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NEW QUESTION 1

What are two risks to institutions for violating anti-money laundering laws as demonstrated by the 2012 HSBC settlement with United States authorities? (Choose two.)

- A. Forfeiture of assets
- B. Civil money penalties
- C. Loss of bank charter/license
- D. Imprisonment of bank employees

Answer: AB

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, it 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 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 4

A customer has held an account at a bank and has lived locally for over 25 years. Historically he has come into the bank monthly to deposit a \$1,500 retirement check from the company where he worked. He is well known at the bank and often brings the staff cookies. Over the past four months, he has come into the bank every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday to make \$3,000 cash deposits into his account. A review of his account shows that an \$8,500 check made out to cash clears his account each week. The bank has decided to file a suspicious transaction report (STR).

What is the important fact to include in the STR?

- A. The recent change in the timing of deposits and withdrawals in the account
- B. The customer's work history and the amount of his monthly retirement check
- C. The fact that the account holder is well known to the bank staff
- D. The fact that the customer has lived in the area and has banked at this bank for 25 years

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 5

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 6

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 7

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 8

Law enforcement submitted a request to a bank for information regarding one of its customers. How should the bank respond according to Financial Action Task Force Guidance?

- A. Provide all information requested to support the investigation
- B. Ensure that the request will not violate any local privacy regulations or legislation
- C. Ensure the information is necessary to the investigation before responding to the request
- D. Contact the customer informing the person of the investigation to ensure the bank provides information

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 9

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 10

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 10

What are two reasons physical certificates present a money laundering risk to broker-dealers? (Choose two.)

- A. The trade information on a physical certificate can be easily altered
- B. Physical certificates do not expire and may be held by the owner for perpetuity
- C. There is little information readily available to the broker confirming the source of the funds
- D. Physical certificates may be provided to nominees for deposit or settled in off-market transactions

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 15

What are the regulatory risks to a bank employee who willfully violates anti-money laundering laws?

- A. Investigation and reputational damage
- B. Fines and suspension from the industry
- C. Criminal investigation and imprisonment
- D. Enforcement actions including fines against the financial institution

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 16

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 20

In the summer, an institution identifies anti-money laundering concerns regarding a customer's account activity. The customer, an ice cream, has deposited a lot of checks drawn on banks in foreign countries, sent large number of high dollar international wires to different countries, made cash deposits of a few hundred dollars every few days and written multiple checks for a few hundred dollars to the same dozen payees every two weeks. Which two transaction types warrant investigation? (Choose two.)

- A. Regular cash deposits
- B. The wires to foreign countries
- C. Repeated checks to the same payees
- D. Checks drawn on banks in foreign countries

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 24

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 26

Which insurance product is particularly vulnerable to money laundering?

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

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 27

What is an essential element of Know Your Customer (KYC) standards according to the Basel Committee's Customer Due Diligence for Banks paper?

- A. Annual staff training
- B. A customer acceptance policy
- C. The same KYC requirements must be applied in all cases
- D. All completed KYC documents must be reviewed by a senior manager not involved in the account opening process

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 30

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 32

Upon a routine account review a money laundering investigator identified a number of large round dollar wire transfer deposits into a business account owned by a local auto repair shop. The wire transfers all originated from a country that is a known financial secrecy haven with poor anti-money laundering controls. The investigator concludes there appears to be no legitimate business purpose for the wire transfers and files a suspicious transaction report. The owner of the auto repair shop is popular in the community and is a well-known philanthropist.

To whom should the investigator escalate these concerns?

- A. Audit committee
- B. Chairman of the Board
- C. The owner of the auto repair shop
- D. The bank anti-money laundering officer

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 35

A popular restaurant in town has begun depositing less cash than it has in prior years. In a review of the customer's accounts, you notice that credit card receipts have increased with no explanation. The account officer discovers that the restaurant has installed a privately-owned automated teller machine (ATM) onsite and has begun construction on a patio dining area.

Which red flag should trigger additional investigation?

- A. Privately-owned ATM

- B. Lower cash deposits
- C. Increased credit card receipts
- D. Construction of the new patio dining area

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 40

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 41

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 43

Which two statements in the Wolfsberg Group's "Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism" define the role financial institutions should play in the fight against terrorism? (Choose two.)

- A. Financial institutions need to assist competent authorities in fighting terrorist financing through prevention, detection and information sharing.
- B. Financial institutions need to continuously analyze the types of activity related to terrorist financing and develop models that in the long term will drive down terrorism.
- C. Financial institutions should have financial intelligence units dedicated to the investigation of activity that would lead to the detection of terrorist financing as a means to decrease global terrorism.
- D. Financial institutions should apply extra due diligence whenever they see suspicious or irregular activities, especially when customers are engaged in sectors or activities that have been identified by competent authorities as being used for the financing of terrorism.

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 44

The vice president of the foreign correspondent banking department at a large United States bank has been notified that a foreign bank with an offshore license wants to open a correspondent account.

Which two things must the vice president acquire under the USA PATRIOT Act? (Choose two.)

- A. A list of all the customers of the correspondent bank
- B. A list of the types of businesses served by the correspondent bank
- C. Information relating to the foreign bank's anti-money laundering program
- D. The identity of 10% owners of the correspondent bank, unless it is publicly traded

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 48

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 53

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