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## **Exam Questions CAMS**

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (the 6th edition)

#### NEW QUESTION 1

A compliance officer identifies a potentially significant risk in a popular financial product. Further investigation reveals there is no mitigating control. Which course of action should the compliance officer take?

- A. Launch a long-term project to remediate the control deficiency
- B. Note the risk and address it during the next round of policy and procedure review
- C. Immediately cease providing the product and only offer it after effective permanent mitigation is implemented
- D. Implement a temporary mitigation that enables effective management of the risk until a permanent plan can be developed

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 2

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 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

When must a United States (U.S.) bank block or reject an international funds transfer when there is an Office of Foreign Assets Control designated party to the transaction?

- A. Only if the U.
- B. bank is involved in the funds transfer
- C. Only if a U.
- D. person or entity is the ultimate beneficiary
- E. Only if a non-U.
- F. person or entity is the ultimate beneficiary
- G. Only if the U.
- H. bank's correspondent informs it of the involvement of the designated party

**Answer:** D

#### 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 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 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 8

Which two methods have terrorist groups used to diversify their revenue stream and to fund their operations? (Choose two.)

- A. Human trafficking
- B. Engaging in civil conflict
- C. Smuggling cultural artifacts
- D. Engaging in wire transfer activity

**Answer:** AB

#### NEW QUESTION 9

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 10

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 10

A recent anti-money laundering audit revealed several regulatory reporting violations and lapses with the organization's anti-money laundering policy. As a result, the compliance officer has created a follow-up matrix to document progress in correcting the identified deficiencies.

To whom should the compliance officer provide regular updates of corrective action to help ensure the appropriate oversight?

- A. Audit management
- B. Human Resources
- C. Business line managers
- D. Designated board committee

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 15

Findings from a regulatory examination report states that the job descriptions of personnel outside of the compliance department do not include references to anti-money laundering responsibilities. Which action should the firm take?

- A. Update all job descriptions to include anti-money laundering responsibilities
- B. Respond that only compliance personnel have anti-money laundering responsibilities
- C. Send an email to all staff stating that personnel must observe the anti-money laundering policy
- D. Reply that a description of anti-money laundering responsibilities is included in the annual training

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 17

How does the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) communicate its findings regarding jurisdictions with strategic anti-money laundering / Counter Financing of Terrorism deficiencies?

- A. By issuing documentation to the private sector
- B. By issuing two formal documents three times per year
- C. By issuing informal communication to FATF members
- D. By issuing four formal documents to the deficient jurisdictions

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 18

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 19

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 23

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 27

As a result of an audit, a policy exception was identified that had been approved by the compliance officer. The auditor determined that the policy exception is a violation of a regulatory requirement. What should the auditor do?

- A. Advise the compliance officer on how to appropriately respond to policy exceptions.
- B. Include the regulatory violation in the audit report and report it to the board of directors.
- C. Consult with legal counsel to determine if the approval of the policy exception was acceptable.
- D. Include the regulatory violation in the audit report and recommend the compliance officer be subject to disciplinary action by the board of directors.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 29

What are two requirements with respect to supporting documentation that is used to identify potentially suspicious activity, according to Financial Action Task Force? (Choose two.)

- A. It must be retained for at least five years
- B. It must be retained for at least seven years
- C. It must be kept in a manner so that it can be provided promptly
- D. It must only be released to the government through a subpoena process

**Answer:** AC

#### NEW QUESTION 31

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 35

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 40

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 43

A bank located in Arizona is considering a loan application for a new client. The collateral for the loan is a property in Florida.

The loan will be in the name of a limited company (LLC) whose ownership is not disclosed to the bank. The LLC was established by a New York-based attorney.

The loan will be repaid by the LLC in monthly wire transfers of \$9,000 which is more than the required monthly payment.

Which aspect indicates potential for money laundering?

- A. The LLC's ownership is not disclosed to the bank
- B. The collateral, a property in Florida, is not located in Arizona
- C. The repayment in the amount of \$9,000 indicates potential structuring
- D. The attorney associated with the account is outside the bank's lending area

**Answer:** AC

#### NEW QUESTION 46

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 47

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 50

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 52

A non-U.S. bank wants to open an account at Bank A, which is a U.S.-based bank.

Which information must Bank A obtain under the USA PATRIOT Act?

- A. A complete client list from the non-U.
- B. bank
- C. The identity of owners and percentage of ownership of the non-U.
- D. bank
- E. The structure and identity of the management team at the non-U.
- F. bank
- G. The details of the non-U.
- H. bank's anti-money laundering compliance training program

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 53

A popular restaurant in town has begun depositing less cash than it has in prior years. In a review of the customer's accounts, you notice that credit card receipts have increased with no explanation. The account officer discovers that the restaurant has installed a privately-owned automated teller machine (ATM) onsite and



has begun construction on a patio dining area.  
Which red flag should trigger additional investigation?

- A. Privately-owned ATM
- B. Lower cash deposits
- C. Increased credit card receipts
- D. Construction of the new patio dining area

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 55

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 56

A United States (U.S.) bank was recently alerted by law enforcement of an increase in sale of large denomination U.S. bank notes to casas de cambio. They suspect that a Mexican syndicate is operating a money laundering scheme in the bank's jurisdiction.

Which two steps should be taken to trace funds through the bank to assist law enforcement in their investigation? (Choose two.)

- A. Identify the money laundering scheme and submit a suspicious transaction report
- B. Identify if there is a decrease in the sale of large denomination U.
- C. bank notes to casas de cambio by the bank
- D. Identify deposits by casas de cambio that include third-party items including sequentially numbered monetary instruments
- E. Identify multiple wire transfers initiated by casas de cambio to jurisdictions outside of Mexico that bear no apparent business relationship with that casa de cambio

**Answer:** CD

#### NEW QUESTION 61

What are two requirements for monitoring and reporting suspicious activity for correspondent banking according to the Wolfsberg Principles? (Choose two.)

- A. Incorporate suspicious activity monitoring into periodic reviews
- B. Incorporate due diligence results such as customer risk ratings
- C. Utilize downstream correspondents to investigate and report suspicious activity
- D. Investigate and report suspicious activity only for the correspondent bank's clients

**Answer:** BC

#### NEW QUESTION 65

When should the anti-money laundering risk assessment be updated?

- A. Every two years
- B. After a merger or acquisition
- C. When the board of directors changes
- D. When instructed to by the Financial Action Task Force

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 67

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 68

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 73**

Which aspect of the USA PATRIOT Act impacts foreign financial institutions?

- A. Requiring enhanced due diligence for foreign shell banks
- B. Expanding sanctions requirements to a U.
- C. financial institution's foreign branches
- D. Expanding the anti-money laundering program requirements to all foreign financial institutions
- E. Providing authority to impose special measures on institutions that are of primary money-laundering concern

**Answer:** D

**NEW QUESTION 77**

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 81**

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