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NEW QUESTION 1

Which action should countries take related to the financing of terrorist acts in accordance with the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations?

- A. Oppose
- B. Sanction
- C. Prosecute
- D. Criminalize

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 2

A law enforcement agent calls a bank anti-money laundering investigator for supporting information about a suspicious transaction report that was filed the previous month. How should the investigator respond?

- A. Refer the agent to the bank's compliance officer
- B. Send the information to an address provided by the agent
- C. Share the requested information during the telephone call
- D. Require a search warrant before releasing the information

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 3

What are two risks to institutions for violating anti-money laundering laws as demonstrated by the 2012 HSBC settlement with United States authorities? (Choose two.)

- A. Forfeiture of assets
- B. Civil money penalties
- C. Loss of bank charter/license
- D. Imprisonment of bank employees

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 4

One key aspect of the Office of Foreign Assets Control's extraterritorial reach includes the blocking of certain non-United States initiated transactions for or through the United States (U.S.) for benefit of a restricted person or entity. Under which three circumstances are U.S. banks required to block transactions? (Choose three.)

- A. The transactions are to, or go through, a blocked entity
- B. Those that are by, or on behalf of, a blocked individual or entity
- C. Those that are by or on behalf of a blocked individual and a licensed entity
- D. Those that are in connection with a transaction in which a blocked individual or entity has an interest
- E. Those that are in connection with a transaction in which a blocked individual or entity has no interest

Answer: ABD

NEW QUESTION 5

Which method is used to launder money via wire remittances sent through a bureau de change or money services business? A. A customer in country A makes a weekly small wire transfer to the bank account of an individual in country B.

- A. A customer in country A makes frequent wire transfers to a single customer in country B that are slightly under the legal reporting threshold.
- B. A large number of wire transfers are sent from a large number of senders in country A to a large number of recipients in country B during the period of December 1 to December 15.
- C. A customer in country A receives four small wire transfers from four different individuals located in country B on December 21. The aggregate of the wire transfers falls below the legal reporting threshold.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 6

Which action does the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommend be taken against jurisdictions that have strategic deficiencies?

- A. Conduct due diligence
- B. Apply counter-measures
- C. Add the jurisdiction to the United Nations' list of sanctioned jurisdictions
- D. Create an action plan to address the deficiencies without the support of the FATF

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 7

A compliance officer was recently reviewing transactional data for an international charity and found transactions that present a higher risk. Which reason is cause for terminating the banking relationship?

- A. The charity has had a high a high turnover rate of official positions
- B. The charity has several incoming international funds transfers
- C. The flow of funds both in and out are complex and hard to trace
- D. The charity is headquartered in a country on the Office of Foreign Assets Control list

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 8

Which two aspects of precious metals pose the highest risk of money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. Some precious metals can be formed into other objects, making easier to transport
- B. Precious metals have high intrinsic value in a relatively compact form and are easy to convert into currency
- C. The value of precious metals can be inflated easily, making it easy to increase the amount of money laundered
- D. Precious metals can be readily used in many high-tech commercial applications, making them all the more valuable

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 9

Which two statements are true regarding the European Union Money Laundering Directives? (Choose two.)

- A. They apply to member states of the European Union
- B. They require member states to enact laws and/or regulations to comply with the directives
- C. They set forth non-binding best practices for financial institutions within the member states
- D. They have extraterritorial impact and apply to states that have diplomatic relations with member states

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 10

A banker in the credit department wants to assess the risk of all customers, and contacts the compliance officer to request a list of customers with suspicious transaction report filings. What should be done to protect suspicious transaction report information?

- A. Provide the suspicious transaction report information to the credit department
- B. Decline to provide the suspicious transaction report information to the credit department
- C. Seek approval from the board of directors to disclose the suspicious transaction report information
- D. Contact the credit department manager to determine how the suspicious transaction report information can be provided

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 10

A customer has held an account at a bank and has lived locally for over 25 years. Historically he has come into the bank monthly to deposit a \$1,500 retirement check from the company where he worked. He is well known at the bank and often brings the staff cookies. Over the past four months, he has come into the bank every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday to make \$3,000 cash deposits into his account. A review of his account shows that an \$8,500 check made out to cash clears his account each week. The bank has decided to file a suspicious transaction report (STR). What is the important fact to include in the STR?

