, Pakistan, Turkmenistan and São Tomé and Príncipe, and the northern part of Cyprus.

The FATF welcomed the actions taken by its members to advise their financial institutions of these risks.

The FATF was encouraged by steps taken by some jurisdictions but was concerned about the lack of progress by, in particular, Uzbekistan and Iran.

The FATF will continue to assess the situation and take further actions in October, as necessary, to protect the international financial system."

"Uzbekistan

The FATF is particularly concerned that a series of presidential decrees in Uzbekistan has effectively repealed the anti-money laundering/combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) regime in that country and generates a money laundering/financing of terrorism (ML/FT) vulnerability in the international financial system. The FATF calls upon Uzbekistan to restore its AML/CFT regime and to work with the Eurasian Group to establish an AML/CFT regime that meets international standards. The FATF calls on its members and urges all jurisdictions to advise their financial institutions to take the risk arising from the deficiencies in Uzbekistan's AML/CFT regime into account for enhanced due diligence.

Iran

Since its October 2007 Plenary meeting, the FATF has engaged with Iran and welcomes the commitment made by Iran to improve its AML/CFT regime. Consistent with its Statement on Iran, dated 11 October 2007, the FATF confirms its call to its members and urges all jurisdictions to advise their financial institutions to take the risk arising from the deficiencies in Iran's AML/CFT regime into account for enhanced due diligence. Iran is encouraged to continue its engagement with the FATF and the international community to address, on an urgent basis, its AML/CFT deficiencies.

Pakistan

The FATF notes Pakistan's recent progress in adopting AML legislation. However, financial institutions should be aware that the remaining deficiencies in Pakistan's AML/CFT system constitute AML/FT vulnerability in the international financial system. Pakistan is urged to continue its efforts to improve its AML/CFT laws to come into closer compliance with international AML/CFT standards and to work closely with the Asia Pacific Group to achieve this.

Turkmenistan

The FATF is concerned with deficiencies in the AML/CFT regime of Turkmenistan. The FATF welcomes the recent steps this jurisdiction has taken to address these concerns and calls upon Turkmenistan to continue to engage with the international community on these issues.

São Tomé and Príncipe

The FATF is concerned with deficiencies in the AML/CFT regime of São Tomé & Príncipe. The FATF welcomes the recent steps this jurisdiction has taken to address these concerns and calls upon São Tomé & Príncipe to continue to engage with the international community on these issues.

Transactions with financial institutions operating in the northern part of Cyprus

The FATF welcomes the recent progress in policies and practices to combat money laundering and terrorist financing in the northern part of Cyprus. However, given the existing deficiencies, the FATF calls on its members and urges all jurisdictions to advise their financial institutions to pay special attention to the ML/FT risks in transactions with financial institutions operating in the northern part of Cyprus. The FATF encourages further progress to address the deficiencies."

Finanstilsynet har den 1. juli 2008 sendt brev til en række myndigheder og brancheorganisationer om foranstående.