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Dear money service operators,

**Watch Out for Transactions Related to Telephone Deception**


Telephone deception occurs from time to time with various modi operandi. It is common for fraudsters to lure victims into remitting money to their bank accounts in the Mainland through local money service operators (MSOs), hence the MSOs will become a stooge for money laundering. We would like to remind you to take all reasonable measures and remain vigilant to minimise the risk of money laundering. In case of suspicious remittance transaction, please stall the transaction and report to the Police immediately.

According to section 25 of Chapter 455 of the Laws of Hong Kong (“Dealing with property known or believed to represent proceeds of indictable offence”, i.e. money laundering), a person commits an offence if, knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe that any property in whole or in part directly or indirectly represents any person’s proceeds of an indictable offence, he deals with that property, and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for 14 years at maximum. Earlier this year, a money changer, who felt suspicious but still remitted money for a victim of phone scam, was charged with money laundering. He was subsequently convicted of the offence and sentenced to imprisonment for 54 months at the District Court (Case number: DCCC 306/17).

We would like to remind you and your employees of the responsibility to perform due diligence and take reasonable measures for all remittance transactions, such as clarifying the source of funding with the customers. Two posters on the prevention of phone fraud are enclosed. Please display these posters at prominent positions with the “Beware of Phone Fraud” side facing the customers. Before dealing with a transaction, please ask the sender of money to read the poster and confirm that the money does not involve any criminal offences, such as fraud.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre on 18222, the “Anti-Scam Helpline”.

Yours faithfully,

  
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for Commissioner of Police