- A. The recent change in the timing of deposits and withdrawals in the account
- B. The customer's work history and the amount of his monthly retirement check
- C. The fact that the account holder is well known to the bank staff
- D. The fact that the customer has lived in the area and has banked at this bank for 25 years

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 15

During a law enforcement investigative interview regarding potential money laundering, the suspect starts making assertions and statements that the investigator believes are false. How should the investigator respond?

- A. Inform the suspect that deception is obvious and continue the interview
- B. Advise the suspect that the interview will be terminated if there is suspicion of deception
- C. Direct the interview in another direction until there is better rapport before returning back to the troubling questions
- D. Ask questions of a material nature about the suspected false statements without revealing the suspected deception

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 18

A bank receives an anonymous tip from an employee about another employee through its confidential hotline. Which activity warrants further review?

- A. A mortgage officer works with home loan applicants to resolve adverse credit issues
- B. An employee in bookkeeping accepts funds transfer requests from customers via telephone
- C. An employee in accounting works with customers to help understand how to reduce service charges
- D. A teller distributes bank brochures to customers who regularly conduct cash transactions below reporting limits

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 23

A corporate services provider in a European Union (EU) country has a prospect from an African country who deals in oil and gas. The prospect intends to develop an oil terminal in his home country with a \$75 million dollar loan secured by a third party, which is a trust formed in a Caribbean island with a holding company based in a European secrecy haven. A young lady is presented as an ultimate beneficial owner who has gained her wealth through a fitness studio in her home country.

What are two red flags that could indicate money laundering or financing terrorism? (Choose two.)

- A. A loan worth \$75 million with a third-party guarantor
- B. The guarantor company's ownership structure is overly complex
- C. The prospect wishes to have a corporate structure with a holding company in EU country
- D. The ultimate beneficial owner is young lady who has gained her wealth through a small business

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 25

Under which two circumstances may law enforcement be given access to a financial institution customer's financial records? (Choose two.)

- A. If the person is named in a suspicious transaction report
- B. If law enforcement serves a legal summons or subpoena
- C. If the investigation of a customer is made public in the media
- D. If law enforcement has circumstantial evidence to suspect money laundering

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 28

A compliance officer at a small community bank has been asked to review existing customer onboarding policies and procedures to ensure they adequately address anti-money laundering risks. How should customer due diligence be implemented?

- A. With an annual compliance review and approval of customers
- B. With a one-time event conducted at initial customer onboarding
- C. As an ongoing activity that may vary commensurate with the risk profile of the customer
- D. As applicable to customers that pose higher money laundering or terrorist financing risk

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 33

A bank employee reviews wire transactions looking for indications of wire stripping.

Which two actions should the employee take to complete appropriate bank procedures? (Choose two.)

- A. Compare the wire transaction as it enters and after it leaves the bank
- B. Check for suspicious phrases usually used to conceal originator or beneficiary identity
- C. Identify large incoming wire transactions received on behalf of a foreign client with no explicit reason
- D. Identify wire transaction activity to or from a financial institution located in a higher risk jurisdiction

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 38

A bank is preparing for its anti-money laundering independent review, which is performed every two years under the direction of the compliance officer. The bank's corporate audit department will conduct the review. The compliance officer will review the final report before it is released to the Board of Directors. What is the issue with this situation?

- A. Independent reviews must be performed annually
- B. The review must be performed by a group outside of the bank
- C. The final report must be presented directly to the board of directors
- D. There is a conflict of interest with the management of the review process

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 42

How should a financial institution respond to a verbal request from a law enforcement agency to keep an account open to assist in an investigation?

- A. Agree to keep the account open
- B. Request a subpoena to maintain the account
- C. Request a letter on the agency's letterhead
- D. Request a search warrant from the local court

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 47

A bank maintains a relationship with a customer who owns a small bakery business. Which customer action indicates potential money laundering?

- A. The customer continually makes regular cash deposits
- B. The customer has multiple bank accounts at several locations
- C. The customer purchased property insurance that is twice the value of the business
- D. The customer recently wired a large amount to a foreign jurisdiction where family is located

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 50

Which requirement is included in the Fourth European Union Directive on money laundering?

