Financial Institutions' Obligations and the Legal Profession

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Compliance Programme

POCA (MLP) Regulations, 2007 r. 5

Financial institutions are required to implement a Compliance Programme to ensure they take active, effective and ongoing steps to prevent and detect money laundering.

Professional Intermediaries

- As defined in the BOJ Guidance Notes:
 - Pension Funds
 - Unit Trusts and other fund managers
 - Lawyers
 - Securities dealers and stock brokers;
 managing single or pooled accounts held on deposit or in escrow for clients

Obligations of Financial Institutions

Ensure proper identification of customers including:

- Parties who may have a beneficial interest in a transaction;
- Parties who may have a beneficial interest in the account;
- If the account is being held on behalf of a single client, the identity of that client **must** be ascertained.

Obligations of Financial Institutions

Information required from **all customers** includes:

- True name (Identification);
- Tax Registration Number (TRN);
- Correct permanent address and postal address if different;
- Date and place of birth;
- Nationality;
- At least 2 referees;
- Source of funds / source of wealth;
- Contact numbers .

Obligations of Financial Institutions

Identification of Bodies Corporate:

- Certificate of Incorporation / Registration;
- Articles of Incorporation or Partnership Deed;
- Financial statements;
- Identification of the individuals that ultimately own or control the principal;
- Tax Compliance Certificate;
- Source of funds / wealth.

Pooled Accounts

- Where pooled accounts have been identified, a financial institution may consider relying on the professional intermediary's due diligence, <u>if</u> the following is applicable:
- Sound documented due diligence practice in line with standards in the BOJ Guidance Notes;
- The financial institution can verify the reliability and effectiveness of policies in place for customer due diligence, anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing.

Trust Arrangements

- For Trust arrangements:
 - The identity of all parties and beneficiaries must be determined and recorded -
 - Trustee
 - Settlor
 - Grantor
 - Source of funds or source of wealth
 - Purpose and terms of the trust arrangement

Record Keeping

POCA (MLP) Regulations, 2007 r. 14

Financial institutions are required to maintain customer identification records, and records relating to transactions carried out by each customer for at least 5 years after the termination of the business relationship or after the transactions have been completed whichever occurs later.

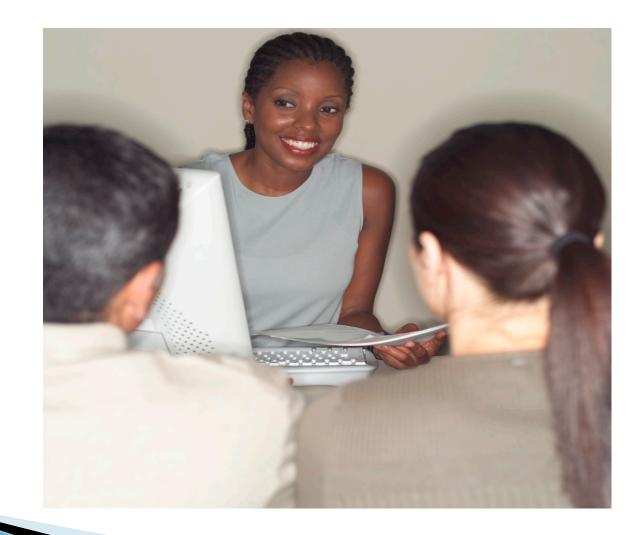
Retrospective Review

- To ensure that all existing customer information remains up-to-date and relevant, financial institions are required to put measures in place for accounts:
- To be reviewed at least 5 years from the date the account was established and at minimum 5 year increments thereafter.

Retrospective Review

- Reviews are also to be conducted:
 - Where any transaction involves / exceeds the prescribed amount;
 - Where a transaction is carried out by means of wire transfer;
 - Where there is any change in ownership or control;
 - When doubt arises as to the true identity of the client or the beneficial owner;
 - Where there is any doubt as to the veracity or adequacy of previously obtained evidence of identity.

Know Your Client



Know Your Client

- Identify clients and maintain copies of identification on file;
- If the client is not a natural person:
 - Obtain proof of incorporation, or formal evidence of establishment;
 - Identify the persons that own and control the client;
 - Ensure that any person purporting to act on behalf of the client is identified and duly authorized.

Remember that ID includes a client's **TRN**.

Know Your Client

- Implement risk-based client due diligence:
 - Pay attention to complex, unusual large transactions;
- Ensure that you understand the client's circumstances and nature of business;
- Determine and record the purpose for the proposed business relationship.

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