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NEW QUESTION 1

Which factor should a bank consider before sharing information about a customer with its broker-dealer affiliate in the case of an investigation?

- A. Whether the broker-dealer affiliate can rely on the due diligence done by the bank
- B. Whether there is a mutual legal assistance treaty in place between the two institutions
- C. Whether privacy and data protection rules permit the bank to share the information with the affiliate
- D. Whether both institutions have an account or are in the process of opening an account for the customer

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 2

A compliance officer identifies a potentially significant risk in a popular financial product. Further investigation reveals there is no mitigating control. Which course of action should the compliance officer take?

- A. Launch a long-term project to remediate the control deficiency
- B. Note the risk and address it during the next round of policy and procedure review
- C. Immediately cease providing the product and only offer it after effective permanent mitigation is implemented
- D. Implement a temporary mitigation that enables effective management of the risk until a permanent plan can be developed

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 3

Which action should countries take related to the financing of terrorist acts in accordance with the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations?

- A. Oppose
- B. Sanction
- C. Prosecute
- D. Criminalize

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 4

A law enforcement agent calls a bank anti-money laundering investigator for supporting information about a suspicious transaction report that was filed the previous month. How should the investigator respond?

- A. Refer the agent to the bank's compliance officer
- B. Send the information to an address provided by the agent
- C. Share the requested information during the telephone call
- D. Require a search warrant before releasing the information

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 5

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 6

What are two requirements of United States financial institutions when conducting business with an international institution as a result of the USA PATRIOT Act? (Choose two.)

- A. Performing enhanced due diligence on shell banks
- B. Performing due diligence on correspondent accounts
- C. Visiting the head office of the international financial institution
- D. Complying with Special Measures issued under the USA PATRIOT Act

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 7

Which two statements are true regarding the European Union Money Laundering Directives? (Choose two.)

- A. They apply to member states of the European Union
- B. They require member states to enact laws and/or regulations to comply with the directives
- C. They set forth non-binding best practices for financial institutions within the member states
- D. They have extraterritorial impact and apply to states that have diplomatic relations with member states

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 8

A bank located in New York has identified suspicious transactions at a correspondent bank in China. For one of the international customers, the correspondent bank is not following agreed upon protocols. Which factor indicates that the bank should terminate the relationship?

- A. The correspondent bank has opened branches in a country on the Office of Foreign Assets Control list.
- B. The compliance officer at the correspondent bank is currently being investigated due to bribery allegations.
- C. The correspondent bank has recently exceeded acceptable limits in the primary banks' recently developed risk model.
- D. The primary institution has requested transactional details from the correspondent bank to aide in their investigation.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 9

The anti-money laundering compliance officer for a small money transmitter has several agent locations in the same geographic area in the United States. The customers are immigrants from Country A and the majority of the funds are remitted to Country A.

In a meeting with one of the agents, it is recently discovered that two new customers have been coming in three times a week and sending funds to the same recipient in Country B. Each cash transaction always totals exactly \$8,000. What should alert the agent to possible money laundering activity by the two customers?

- A. They remit funds to the same person
- B. They have been coming in three times a week
- C. It is unusual for customers to remit to Country B
- D. Each of their transactions is just below the cash reporting threshold

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 10

A corporate services provider in a European Union (EU) country has a prospect from an African country who deals in oil and gas. The prospect intends to develop an oil terminal in his home country with a \$75 million dollar loan secured by a third party, which is a trust formed in a Caribbean island with a holding company based in a European secrecy haven. A young lady is presented as an ultimate beneficial owner who has gained her wealth through a fitness studio in her home country.

What are two red flags that could indicate money laundering or financing terrorism? (Choose two.)

- A. A loan worth \$75 million with a third-party guarantor
- B. The guarantor company's ownership structure is overly complex
- C. The prospect wishes to have a corporate structure with a holding company in EU country
- D. The ultimate beneficial owner is young lady who has gained her wealth through a small business

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 10

Findings from a regulatory examination report states that the job descriptions of personnel outside of the compliance department do not include references to anti-money laundering responsibilities. Which action should the firm take?

- A. Update all job descriptions to include anti-money laundering responsibilities
- B. Respond that only compliance personnel have anti-money laundering responsibilities
- C. Send an email to all staff stating that personnel must observe the anti-money laundering policy
- D. Reply that a description of anti-money laundering responsibilities is included in the annual training

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 11

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 15

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 19

A compliance officer provides an overview of the bank's anti-money laundering program to a group of new tellers during employee orientation. Which training element should be delivered to this audience?

- A. Results of recent risk assessments
- B. Large cash transaction reporting procedures
- C. The financial institution's surprise cash audit policy
- D. Past check fraud losses incurred by the financial institution

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 23

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 26

What is a key objective of the Egmont Group?

- A. To find ways to promote the development of Financial Intelligence Units and the sharing of expertise.
- B. To safeguard the financial system from illicit use and combat money laundering and promote national security.
- C. To issue binding standards that establish consistently operated Financial Intelligence Units in member jurisdictions.
- D. To provide best practices for financial institutions on how to report suspicious activity to best share the information with law enforcement.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 29

A U.K. real estate agent has three foreign clients interested in purchasing an apartment building, valued at £30 million, in the outskirts of London as an investment property. The clients are not willing to have their names provided to the bank. The clients want to purchase to be made in the names of three private companies for privacy reasons. The plan is to wire the funds into an account held in the name of another private company at a bank in London. Which red flag should stop the agent from discussing this potential purchase further?

- A. The clients are foreign
- B. The clients have the funds necessary to fund a £30 million purchase
- C. The clients are not willing to have their names provided to the bank
- D. The clients want to purchase to be made in the names of the private companies

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 32

What is true regarding disclosure to a law enforcement agency by a financial institution of the supporting documentation for a suspicious transaction report?