- A. It requires obliged entities to consider politically exposed persons as high risk for life
- B. It requires obliged entities to conduct enhanced due diligence on all prepaid card holders
- C. It requires member countries to maintain registries of the beneficial owners of legal entities
- D. It requires member states to enact economic sanctions against countries that do not cooperate with Financial Action Task Force recommendations

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 55

A foreign politically exposed person (PEP) requests to add a beneficiary to a life insurance policy. How should the request be processed to mitigate risk?

- A. Perform due diligence on the beneficiary
- B. Determine the source of wealth and source of funds
- C. Decline the request if the beneficiary is a foreign PEP
- D. Decline the request to add a beneficiary due to increased risk

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 56

An automotive parts company in South America sends multiple \$500,000 wire transfers per week to ABC Holdings Ltd. in Asia referencing payment for silk flower shipments. Research reveals Sunrise Holdings, Ltd is registered in the British Virgin Islands with no available ownership information. What are two red flags that indicate how trade-based money laundering could be occurring in this instance? (Choose two.)

- A. The transaction involves the use of front (or shell) companies
- B. The packaging is inconsistent with the commodity or shipping method
- C. Significant discrepancies appear between the description of the commodity on the bill of lading and the invoice
- D. The type of commodity being shipped appears inconsistent with the exporter or importer's regular business activities

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 61

The branch manager calls the compliance officer and informs her that a law enforcement officer has just left the branch and was asking a lot of questions and left a business card. What should the compliance officer do?

- A. File a suspicious transaction report
- B. Follow up to verify that the officer received all necessary information
- C. Verify that the reported officer was an actual authorized representative
- D. Require the branch manager to write a detailed memo about the request

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 66

The Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Principles for Private Banking require new clients to be approved by whom?

- A. The board of directors
- B. Only the private banker
- C. The private banker's supervisor
- D. At least one person other than the private banker

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 67

A law enforcement agency is reviewing a suspicious transaction report (STR) filed by a financial institution for suspicious activity on a client's account. Subsequently, the agency requests further information. Which supporting documentation might the law enforcement agency request from the institution to facilitate its investigation?

- A. Previously filed STRs on the same customer
- B. Account opening documents and account statements
- C. Copies of promotional materials sent to the customer
- D. A copy of the institution's STR policy and procedures

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 68

Which three methods are commonly used by an accountant to launder money? (Choose three.)

- A. Representing a client court
- B. Understating income to take a tax loss
- C. Overstating income to hide excess cash
- D. Acting as a conduit for transferring cash between accounts
- E. Acting as a designee for someone who wishes to hide their identity

Answer: CDE

NEW QUESTION 70

In reviewing recent activity, a compliance officer for a money transmitter that several customers are each remitting the same amount of money but much more frequently. How should the institution respond?

- A. File a suspicious transaction report
- B. Instruct the tellers not to process remittances for these customers in the future
- C. Conduct further investigation to determine whether this is truly suspicious activity
- D. Immediately contact the customers and ask them why they are remitting money more often

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 73

Which method do terrorist financiers use to move funds without leaving an audit trail?

- A. Extortion
- B. Cash couriers
- C. Casa de cambio
- D. Virtual currency

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 78

Why do governments and multi-national bodies impose economic sanctions?

- A. To impede kleptocracy
- B. To enforce foreign policy objectives
- C. To combat an imminent terrorist threat
- D. To prevent fraudulent international trade transactions

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 81

A retail bank has just acquired a credit card business. The bank's anti-money laundering policy requires that new employees are trained within 30 days of their hire date and refresher training is delivered to all employees on an annual basis. Is the bank's existing anti-money laundering training adequate to be delivered to employee of the newly acquired credit card business?

- A. Yes, the existing training covers the bank's policies, procedures, and processes.
- B. No, anti-money laundering training needs to be delivered face-to-face for credit card businesses.
- C. No, anti-money laundering training needs to be tailored and focused on the risks specific to the business.
- D. Yes, the existing training covers the anti-money laundering regulations that the bank is required to follow.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 82

A customer living in a high-risk jurisdiction makes frequent, large cash deposits at a bank. The same customer sends small wire transfers to unrelated parties in other high-risk jurisdictions. What are two red flags that may indicate money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. The bank allows cash deposits
- B. The client resides in a high-risk jurisdiction
- C. Wire transfers are to high-risk jurisdiction
- D. Large cash deposits are from a high-risk jurisdiction

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 87

An immigrant residing in the United States opens a bank account that includes a debit card. Several months later, the transactional monitoring system identifies small deposits into the account followed by corresponding ATM withdrawals from a country bordering a conflict zone. How should the bank respond?

