



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
ADVISORY AUTHORITY FOR COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING
AND TERRORIST FINANCING

PUBLIC STATEMENT

The Advisory Authority for Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing wishes to refer to the public statement issued by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on 28th February 2008, by which, inter alia, it advises on the deficiencies of the anti money laundering system of the “northern part of Cyprus”, and calls upon all its members and urges all jurisdictions to pay special attention in transactions with financial institutions operating in the “northern part of Cyprus”. In this regard, the Advisory Authority wishes to clarify that the “northern part of Cyprus” refers to the areas of the Republic of Cyprus under Turkish military occupation and which, therefore, are not under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

It is noted that the financial institutions which operate in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus not under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, have not been incorporated under the Cyprus Company Law nor have they been granted a licence under the provisions of the Cyprus Legislation. Accordingly, these entities are not subject to the control or supervision of the competent Supervisory Authorities of the financial sector of the Republic of Cyprus.

Note:

“**The Advisory Authority for Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing**” is a policy making body set up under the provisions of the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering Activities Law of 2007 and comprises representatives of the following Bodies:

The Cyprus FIU, (Unit for Combating Money Laundering), the Central Bank of Cyprus, the Authority for the Supervision and Development of Cooperative Societies, the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission, the Superintendent of Insurance, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice and Public Order, the Association of Cyprus Commercial Banks, the Cyprus Bar Association and the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus.

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