- A. Documentation must be provided as quickly as possible using email
- B. The financial institution may notify the account holder of the request
- C. Confirm that the request originated from a representative of the law enforcement agency
- D. A copy of all the documentation released must also be provided to the account holder's attorney

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 35

As a result of an audit, a policy exception was identified that had been approved by the compliance officer. The auditor determined that the policy exception is a violation of a regulatory requirement. What should the auditor do?

- A. Advise the compliance officer on how to appropriately respond to policy exceptions.
- B. Include the regulatory violation in the audit report and report it to the board of directors.
- C. Consult with legal counsel to determine if the approval of the policy exception was acceptable.
- D. Include the regulatory violation in the audit report and recommend the compliance officer be subject to disciplinary action by the board of directors.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 38

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 42

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 43

A bank located in Arizona is considering a loan application for a new client. The collateral for the loan is a property in Florida. The loan will be in the name of a limited company (LLC) whose ownership is not disclosed to the bank. The LLC was established by a New York-based attorney. The loan will be repaid by the LLC in monthly wire transfers of \$9,000 which is more than the required monthly payment. Which aspect indicates potential for money laundering?

- A. The LLC's ownership is not disclosed to the bank
- B. The collateral, a property in Florida, is not located in Arizona
- C. The repayment in the amount of \$9,000 indicates potential structuring
- D. The attorney associated with the account is outside the bank's lending area

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 47

In reviewing recent activity, a compliance officer for a money transmitter that several customers are each remitting the same amount of money but much more frequently. How should the institution respond?

- A. File a suspicious transaction report
- B. Instruct the tellers not to process remittances for these customers in the future
- C. Conduct further investigation to determine whether this is truly suspicious activity
- D. Immediately contact the customers and ask them why they are remitting money more often

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 49

Why do governments and multi-national bodies impose economic sanctions?

- A. To impede kleptocracy
- B. To enforce foreign policy objectives
- C. To combat an imminent terrorist threat
- D. To prevent fraudulent international trade transactions

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 52

A retail bank has just acquired a credit card business. The bank's anti-money laundering policy requires that new employees are trained within 30 days of their hire date and refresher training is delivered to all employees on an annual basis. Is the bank's existing anti-money laundering training adequate to be delivered to employee of the newly acquired credit card business?

- A. Yes, the existing training covers the bank's policies, procedures, and processes.
- B. No, anti-money laundering training needs to be delivered face-to-face for credit card businesses.
- C. No, anti-money laundering training needs to be tailored and focused on the risks specific to the business.
- D. Yes, the existing training covers the anti-money laundering regulations that the bank is required to follow.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 56

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 58

A non-U.S. bank wants to open an account at Bank A, which is a U.S.-based bank. Which information must Bank A obtain under the USA PATRIOT Act?

- A. A complete client list from the non-U.
- B. bank
- C. The identity of owners and percentage of ownership of the non-U.
- D. bank
- E. The structure and identity of the management team at the non-U.

- F. bank
- G. The details of the non-U.
- H. bank's anti-money laundering compliance training program

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 62

What is the goal of the Egmont Group in providing a forum for Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) around the world?

- A. To improve international laws to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism and foster the implementation of domestic programs.
- B. To provide a forum for FIUs to improve cooperation in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism and to foster the implementation of domestic programs in this field.
- C. To improve communication with law enforcement in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism and to foster the implementation of domestic programs in this field.
- D. To improve cooperation with state and federal governments in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism and to foster the implementation of domestic programs in this field.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 66

An organization's automated surveillance system identifies large fluctuations in customer activity. As a result of an audit, the compliance officer is informed that the system is not generating alerts when activity is consistently abnormal over a long period of time. Currently the organization is evaluating new alert scenarios in an attempt to address this problem.

Which type of scenario is helpful in mitigating this weakness?

- A. Peer
- B. Income
- C. Mapping
- D. Below-the-line

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 70

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 71

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 72

When should the anti-money laundering risk assessment be updated?

- A. Every two years
- B. After a merger or acquisition
- C. When the board of directors changes
- D. When instructed to by the Financial Action Task Force

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 75

A politically exposed person (PEP) maintains an account at a bank. Last month a money laundering analyst filed a suspicious transaction report about unusual wire deposits originated by unknown individuals in the home country of the official. To whom should this situation be escalated?

- A. The board of directors
- B. The line of business executive
- C. The bank's anti-money laundering officer
- D. The Financial Action Task Force's PEP Hotline

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 78

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

- A. U.
- B. Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Security Letters
- C. U.
- D. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control
- E. U.
- F. 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 82

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 87

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 89

Which aspect of the USA PATRIOT Act impacts foreign financial institutions?

- A. Requiring enhanced due diligence for foreign shell banks
- B. Expanding sanctions requirements to a U.
- C. financial institution's foreign branches
- D. Expanding the anti-money laundering program requirements to all foreign financial institutions
- E. Providing authority to impose special measures on institutions that are of primary money-laundering concern

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 93

The compliance officer at a crowd funding website is in charge of monitoring new crowd funding projects. Recently, the number of crowd funding projects has significantly increased. Which red flag indicates the highest anti-money laundering risk?

- A. Those with the largest number of donors
- B. Projects that get funding within days of their start
- C. Projects with the highest monetary success threshold
- D. Projects that start and close and are fully funded within a very short period

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 94

What are two legal risks of having inadequate privacy policies and procedures? (Choose two.)

- A. Diminished reputation
- B. Industry of regulatory sanctions
- C. Charges of deceptive business practices
- D. Higher marketing and public relations costs

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 98

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 100

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