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NEW QUESTION 1

A high-volume dealer of precious metals and stones in a high-risk jurisdiction is approached by a new customer interested in selling gold worth \$200,000. The customer was referred by a longtime family friend of the dealer and provides no indication of background or business purpose for the sale. The dealer agrees to make the purchase based solely on the reference.

What is the money laundering red flag?

- A. The customer was referred by a longtime friend of the dealer
- B. The precious metals dealer is operating in a high-risk jurisdiction
- C. A new customer is selling gold worth \$200,000 to a high volume dealer
- D. The customer provides no background information or business purpose for the transaction

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 2

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 3

What is the currency threshold under the European Union Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive?

- A. 3,000 Euros
- B. 5,000 Euros
- C. 10,000 Euros
- D. 15,000 Euros

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 4

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 5

To ensure compliance with economic sanctions established by governmental authorities in the jurisdictions where it operates, a financial institution requires that all new and existing customers be screened at onboarding and quarterly thereafter.

Is this step sufficient to ensure compliance?

- A. No, screening should occur promptly after list updates
- B. Yes, this is recommended by the international guidance
- C. No, it is necessary to screen and perform enhanced due diligence on new relationships
- D. Yes, screening all existing customer relationships ensures the institutions is not dealing with a sanctioned individual or entity

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 6

A client opens a bank account for a multi-level marketing company. The debits and credits of the account are numerous and very involved. Further, there are a lot of international transactions. Also, funds are being tunneled from the company to the client's personal account in another jurisdiction.

Which two steps should law enforcement take in investigating this matter? (Choose two.)

- A. Determine who are the signatories on the account
- B. Ask the bank for the history of this multi-level marketing company
- C. Examine the flow of money from the company to the individual in an effort to determine if it is legitimate
- D. Examine possible Suspicious Activity Report information received from the local Financial Intelligence Units

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 7

Which two aspects of precious metals pose the highest risk of money laundering? (Choose two.)

- A. Some precious metals can be formed into other objects, making easier to transport
- B. Precious metals have high intrinsic value in a relatively compact form and are easy to convert into currency
- C. The value of precious metals can be inflated easily, making it easy to increase the amount of money laundered
- D. Precious metals can be readily used in many high-tech commercial applications, making them all the more valuable

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 8

Which two methods have terrorist groups used to diversify their revenue stream and to fund their operations? (Choose two.)

- A. Human trafficking
- B. Engaging in civil conflict
- C. Smuggling cultural artifacts
- D. Engaging in wire transfer activity

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 9

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 10

A financial institution receives a regulatory enforcement action because of deficiencies in its anti-money laundering program. Which action should the board of directors take?

- A. Terminate the compliance officer and staff
- B. Purchase and install a new suspicious activity monitoring system
- C. Hire an attorney with instructions to protest the enforcement action
- D. Instruct the compliance officer to develop a plan to remediate the institution's anti-money laundering program

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 10

A bank employee recently opened an account for a new restaurant. Daily cash deposits over a three-month period are close to \$9,500. What are two red flags that indicate possible money laundering or terrorist financing? (Choose two.)

- A. The restaurant is located in a different city
- B. The daily cash deposits are so close in amount
- C. It is a new account that has daily cash deposits
- D. The new account demonstrates a steady flow of income

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 15

Which two channels can be utilized during a cross-border money laundering investigation to assist in gathering information according to Financial Action Task Force? (Choose two.)

- A. Contacting existing liaison officers in the foreign jurisdiction
- B. Exchanging information between national law enforcement agencies
- C. Contacting the potential suspect or their family members to request information
- D. Submitting only formal requests for information to a financial intelligence unit

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 19

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 24

A bank receives an anonymous tip from an employee about another employee through its confidential hotline. Which activity warrants further review?

- A. A mortgage officer works with home loan applicants to resolve adverse credit issues
- B. An employee in bookkeeping accepts funds transfer requests from customers via telephone
- C. An employee in accounting works with customers to help understand how to reduce service charges
- D. A teller distributes bank brochures to customers who regularly conduct cash transactions below reporting limits

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 26

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 28

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 29

A recent anti-money laundering audit revealed several regulatory reporting violations and lapses with the organization's anti-money laundering policy. As a result, the compliance officer has created a follow-up matrix to document progress in correcting the identified deficiencies.

