

Exam Questions CAMS

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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

A client is a wholesale auto business that operates as a used car lot. The client regularly ships vehicles internationally. In a four-month period, the client received wires totaling \$ 1,250,000 from a dealer in Benin in West Africa. All wires originated from Benin and were in increments of \$50,000.

Account debits made to the account were payable to various transport companies. All incoming checks reference various vehicles purchased. Dock shipping receipts produced by the client to support account activity identify the vehicles but cannot easily be tied to the wires receives.

What is the suspicious behavior?

- A. The dock shipping receipts match the vehicles
- B. Vehicles are regularly shipped internationally
- C. Wires received are in large, even dollar amounts
- D. Account debits are payable to transport companies

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 3

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 4

What are two requirements of United States financial institutions when conducting business with an international institution as a result of the USA PATRIOT Act? (Choose two.)

- A. Performing enhanced due diligence on shell banks
- B. Performing due diligence on correspondent accounts
- C. Visiting the head office of the international financial institution
- D. Complying with Special Measures issued under the USA PATRIOT Act

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 5

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 6

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 7

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 8

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 9

A bank employee recently opened an account for a new restaurant. Daily cash deposits over a three-month period are close to \$9,500. What are two red flags that indicate possible money laundering or terrorist financing? (Choose two.)

- A. The restaurant is located in a different city
- B. The daily cash deposits are so close in amount
- C. It is a new account that has daily cash deposits
- D. The new account demonstrates a steady flow of income

Answer: BD

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

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 12

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 15

A bank compliance officer discovers cash deposit activity inconsistent with the expected and historical cash activity within the personal accounts of the chairman of the board. The cash activity appears structured to avoid the local legal filing requirements for large cash transactions, and a suspicious transaction report (STR) was filed.

How should the compliance officer report the filing of the STR to the board of directors without revealing the existence of the filing to the subject?

- A. Inform the legal counsel of the bank
- B. Follow the financial institution's established STR reporting policy
- C. Notify the financial institution's regulator to disclose the activity
- D. The compliance officer and the chief executive officer should jointly interview the chairman

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 19

Which red flag indicates high potential for money laundering in a real estate purchase?

- A. The purchaser is a nominee
- B. The purchaser had a previous bankruptcy
- C. The purchaser owns a cash intensive business
- D. The purchaser is not a resident where the property is located

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 21

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 26

Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-style regional bodies are created and obliged to understand the inherent money laundering and terrorist financing risks in the region of the world they serve. What is one of the methods they use to understand these risks?

- A. They require member countries to develop statistical metrics over money laundering and terrorist financing crimes
- B. They require participating financial institutions of their members to file suspicious transaction reports to the regional body
- C. They conduct global research on money laundering and terrorist financing trends and report their findings in their own typologies report
- D. They conduct regional-level research and analysis of the money laundering and terrorist financing methods and trends using standards and templates used for FATF typologies reports

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 29

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 31

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 34

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 39

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 40

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 42

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 44

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 49

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 50

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 51

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 53

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 58

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 61

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 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 66

A politically exposed person (PEP) maintains an account at a bank. Last month a money laundering analyst filed a suspicious transaction report about unusual wire deposits originated by unknown individuals in the home country of the official. To whom should this situation be escalated?

- A. The board of directors
- B. The line of business executive
- C. The bank's anti-money laundering officer
- D. The Financial Action Task Force's PEP Hotline

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 70

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 75

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 80

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