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NEW QUESTION 1

Which factor should a bank consider before sharing information about a customer with its broker-dealer affiliate in the case of an investigation?

- A. Whether the broker-dealer affiliate can rely on the due diligence done by the bank
- B. Whether there is a mutual legal assistance treaty in place between the two institutions
- C. Whether privacy and data protection rules permit the bank to share the information with the affiliate
- D. Whether both institutions have an account or are in the process of opening an account for the customer

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 2

What does the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations address on transparency of beneficial ownership?

- A. Gatekeepers
- B. Correspondent banking
- C. Payable through accounts
- D. Legal persons and arrangements

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 3

A high-volume dealer of precious metals and stones in a high-risk jurisdiction is approached by a new customer interested in selling gold worth \$200,000. The customer was referred by a longtime family friend of the dealer and provides no indication of background or business purpose for the sale. The dealer agrees to make the purchase based solely on the reference.

What is the money laundering red flag?

- A. The customer was referred by a longtime friend of the dealer
- B. The precious metals dealer is operating in a high-risk jurisdiction
- C. A new customer is selling gold worth \$200,000 to a high volume dealer
- D. The customer provides no background information or business purpose for the transaction

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 4

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 5

What is the currency threshold under the European Union Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive?

- A. 3,000 Euros
- B. 5,000 Euros
- C. 10,000 Euros
- D. 15,000 Euros

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 6

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 7

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 8

A client opens a bank account for a multi-level marketing company. The debits and credits of the account are numerous and very involved. Further, there are a lot of international transactions. Also, funds are being tunneled from the company to the client's personal account in another jurisdiction. Which two steps should law enforcement take in investigating this matter? (Choose two.)

- A. Determine who are the signatories on the account
- B. Ask the bank for the history of this multi-level marketing company
- C. Examine the flow of money from the company to the individual in an effort to determine if it is legitimate
- D. Examine possible Suspicious Activity Report information received from the local Financial Intelligence Units

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 9

Which two channels can be utilized during a cross-border money laundering investigation to assist in gathering information according to Financial Action Task Force? (Choose two.)

- A. Contacting existing liaison officers in the foreign jurisdiction
- B. Exchanging information between national law enforcement agencies
- C. Contacting the potential suspect or their family members to request information
- D. Submitting only formal requests for information to a financial intelligence unit

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 10

A bank located in New York has identified suspicious transactions at a correspondent bank in China. For one of the international customers, the correspondent bank is not following agreed upon protocols. Which factor indicates that the bank should terminate the relationship?

- A. The correspondent bank has opened branches in a country on the Office of Foreign Assets Control list.
- B. The compliance officer at the correspondent bank is currently being investigated due to bribery allegations.
- C. The correspondent bank has recently exceeded acceptable limits in the primary banks' recently developed risk model.
- D. The primary institution has requested transactional details from the correspondent bank to aide in their investigation.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 10

The anti-money laundering compliance officer for a small money transmitter has several agent locations in the same geographic area in the United States. The customers are immigrants from Country A and the majority of the funds are remitted to Country A. In a meeting with one of the agents, it is recently discovered that two new customers have been coming in three times a week and sending funds to the same recipient in Country B. Each cash transaction always totals exactly \$8,000. What should alert the agent to possible money laundering activity by the two customers?

- A. They remit funds to the same person
- B. They have been coming in three times a week
- C. It is unusual for customers to remit to Country B
- D. Each of their transactions is just below the cash reporting threshold

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 13

What must be materially true regarding transactions for United States (U.S.) sanctions laws to have jurisdiction?

- A. Transactions are traced to illegal proceeds
- B. Transactions are processed by a U. person
- C. person
- D. Transactions are stripped of beneficial owner information
- E. Transactions are identified as proceeds of foreign corruption

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 18

Which method is used to launder money in casinos?

- A. Purchase chips with cash and play at a table
- B. Purchase chips with cash and redeem for cash
- C. Purchase chips with cash and redeem for a check
- D. Purchase chips with cash and sell to another person for cash

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 20

What is a key objective of the Egmont Group?

- A. To find ways to promote the development of Financial Intelligence Units and the sharing of expertise.
- B. To safeguard the financial system from illicit use and combat money laundering and promote national security.

