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The urgent attention of all commercial banks is drawn to interpretation clause 33 of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act No.6 of 2006 which lists “offences against children” as an unlawful activity in terms of the law.

In this regard it has been brought to our attention that child pornography websites are being contributed to by customers through electronic payments systems and internet transactions. It is felt that credit cards remain the most common method of on-line payment used by consumers and utilized by purveyors of pornographic material.

A task force of the Sri Lanka Commercial Banks established for this purpose, in collaboration with the FIU, is working on a modus operandi to eradicate the commercial viability of child pornography.

The Financial Intelligence Unit, in its commitment to this noble cause and in giving effect to the provisions of the FTRA, invites the immediate attention of all commercial banks to the following imperatives:-

- To initiate, with immediate effect, additional KYC and CDD on existing and new credit card merchant bases with a special focus on the nature of business;
- Report immediately to the FIU, in the form of a Suspicious Transaction Report, in terms of Section 7(1)(a) of the FTRA, any customer, transaction or merchant involved in offences against children, as illustrated above.

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