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## Exam Questions CAMS

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



#### 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

Historically, a tour guide has made monthly cash deposits averaging \$10,000. Over the past three months, the monthly deposits have averaged \$100,000. When the financial institution questions the increased deposits, the tour guide explains that there have been numerous conventions in town so business has increased substantially.

Which further action(s) should the financial institution take?

- A. Immediately terminate the relationship
- B. Schedule a periodic review of activity
- C. Perform further investigation, if appropriate report the activity to the authorities and consider terminating the relationship
- D. Perform further investigation, if appropriate report the activity to the authorities and place a limit on future transactions

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

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 4

Which two aspects of precious metals pose the highest risk of money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. Some precious metals can be formed into other objects, making easier to transport
- B. Precious metals have high intrinsic value in a relatively compact form and are easy to convert into currency
- C. The value of precious metals can be inflated easily, making it easy to increase the amount of money laundered
- D. Precious metals can be readily used in many high-tech commercial applications, making them all the more valuable

**Answer: BD**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

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 6

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 7

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 8**

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 9**

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 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 10**

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 14**

A compliance officer at a small community bank has been asked to review existing customer onboarding policies and procedures to ensure they adequately address anti-money laundering risks. How should customer due diligence be implemented?

- A. With an annual compliance review and approval of customers
- B. With a one-time event conducted at initial customer onboarding
- C. As an ongoing activity that may vary commensurate with the risk profile of the customer
- D. As applicable to customers that pose higher money laundering or terrorist financing risk

**Answer:** C

#### **NEW QUESTION 18**

A compliance officer provides an overview of the bank's anti-money laundering program to a group of new tellers during employee orientation. Which training element should be delivered to this audience?

- A. Results of recent risk assessments
- B. Large cash transaction reporting procedures
- C. The financial institution's surprise cash audit policy
- D. Past check fraud losses incurred by the financial institution

**Answer:** B

#### **NEW QUESTION 23**

What is true regarding disclosure to a law enforcement agency by a financial institution of the supporting documentation for a suspicious transaction report?

- A. Documentation must be provided as quickly as possible using email
- B. The financial institution may notify the account holder of the request
- C. Confirm that the request originated from a representative of the law enforcement agency
- D. A copy of all the documentation released must also be provided to the account holder's attorney

**Answer: C**

#### **NEW QUESTION 26**

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**

An institution is about to release a new peer to peer (P2P) funds transfer product to provide much needed remittance services to an under-banked population segment in the country.

The service allows customers to transfer funds through a mobile banking application to individuals worldwide entering only a name and mobile number. The new service charges less than comparable market solutions and offers real time transfer of funds. The customer onboarding process is conducted at branch locations with identity verification.

Which three present the highest anti-money laundering or sanctions risk and will require controls prior to launch? (Choose three.)

- A. Customer onboarding
- B. Cross-border functionality
- C. Real time transfer of funds
- D. Servicing the under-banked population
- E. Limited access to counterparty information

**Answer: ACE**

#### **NEW QUESTION 34**

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 37**

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 40**

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 44**

What is a key risk associated with Correspondent Accounts according to the Basel Customer Due Diligence paper?

- A. It is not used on a daily basis
- B. The service fees are insufficient to cover the cost of managing the account
- C. The respondent bank's customer acceptance and know your customer policies are ineffective

D. The volume and value of transactions passing through the account may not be in line with the original correspondent agreement

**Answer: C**

**NEW QUESTION 48**

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 53**

Which insurance product is particularly vulnerable to money laundering?

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

**Answer: A**

**NEW QUESTION 57**

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 62**

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 64**

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 69**

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. financial institution's foreign branches
- C. Expanding the anti-money laundering program requirements to all foreign financial institutions
- 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 74**

What are two legal risks of having inadequate privacy policies and procedures? (Choose two.)

- A. Diminished reputation
- B. Industry of regulatory sanctions
- C. Charges of deceptive business practices
- D. Higher marketing and public relations costs

**Answer:** AB

**NEW QUESTION 76**

Which method to launder money through deposit-taking institutions is closely associated with international trade?

- A. Forming a shell company
- B. Using Black Market Peso Exchange
- C. Structuring cash deposits withdrawals
- D. Investing in legitimate business with illicit funds

**Answer:** B

**NEW QUESTION 80**

What should countries do to help prevent non-profit organizations from being abused for the financing of terrorism according to the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations?

- A. Allow for freezing assets of non-profit organizations
- B. Require all non-profit organizations to register with the country's financial intelligence unit
- C. Ensure non-profit organizations cannot be used to conceal or obscure the diversion of funds intended for legitimate purposes to terrorists' organizations
- D. Create laws that forbid non-profit organizations from completing cross-border transactions without first running them through known terrorist data bases

**Answer:** C

**NEW QUESTION 81**

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 85**

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 89**

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