- A. Block any further activity
- B. File a suspicious transaction report
- C. Initiate an investigation into the activity
- D. Contact the customer if the transaction activity continues

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 88

An institution has made the decision to exit a client relationship due to anti-money laundering concerns. Prior to starting the close out process, the institution receives a written request from a law enforcement agency to keep the account open. The client is the subject of an ongoing investigation and law enforcement wants the institution to continue to monitor the account and report any suspicious activity.

What is primary consideration the institution should keep in mind when deciding whether to agree to this request?

- A. The anticipated cost of complying with the law enforcement request
- B. The number of suspicious transaction reports previously filed on the client
- C. The fact that the institution has a solid record in complying with law enforcement requests
- D. Whether the institution can continue to meet its regulatory obligations with the accounts open

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 92

What is an essential element of Know Your Customer (KYC) standards according to the Basel Committee's Customer Due Diligence for Banks paper?

- A. Annual staff training
- B. A customer acceptance policy
- C. The same KYC requirements must be applied in all cases
- D. All completed KYC documents must be reviewed by a senior manager not involved in the account opening process

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 93

A law enforcement official calls a bank inquiring about a customer who is currently under investigation. The law enforcement official requests information about the customer.

How should the bank respond?

- A. Confirm the customer is either a current or former customer
- B. Inform the board of directors before responding to the request
- C. Provide the requested information to help aid in the investigation
- D. Request a formal letter be submitted to verify the validity of the request

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 96

A compliance officer at an insurance company has been reviewing the transaction activity of several clients. Which transaction is considered a red flag for potential money laundering?

- A. A client paid the quarterly life insurance premium using money orders from two different banks.
- B. A client from a high-risk jurisdiction recently purchased property insurance for a real-estate development.
- C. A corporation owns several affiliates and recently opened separate group life insurance policies for each of the affiliates.
- D. A client established a \$100,000 charitable annuity with a non-profit organization that provides health and safety assistance internationally.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 98

What is the goal of the Egmont Group in providing a forum for Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) around the world?

- A. To improve international laws to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism and foster the implementation of domestic programs.
- B. To provide a forum for FIUs to improve cooperation in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism and to foster the implementation of domestic programs in this field.
- C. To improve communication with law enforcement in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism and to foster the implementation of domestic programs in this field.
- D. To improve cooperation with state and federal governments in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism and to foster the implementation of domestic programs in this field.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 101

An organization's automated surveillance system identifies large fluctuations in customer activity. As a result of an audit, the compliance officer is informed that the system is not generating alerts when activity is consistently abnormal over a long period of time. Currently the organization is evaluating new alert scenarios in an attempt to address this problem.

Which type of scenario is helpful in mitigating this weakness?

- A. Peer
- B. Income
- C. Mapping
- D. Below-the-line

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 103

A customer brings \$15,000 worth of chips into a casino and plays various games. The customer redeems all the remaining chips and requests a wire transfer of the proceeds to an unrelated third party. What are two red flags that indicate money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. Customer redeeming all remaining chips
- B. Playing various games before cashing out
- C. Bringing \$15,000 worth of chips into the casino
- D. Requesting a wire transfer to an unrelated third party

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 107

What is the appropriate compliance control for identifying politically exposed persons (PEPs) according to the Basel Committee's paper on Customer Due Diligence for Banks?

- A. Determining that a local figure is a PEP
- B. Reviewing when a relationship is established

- C. Reviewing relationships at account opening and on a periodic basis
- D. Requiring that the customer discloses that they are a PEP or an associate of a PEP

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 108

A bank has maintained an account for a European charity for several years. The charity provides clothing to persons in need in various countries with active terrorists' cells. Which action by the charity indicates possible terrorist financing?

