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To: CEOs/GM/MDs of the Financial Institutions

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Additional measures to mitigate the emerging Money Laundering/ Terrorist Financing risks during the third wave of the COVID -19 Pandemic

Further to our circular No.03/2020 dated 15.06.2020, the Financial Institutions (FIs) are advised to be vigilant and take additional measures to protect the FIs as well as the financial system from any possible money laundering/ terrorist financing risks arising during the third wave of COVID-19 Pandemic.

The criminals may attempt to use the pandemic as an opportunity to misuse the FIs for their intended unlawful activities. Therefore, the FIs are required to strengthen the process of conducting customer due diligence, ongoing monitoring of customers and scrutiny of transactions and also awareness among all levels of staff on possible risks in order to mitigate the exposed risk, if any.

Yours faithfully

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