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NEW QUESTION 1

A client is a wholesale auto business that operates as a used car lot. The client regularly ships vehicles internationally. In a four-month period, the client received wires totaling \$ 1,250,000 from a dealer in Benin in West Africa. All wires originated from Benin and were in increments of \$50,000.

Account debits made to the account were payable to various transport companies. All incoming checks reference various vehicles purchased. Dock shipping receipts produced by the client to support account activity identify the vehicles but cannot easily be tied to the wires receives.

What is the suspicious behavior?

- A. The dock shipping receipts match the vehicles
- B. Vehicles are regularly shipped internationally
- C. Wires received are in large, even dollar amounts
- D. Account debits are payable to transport companies

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 2

When must a United States (U.S.) bank block or reject an international funds transfer when there is an Office of Foreign Assets Control designated party to the transaction?

- A. Only if the U. bank is involved in the funds transfer
- B. bank is involved in the funds transfer
- C. Only if a U. person or entity is the ultimate beneficiary
- D. person or entity is the ultimate beneficiary
- E. Only if a non-U. person or entity is the ultimate beneficiary
- F. person or entity is the ultimate beneficiary
- G. Only if the U. bank's correspondent informs it of the involvement of the designated party
- H. bank's correspondent informs it of the involvement of the designated party

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 3

Which method is used to launder money via wire remittances sent through a bureau de change or money services business? A. A customer in country A makes a weekly small wire transfer to the bank account of an individual in country B.

- A. A customer in country A makes frequent wire transfers to a single customer in country B that are slightly under the legal reporting threshold.
- B. A large number of wire transfers are sent from a large number of senders in country A to a large number of recipients in country B during the period of December 1 to December 15.
- C. A customer in country A receives four small wire transfers from four different individuals located in country B on December 21. The aggregate of the wire transfers falls below the legal reporting threshold.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 4

A compliance officer was recently reviewing transactional data for an international charity and found transactions that present a higher risk. Which reason is cause for terminating the banking relationship?

- A. The charity has had a high a high turnover rate of official positions
- B. The charity has several incoming international funds transfers
- C. The flow of funds both in and out are complex and hard to trace
- D. The charity is headquartered in a country on the Office of Foreign Assets Control list

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 5

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 6

What must be materially true regarding transactions for United States (U.S.) sanctions laws to have jurisdiction?

- A. Transactions are traced to illegal proceeds
- B. Transactions are processed by a U. person
- C. person
- D. Transactions are stripped of beneficial owner information
- E. Transactions are identified as proceeds of foreign corruption

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 7

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 8

Under which two circumstances may law enforcement be given access to a financial institution customer's financial records? (Choose two.)

- A. If the person is named in a suspicious transaction report
- B. If law enforcement serves a legal summons or subpoena
- C. If the investigation of a customer is made public in the media
- D. If law enforcement has circumstantial evidence to suspect money laundering

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 9

Who has the ultimate responsibility within a bank for ensuring that the bank has a comprehensive and effective Bank Secrecy Act / anti-money laundering (BSA/AML) program and oversight framework that is reasonably designed to ensure compliance with applicable regulations?

- A. Senior management
- B. Board of directors
- C. Business line managers
- D. BSA/AML compliance officer

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

A bank employee reviews wire transactions looking for indications of wire stripping. Which two actions should the employee take to complete appropriate bank procedures? (Choose two.)

- A. Compare the wire transaction as it enters and after it leaves the bank
- B. Check for suspicious phrases usually used to conceal originator or beneficiary identity
- C. Identify large incoming wire transactions received on behalf of a foreign client with no explicit reason
- D. Identify wire transaction activity to or from a financial institution located in a higher risk jurisdiction

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 10

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 15

How should a financial institution respond to a verbal request from a law enforcement agency to keep an account open to assist in an investigation?

- A. Agree to keep the account open
- B. Request a subpoena to maintain the account
- C. Request a letter on the agency's letterhead
- D. Request a search warrant from the local court

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 19

The compliance officer for a bank is reviewing on-boarding documents for a new business account for a domestic corporation. The officer is unable to verify the identity of the beneficial owners of the company. Only information on the nominee owners was provided, and none of the listed addresses are local. The purpose of the business and future expected activity were disclosed to include cash letters, money orders and international remittance transfers. Which red flag identifies a heightened money laundering risk?

- A. Expected activity was advised to include cash letter and money orders
- B. The nature and purpose of the business include international remittance transfers
- C. The names provided at account opening are identified as the corporation's representative nominees
- D. Account signer's government issued identification lists addresses outside of where the branch account was opened

Answer:

B

NEW QUESTION 20

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 23

An automotive parts company in South America sends multiple \$500,000 wire transfers per week to ABC Holdings Ltd. in Asia referencing payment for silk flower shipments. Research reveals Sunrise Holdings, Ltd is registered in the British Virgin Islands with no available ownership information. What are two red flags that indicate how trade-based money laundering could be occurring in this instance? (Choose two.)