- A. The charity frequently withdraws cash from the bank
- B. The charity has branch locations located in various countries
- C. The charity receives cash donations primarily from European countries
- D. The charity maintains a bank account for non-business-related expenses

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 113

Which two statements in the Wolfsberg Group's "Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism" define the role financial institutions should play in the fight against terrorism? (Choose two.)

- A. Financial institutions need to assist competent authorities in fighting terrorist financing through prevention, detection and information sharing.
- B. Financial institutions need to continuously analyze the types of activity related to terrorist financing and develop models that in the long term will drive down terrorism.
- C. Financial institutions should have financial intelligence units dedicated to the investigation of activity that would lead to the detection of terrorist financing as a means to decrease global terrorism.
- D. Financial institutions should apply extra due diligence whenever they see suspicious or irregular activities, especially when customers are engaged in sectors or activities that have been identified by competent authorities as being used for the financing of terrorism.

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 118

The compliance officer at a crowd funding website is in charge of monitoring new crowd funding projects. Recently, the number of crowd funding projects has significantly increased. Which red flag indicates the highest anti-money laundering risk?

- A. Those with the largest number of donors
- B. Projects that get funding within days of their start
- C. Projects with the highest monetary success threshold
- D. Projects that start and close and are fully funded within a very short period

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 123

The vice president of the foreign correspondent banking department at a large United States bank has been notified that a foreign bank with an offshore license wants to open a correspondent account.

Which two things must the vice president acquire under the USA PATRIOT Act? (Choose two.)

- A. A list of all the customers of the correspondent bank
- B. A list of the types of businesses served by the correspondent bank
- C. Information relating to the foreign bank's anti-money laundering program
- D. The identity of 10% owners of the correspondent bank, unless it is publicly traded

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 125

The USA PATRIOT Act requires United States (U.S.) financial institutions to collect certain information from non-U.S. banks that hold a correspondent account. Which two pieces of information must a non-U.S. bank provide to its U.S. correspondent to enable them to comply with this requirement? (Choose two.)

- A. The name and address of all shell banks the bank maintains accounts for
- B. The name and address of all beneficial owners who own 25% or more of the bank
- C. Prompt notice of any suspicious activity it detects on any customer who uses the correspondent account
- D. The name and address of a U.S. person who is authorized to receive service of legal process for the bank
- E. person who is authorized to receive service of legal process for the bank

Answer: BC

NEW QUESTION 128

An employee hears a colleague on the telephone with a customer giving advice on how to ensure that a suspicious transaction report will not be filed as a result of a future transaction. What action should the employee take?

- A. Report the conversation to the local police
- B. Report the conversation to the compliance officer
- C. Tell the colleague that it is against policy to give such advice
- D. Ignore the situation because the colleague is the relationship manager for that customer

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 130

A customer opens a corporate account with a broker-dealer on behalf of several beneficial owners, with a stated long-term investment goal. The customer deposits \$25.5 million into the account and three days later transfers \$5 million to an overseas bank. Shortly thereafter, the customer begins making numerous purchases of pesos. The compliance officer receives a query regarding the movement of funds. Within a month of account opening, the customer depletes the account. Which two red flags should prompt the firm's compliance officer to take action? (Choose two.)

- A. The new account deposit is \$25.5 million
- B. A corporate account is opened on behalf of several beneficial owners
- C. The compliance officer receives the query regarding the movement of funds
- D. The customer's stated investment goal is not reflective of account activity

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 132

A government has instituted a new anti-money laundering laws which require all financial institutions to obtain certain information from its customers. Which step should an institution located in this jurisdiction take to ensure compliance?

- A. Change procedures to require that the necessary information is obtained
- B. Change procedures and systems as necessary and provide employee training
- C. Send a notice to customers asking them to provide the necessary information
- D. Change systems to ensure the required information is automatically obtained from all customers

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 137

A branch manager for a small community bank has a new customer who deposits for EUR 50,000 checks into one account. Shortly thereafter, the customer goes to another branch and asks to transfer all but EUR 1,500 to three accounts in different foreign jurisdictions. Which suspicious activity should be the focus of the suspicious transaction report?

- A. The customer opened the account with four large checks
- B. The customer goes to a different branch to make this transaction
- C. The customer transfers almost all of the funds out of the account
- D. The customer asks to transfer funds to accounts in three different foreign jurisdictions

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 140

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