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NEW QUESTION 1

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 2

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 3

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 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

To ensure compliance with economic sanctions established by governmental authorities in the jurisdictions where it operates, a financial institution requires that all new and existing customers be screened at onboarding and quarterly thereafter.

Is this step sufficient to ensure compliance?

- A. No, screening should occur promptly after list updates
- B. Yes, this is recommended by the international guidance
- C. No, it is necessary to screen and perform enhanced due diligence on new relationships
- D. Yes, screening all existing customer relationships ensures the institutions is not dealing with a sanctioned individual or entity

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

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 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 financial institution receives a regulatory enforcement action because of deficiencies in its anti-money laundering program. Which action should the board of directors take?

- A. Terminate the compliance officer and staff
- B. Purchase and install a new suspicious activity monitoring system
- C. Hire an attorney with instructions to protest the enforcement action
- D. Instruct the compliance officer to develop a plan to remediate the institution's anti-money laundering program

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 10

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 13

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 15

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.
- C. person
- D. Transactions are stripped of beneficial owner information
- E. Transactions are identified as proceeds of foreign corruption

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 16

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 20

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 23

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 24

Who has the ultimate responsibility within a bank for ensuring that the bank has a comprehensive and effective Bank Secrecy Act / anti-money laundering (BSA/AML) program and oversight framework that is reasonably designed to ensure compliance with applicable regulations?

- A. Senior management
- B. Board of directors
- C. Business line managers
- D. BSA/AML compliance officer

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 25

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 26

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 28

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 31

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 32

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 35

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 38

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 42

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 47

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 50

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 51

What do Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-style regional bodies do for their members to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing?

- A. They provide technical assistance to members in implementing FATF recommendations

- B. They assist member countries in penalizing entities that violate FATF standards and recommendations
- C. They work with members on areas of concern outside of anti-money laundering and terrorist financing
- D. They supervise member country financial institutions relating to anti-money laundering and terrorist financing

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 53

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 57

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 60

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 61

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 66

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 70

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 73

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 74

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

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 75

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 79

A bank compliance officer has implemented enhanced monitoring rules that have identified some unusual activity that may be indicative of human trafficking. Which red flag should prompt additional transactional review?

- A. Wire transfer activity from countries with significant migrant populations
- B. Cash deposits that occur in cities where the customer resides and conducts business
- C. Cash deposits that occur in cities where the customer does not reside or conduct business
- D. Cash deposits that occur in cities where the customer does not reside or conduct business followed by same-day withdrawals

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 81

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 85

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 87

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. bank notes to casas de cambio by the bank
- 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 92

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 93

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 98

What are two sources for maintaining up-to-date sanctions information? (Choose two.)

- A. U.
- B. Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Security Letters
- C. U.
- D. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control
- E. U.
- F. Department of the Treasury – Section 311 – Special Measures
- G. Financial Action Task Force's list of High Risk and Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 100

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 101

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 105

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 108

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 113

An anti-money laundering audit identifies a significant weakness in how transaction monitoring alerts are cleared. Audit sampling identified potentially suspicious activity that was cleared as not suspicious. Management accepts the audit finding and develops a remediation plan. What is the role of the auditor during the correction phase?

- A. Directing the remediation of the deficiency in a timely manner
- B. Developing procedures to provide sufficient risk-based documentation for clearing alerts
- C. Providing training to the alert clearing department on the importance of effective alert clearing
- D. Validating the successful remediation of the issue once management indicates the issue is resolved

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 115

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 120

A bank account is established for a new business customer. The business was established five years ago with an address in another state. The business website contains few details other than stating it is a real estate business. One principal has an international telephone number and appears to be living in another country. The other principal works out of a recreational vehicle. What warrants enhanced due diligence in this scenario?

- A. Shell company
- B. Human trafficker
- C. Politically exposed person
- D. Money laundering through real estate

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 123

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