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To: Chief Executive Officers of Licensed Banks/Licensed Finance Companies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Procedure of conducting risk based onsite Examinations

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has taken measures to strengthen the process of AML/CFT supervision in order to rectify the gaps identified in Mutual Evaluation Report of 2015. Accordingly, onsite examinations of licensed banks and licensed finance companies will be conducted under risk based approach in terms of the Financial Institutions (Customer Due Diligence) Rules, No.1 of 2016 and the Financial Transactions Reporting Act, No. 6 of 2006 (FTRA). The following steps will be adopted with regard to the said examinations.

- a) The Director FIU will inform the Chief Executive Officer of the relevant financial institution in writing about the commencement of an examination in terms of Section 15(1) (e) read with Section 18 of the FTRA.
- b) Examiners will visit the head office/ selected branches of the financial institution to conduct the onsite examination.
- c) Supervisory concerns, if any, will be communicated to the financial institution after completing the examination.
- d) Failure to comply the provisions of the FTRA and Directions, Regulations and Rules issued thereunder will be dealt with in accordance with the Section 19 of the FTRA.

Circular No. -01/17 issued on 17.01.2017 is here by revoked without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder.

Yours faithfully,

Acting Director

Financial Intelligence Unit

cc: Compliance Officers of All Licensed Banks and Licensed Finance Companies