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Money Laundering Update

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Anti money laundering - overview

- Affects all businesses
- Not just regulatory part of financial crime
 - Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
 - Money Laundering Regulations 2007
 - JMLSG Guidance, December 2007
- Actuarial firms well-placed to notice anomalies

Anti money laundering - components

- Verifying client identity
- Monitoring client activity
- Reporting suspicions
- Management and staff awareness of responsibilities
- Keeping records



2007 Regulations and 2007 JMLSG Guidance

- Risk-based approach now a legal requirement
- Pre-1/4/94 clients consider risks if not verified
- Earlier verification of identity "before the establishment of a business relationship"
- Terminology:
 - □ Customer Due Diligence (CDD)
 - □ Simplified Due Diligence (SDD)
 - □ Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD)



Terminology – CDD, EDD, SDD

- Customer Due Diligence (CDD)
 - Collect standard evidence to verify identity for different types of client: company, private company, pension schemes, charities, etc
 - □ Assess evidence
 - □ If any risk involved, need to take precautions EDD
- Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD): more evidence and/or more monitoring as appropriate

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- Simplified Due Diligence (SDD)
 - Certain types of client or business are recognised as being of sufficiently low risk that CDD verification of identity is not necessary, examples being
 - regulated firms, listed companies, UK public authorities, pension funds
 - child trust funds
 - □ But still need to have evidence to justify SDD



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Not only

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But also

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DPB guidance

- □ Sept 2007 DPB Compliance Bulletin 17
- □ Will be updated following seminar
- □ Contains template for required risk analysis
 - at firm level
 - at client level (verification forms for companies and trustees)
- □ Can be used by DPB and APF firms



Register with HMRC for trustee work?

- Trustees acting "by way of business" to register
- DPB firms providing trustee services to register
- Deadline for registration application is 31 May
- What it means if you need to register
 - □ Registration process with HMRC
 - Complying with requirements (use DPB Compliance Bulletin 17)
- HMRC to update guidance "in April"



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