- A. The transaction involves the use of front (or shell) companies
- B. The packaging is inconsistent with the commodity or shipping method
- C. Significant discrepancies appear between the description of the commodity on the bill of lading and the invoice
- D. The type of commodity being shipped appears inconsistent with the exporter or importer's regular business activities

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 28

What are two requirements with respect to supporting documentation that is used to identify potentially suspicious activity, according to Financial Action Task Force? (Choose two.)

- A. It must be retained for at least five years
- B. It must be retained for at least seven years
- C. It must be kept in a manner so that it can be provided promptly
- D. It must only be released to the government through a subpoena process

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 33

In which two ways does a government Financial Intelligence Unit interact with public and private sectors? (Choose two.)

- A. It governs the methods of investigation used by competent authorities
- B. It mediates disputes between financial institutions and investigative authorities
- C. It receives and analyzes disclosures filed by financial and non-bank institutions
- D. It disseminates information and the results of its analysis to competent authorities

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 37

The Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Principles for Private Banking require new clients to be approved by whom?

- A. The board of directors
- B. Only the private banker
- C. The private banker's supervisor
- D. At least one person other than the private banker

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 38

A law enforcement agency is reviewing a suspicious transaction report (STR) filed by a financial institution for suspicious activity on a client's account. Subsequently, the agency requests further information. Which supporting documentation might the law enforcement agency request from the institution to facilitate its investigation?

- A. Previously filed STRs on the same customer
- B. Account opening documents and account statements
- C. Copies of promotional materials sent to the customer
- D. A copy of the institution's STR policy and procedures

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 39

Which insurance product is particularly vulnerable to money laundering?

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

Answer:

A

NEW QUESTION 43

The compliance officer for a private bank has been tasked with writing a policy on how the bank will deal with intermediaries.

Which two aspects should be included in the policy in respect of intermediaries to align it with the Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Principles for Private Banking? (Choose two.)

- A. When an intermediary introduces clients to the bank, it is not necessary for the bank to perform due diligence on the intermediary's clients.
- B. Where an intermediary introduces clients to the bank, the bank must obtain the same type of information with respect to an introduced client that would otherwise be obtained by the bank, absent the involvement of the intermediary.
- C. Where an intermediary manages assets on behalf of a number of clients and is the account holder with the bank, but that intermediary does not conduct the same level of due diligence as the bank, it is necessary for the bank to undertake due diligence on the intermediary's clients.
- D. Where an intermediary manages assets on behalf of a number of clients and arranges for the opening of accounts for its clients with the bank, and that intermediary is a financial institution subject to similar regulations, it is necessary for the bank to perform due diligence on the intermediary's clients.

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 45

The branch manager notices that a number of customers come in weekly and always use the same teller to process their deposits. The manager notices that the customers and the teller, who are from the same ethnic group, are speaking in a foreign language and every once in a while the customers from local ethnic restaurants will bring the teller lunch. The commercial customers that visit the teller generally deposit the same amount of cash each time they come in. How should the branch manager respond to this activity?

- A. Transfer the teller to another branch
- B. Conduct further investigation before taking any other action
- C. Encourage the teller to bring in more business from the ethnic community
- D. Suggest to the teller to send the customers to other tellers to avoid the opportunity for collusion

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 49

A United States (U.S.) bank was recently alerted by law enforcement of an increase in sale of large denomination U.S. bank notes to casas de cambio. They suspect that a Mexican syndicate is operating a money laundering scheme in the bank's jurisdiction.

Which two steps should be taken to trace funds through the bank to assist law enforcement in their investigation? (Choose two.)

- A. Identify the money laundering scheme and submit a suspicious transaction report
- B. Identify if there is a decrease in the sale of large denomination U.S. bank notes to casas de cambio by the bank
- C. Identify deposits by casas de cambio that include third-party items including sequentially numbered monetary instruments
- D. Identify multiple wire transfers initiated by casas de cambio to jurisdictions outside of Mexico that bear no apparent business relationship with that casa de cambio
- E. Identify multiple wire transfers initiated by casas de cambio to jurisdictions outside of Mexico that bear no apparent business relationship with that casa de cambio

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 51

What are two requirements for monitoring and reporting suspicious activity for correspondent banking according to the Wolfsberg Principles? (Choose two.)

- A. Incorporate suspicious activity monitoring into periodic reviews
- B. Incorporate due diligence results such as customer risk ratings
- C. Utilize downstream correspondents to investigate and report suspicious activity
- D. Investigate and report suspicious activity only for the correspondent bank's clients

Answer: BC

NEW QUESTION 56

What are two sources for maintaining up-to-date sanctions information? (Choose two.)

- A. U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Security Letters
- B. U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control
- C. U.S. Department of the Treasury – Section 311 – Special Measures
- D. Financial Action Task Force's list of High Risk and Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions
- E. U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control
- F. U.S. Department of the Treasury – Section 311 – Special Measures
- G. Financial Action Task Force's list of High Risk and Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 60

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 65

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 66

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 71

Which method to launder money through deposit-taking institutions is closely associated with international trade?

- A. Forming a shell company
- B. Using Black Market Peso Exchange
- C. Structuring cash deposits withdrawals
- D. Investing in legitimate business with illicit funds

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 76

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 77

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