- C. To issue binding standards that establish consistently operated Financial Intelligence Units in member jurisdictions.
- D. To provide best practices for financial institutions on how to report suspicious activity to best share the information with law enforcement.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 21

What is a major economic consequence of money laundering through the use of front companies?

- A. Placing more emphasis on manufacturing
- B. Weakening of the legitimate private sector
- C. Creating a more competitive pricing environment
- D. Aligning management principles between criminal enterprises and legitimate businesses

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 23

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 25

What are two reasons physical certificates present a money laundering risk to broker-dealers? (Choose two.)

- A. The trade information on a physical certificate can be easily altered
- B. Physical certificates do not expire and may be held by the owner for perpetuity
- C. There is little information readily available to the broker confirming the source of the funds
- D. Physical certificates may be provided to nominees for deposit or settled in off-market transactions

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 27

In which two ways does a government Financial Intelligence Unit interact with public and private sectors? (Choose two.)

- A. It governs the methods of investigation used by competent authorities
- B. It mediates disputes between financial institutions and investigative authorities
- C. It receives and analyzes disclosures filed by financial and non-bank institutions
- D. It disseminates information and the results of its analysis to competent authorities

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 29

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 32

Which two factors should increase the risk of a correspondent bank customer and require additional due diligence according to the Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Principles for Correspondent Banking? (Choose two.)

- A. The customer is located in a Financial Action Task Force member country and provides services primarily to a local individual customer.
- B. The customer is located in a Financial Action Task Force member country and the bank's head of information security is a politically exposed person.
- C. The customer is located in a Financial Action Task Force member country and provides services to other correspondent banks in neighboring countries.
- D. The customer is located in a non-Financial Action Task Force member country and services mostly commercial customers who engage in international trade.

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 36

A new compliance officer is reviewing the bank's anti-money laundering program and notices that the risk assessment was completed six months ago. Since that time, the bank acquired another financial institution, re-named the internal records group, and streamlined cash handling procedures. Which factor causes the compliance officer to update the bank's risk assessment?

- A. The bank acquired another institution
- B. The internal records group has been re-named

- C. The cash handling procedures were streamlined
- D. The risk assessment was completed six months ago

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 37

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

- A. Representing a client court
- B. Understanding 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 38

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 42

A foreign bank operating under an offshore license wants to open a correspondent account with a United States (U.S.) bank. The foreign bank plans to provide payable through account services to some of its customers. What must the foreign bank provide to the U.S. bank under the USA PATRIOT Act?

- A. A list of politically exposed persons who are owners of the correspondent bank
- B. A list of account holders at the financial institution who will use the payable through account
- C. The person in the United States who can receive service of legal process for the correspondent bank
- D. A list of anti-money laundering training records for the financial institution employees monitoring payable through account transactions

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 44

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 46

Which insurance product is particularly vulnerable to money laundering?

- A. Annuity
- B. Casualty
- C. Collateral
- D. Regulated pension

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 51

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 56

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 57

The branch manager notices that a number of customers come in weekly and always use the same teller to process their deposits. The manager notices that the customers and the teller, who are from the same ethnic group, are speaking in a foreign language and every once in a while the customers from local ethnic restaurants will bring the teller lunch. The commercial customers that visit the teller generally deposit the same amount of cash each time they come in. How should the branch manager respond to this activity?

- A. Transfer the teller to another branch
- B. Conduct further investigation before taking any other action
- C. Encourage the teller to bring in more business from the ethnic community
- D. Suggest to the teller to send the customers to other tellers to avoid the opportunity for collusion

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 59

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 60

Which two factors assist a money laundering investigation that involves multiple countries? (Choose two.)

- A. Law enforcement and other authorities should have access to financial information that is pertinent to the investigation.
- B. Every country should share all their information with foreign law enforcement and government authorities to facilitate rapid investigations.
- C. Law enforcement and other authorities should be allowed to establish and utilize joint investigative teams with law enforcement in other countries.
- D. Law enforcement and other authorities should not expedite information sharing between countries to ensure that all information is provided at the same time to avoid premature conclusions.

Answer: BC

NEW QUESTION 62

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 63

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