CIRCULAR LETTER

To: All Insurance/Reinsurance Companies, Insurance and Reinsurance Brokers and Intermediaries, Mutual Benefit Associations, Trusts for Charitable Uses and Pre-need Companies

Subject: Dissemination of AMLC Resolution No. 11 dated 26 February 2014

Attached is a copy of AMLC Resolution No. 11 dated 26 February 2014 on the Reporting of All Covered and Suspicious Transactions to the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) for your information and guidance.

EMMANUEL F. DOOC
Insurance Commissioner
Hon. Emmanuel F. Dooc  
Commissioner  
Insurance Commission  
Manila

Dear Sir:

The Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), in its Resolution No. 11 dated 26 February 2014 (copy attached), resolved to:

(1) Prescribe the reporting of all covered transactions and suspicious transactions to the AMLC within ten (10) working days from occurrence thereof.

(2) Request the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Insurance Commission to disseminate copies of this Resolution to all covered persons under their respective jurisdictions.

In view hereof, may we request the Insurance Commission to disseminate copies of the abovementioned Resolution to all covered institutions under its jurisdiction.

Thank you.

MA. RHEA SANTOS-MENDOZA  
Council Secretary

Noted by:

JULIA C. BACAY-ABAD  
Executive Director

File/Ref No. AMLC-OED-14
In the Memorandum dated 3 February 2014, the Secretariat reported to the Council that:

The Association of Bank Compliance Officers, Inc. (ABCOMP) requests the Council to reinstate the policy issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) in its Circular No. 612 dated 13 June 2008, which extended the five (5)-day prescribed period under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9160, or the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA) of 2001, as amended, to a ten (10)-day period within which covered persons should report to the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) covered and suspicious transactions.

The request was prompted by the new provision of Section 9 (c) of R.A. No. 9160 as amended by R.A. No.10365, which reverted to the five (5)-day period within which to file covered transaction reports (CTRs) and suspicious transaction reports (STRs), unless the AMLC prescribes a different period not exceeding fifteen (15) days, thus:

Sec. 9.c. Reporting of Covered and Suspicious Transactions.- Covered persons shall report to the AMLC all covered transactions and suspicious transactions within five (5) working days from occurrence thereof, unless the AMLC prescribes a different period not exceeding fifteen (15) working days.

Prior to the aforesaid amendment, R.A. No. 9160 required the reporting of covered and suspicious transactions within five (5) working days from occurrence thereof, unless the Supervising Authorities prescribe a longer period not exceeding ten (10) working days. Pursuant thereto, the Supervising Authorities, i.e., the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Insurance Commission
To revert to the five-day period prescribed by the AMLA would involve an adjustment of the reporting system of the institutions, and eventually entail additional cost of operation. On the contrary, reinstating the ten (10)-day period would allow covered persons sufficient time to collect reports from different branches and consolidate the same for proper reporting to the AMLC.

To ensure effective and uniform compliance by all covered persons with the requirements of the AMLA, the Council resolved to:

1. Prescribe the reporting of all covered transactions and suspicious transactions to the AMLC within ten (10) working days from occurrence thereof.

2. Request the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Insurance Commission to disseminate copies of this Resolution to all covered persons under their respective jurisdictions.

26 February 2014, Manila, Philippines.

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