

OFFICIAL INFORMATION OF THE CZECH NATIONAL BANK

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on certain requirements for the system of internal principles, procedures and control measures against the legitimisation of the proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism

Recognised AML standards

The Czech National Bank hereby provides the following information with regard to Article 4(2) of Decree No. 281/2008 Coll., on certain requirements for the system of internal principles, procedures and control measures against the legitimisation of the proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism (hereinafter the “Decree”):

1. The Czech National Bank regards as recognised and tested principles and procedures in the area of money laundering and terrorist financing prevention (hereinafter “recognised AML standards”) the standards, recommendations and methods and trends reflecting developments in the area of money laundering and terrorist financing and similar documents (e.g. guidance documents) intended to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing prepared by the intergovernmental Financial Action Task Force¹ (FATF), to the extent to which they are published by the FATF on its website (www.fatf-gafi.org).
2. The Czech National Bank shall regard as recognised AML standards also the documents issued as guidance for good practice in the area of anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing measures in specific financial market segments by the following internationally acknowledged standard-makers:
 - a) the Joint Forum² (JF), to the extent to which they are published by the JF on its website (http://www.bis.org/list/jforum/tid_32/index.htm),
 - b) the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision³ (BCBS), to the extent to which they are published by the BCBS on its website (http://www.bis.org/list/bcbs/tid_32/index.htm),
 - c) the International Organisation of Securities Commissions⁴ (IOSCO), to the extent to which they are published by the IOSCO on its website (www.iosco.org),

¹ The FATF is an intergovernmental organisation that lays down standards and develops and promotes policies to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The FATF plays a worldwide role in the assessment of countries and territories in the area of combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism. One of the FATF’s main activities is the publication of a List of Non-Cooperative Countries and Territories.

² A Joint Forum of international interest organisations of regulators of banks, insurance companies and capital markets. The Joint Forum was established in 1996 as a joint body of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS), the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) in order to strengthen cooperation between the regulators of the individual financial sectors.

³ The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) operates as a forum for banking supervisory matters at the Bank for International Settlement (BIS).

⁴ The International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) associates regulators and supervisors in the capital market area.

- d) the International Association of Insurance Supervisors⁵ (IAIS), to the extent to which they are published by the IAIS on its website (www.iaisweb.org/index.cfm?pageID=37).
3. Taking account of the recognised AML standards in specific cases requires among other things an assessment of their compliance with the legal regulations of the Czech Republic, particularly those regarding money laundering and terrorist financing prevention; the application of the recognised AML standards must not lead to the circumvention of those regulations.
4. The web addresses provided in this Official Information are indicative and are intended to facilitate searches of the relevant websites and their content. Specific documents should be searched for with regard to the subject matter and purpose of this Official Information.

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⁵ The International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) associates the regulators and supervisors in the insurance area.