To whom should the compliance officer provide regular updates of corrective action to help ensure the appropriate oversight?

- A. Audit management
- B. Human Resources
- C. Business line managers
- D. Designated board committee

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 31

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 36

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 37

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 39

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 41

A bank's anti-money laundering section receives an anonymous tip that a customer might be engaging in possible money laundering. Which two facts should be considered during the course of an investigation into this matter? (Choose two.)

- A. The customer has had a long-standing account at the bank
- B. The customer is on the exempt list for currency transaction reporting requirements
- C. The customer is issuing a number of wires to several relatively high-risk jurisdictions
- D. The customer's account has had a large volume of activity, but the month-end balance is usually low

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 46

Which method is used to launder money in casinos?

- A. Purchase chips with cash and play at a table
- B. Purchase chips with cash and redeem for cash
- C. Purchase chips with cash and redeem for a check
- D. Purchase chips with cash and sell to another person for cash

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 50

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 51

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 53

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 58

A bank maintains a relationship with a customer who owns a small bakery business. Which customer action indicates potential money laundering?

- A. The customer continually makes regular cash deposits
- B. The customer has multiple bank accounts at several locations
- C. The customer purchased property insurance that is twice the value of the business
- D. The customer recently wired a large amount to a foreign jurisdiction where family is located

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 61

Which requirement is included in the Fourth European Union Directive on money laundering?

- A. It requires obliged entities to consider politically exposed persons as high risk for life
- B. It requires obliged entities to conduct enhanced due diligence on all prepaid card holders
- C. It requires member countries to maintain registries of the beneficial owners of legal entities
- D. It requires member states to enact economic sanctions against countries that do not cooperate with Financial Action Task Force recommendations

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 64

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 69

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 72

An institution is about to release a new peer to peer (P2P) funds transfer product to provide much needed remittance services to an under-banked population segment in the country.

The service allows customers to transfer funds through a mobile banking application to individuals worldwide entering only a name and mobile number. The new service charges less than comparable market solutions and offers real time transfer of funds. The customer onboarding process is conducted at branch locations with identity verification.

Which three present the highest anti-money laundering or sanctions risk and will require controls prior to launch? (Choose three.)

- A. Customer onboarding
- B. Cross-border functionality
- C. Real time transfer of funds
- D. Servicing the under-banked population
- E. Limited access to counterparty information

Answer: ACE

NEW QUESTION 77

The branch manager calls the compliance officer and informs her that a law enforcement officer has just left the branch and was asking a lot of questions and left a business card. What should the compliance officer do?

- A. File a suspicious transaction report
- B. Follow up to verify that the officer received all necessary information
- C. Verify that the reported officer was an actual authorized representative
- D. Require the branch manager to write a detailed memo about the request

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 80

What are two reasons physical certificates present a money laundering risk to broker-dealers? (Choose two.)

- A. The trade information on a physical certificate can be easily altered
- B. Physical certificates do not expire and may be held by the owner for perpetuity
- C. There is little information readily available to the broker confirming the source of the funds
- D. Physical certificates may be provided to nominees for deposit or settled in off-market transactions

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 83

What are the regulatory risks to a bank employee who willfully violates anti-money laundering laws?

- A. Investigation and reputational damage
- B. Fines and suspension from the industry
- C. Criminal investigation and imprisonment
- D. Enforcement actions including fines against the financial institution

Answer:

C

NEW QUESTION 84

What do Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-style regional bodies do for their members to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing?

- A. They provide technical assistance to members in implementing FATF recommendations
- B. They assist member countries in penalizing entities that violate FATF standards and recommendations
- C. They work with members on areas of concern outside of anti-money laundering and terrorist financing
- D. They supervise member country financial institutions relating to anti-money laundering and terrorist financing

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 87

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 91

Which two factors should increase the risk of a correspondent bank customer and require additional due diligence according to the Wolfsberg Anti-Money Laundering Principles for Correspondent Banking? (Choose two.)

- A. The customer is located in a Financial Action Task Force member country and provides services primarily to a local individual customer.
- B. The customer is located in a Financial Action Task Force member country and the bank's head of information security is a politically exposed person.
- C. The customer is located in a Financial Action Task Force member country and provides services to other correspondent banks in neighboring countries.
- D. The customer is located in a non-Financial Action Task Force member country and services mostly commercial customers who engage in international trade.

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 96

A new compliance officer is reviewing the bank's anti-money laundering program and notices that the risk assessment was completed six months ago. Since that time, the bank acquired another financial institution, re-named the internal records group, and streamlined cash handling procedures.

Which factor causes the compliance officer to update the bank's risk assessment?

- A. The bank acquired another institution
- B. The internal records group has been re-named
- C. The cash handling procedures were streamlined
- D. The risk assessment was completed six months ago

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 100

In the summer, an institution identifies anti-money laundering concerns regarding a customer's account activity. The customer, an ice cream, has deposited a lot of checks drawn on banks in foreign countries, sent large number of high dollar international wires to different countries, made cash deposits of a few hundred dollars every few days and written multiple checks for a few hundred dollars to the same dozen payees every two weeks. Which two transaction types warrant investigation? (Choose two.)

- A. Regular cash deposits
- B. The wires to foreign countries
- C. Repeated checks to the same payees
- D. Checks drawn on banks in foreign countries

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 104

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 108

A foreign bank operating under an offshore license wants to open a correspondent account with a United States (U.S.) bank. The foreign bank plans to provide payable through account services to some of its customers. What must the foreign bank provide to the U.S. bank under the USA PATRIOT Act?

- A. A list of politically exposed persons who are owners of the correspondent bank
- B. A list of account holders at the financial institution who will use the payable through account

- C. The person in the United States who can receive service of legal process for the correspondent bank
- D. A list of anti-money laundering training records for the financial institution employees monitoring payable through account transactions

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 110

Which insurance product is particularly vulnerable to money laundering?

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

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 114

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 116

Upon a routine account review a money laundering investigator identified a number of large round dollar wire transfer deposits into a business account owned by a local auto repair shop. The wire transfers all originated from a country that is a known financial secrecy haven with poor anti-money laundering controls. The investigator concludes there appears to be no legitimate business purpose for the wire transfers and files a suspicious transaction report. The owner of the auto repair shop is popular in the community and is a well-known philanthropist.

To whom should the investigator escalate these concerns?

- A. Audit committee
- B. Chairman of the Board
- C. The owner of the auto repair shop
- D. The bank anti-money laundering officer

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 121

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 125

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.
- C. bank notes to casas de cambio by the bank
- D. Identify deposits by casas de cambio that include third-party items including sequentially numbered monetary instruments
- 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 130

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 131

What is an example of the integration stage of money laundering involving a bank or another deposit-taking institution?

- A. Depositing illicit funds into an account set up for a front company
- B. Directing third parties to exchange illicit cash for negotiable instruments
- C. Wiring illicit funds from an account at one bank to an account at another bank
- D. Using illicit funds that had previously been deposited to purchase a luxury vehicle

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 132

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 134

What should countries do to help prevent non-profit organizations from being abused for the financing of terrorism according to the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations?

- A. Allow for freezing assets of non-profit organizations
- B. Require all non-profit organizations to register with the country's financial intelligence unit
- C. Ensure non-profit organizations cannot be used to conceal or obscure the diversion of funds intended for legitimate purposes to terrorists' organizations
- D. Create laws that forbid non-profit organizations from completing cross-border transactions without first running them through known terrorist data bases

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 137

An anti-money laundering audit identifies a significant weakness in how transaction monitoring alerts are cleared. Audit sampling identified potentially suspicious activity that was cleared as not suspicious. Management accepts the audit finding and develops a remediation plan. What is the role of the auditor during the correction phase?

- A. Directing the remediation of the deficiency in a timely manner
- B. Developing procedures to provide sufficient risk-based documentation for clearing alerts
- C. Providing training to the alert clearing department on the importance of effective alert clearing
- D. Validating the successful remediation of the issue once management indicates the issue is resolved

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 138

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