

Appendix I

Countries and territories that are identified by relevant external sources as presenting a higher risk of ML and/or FT

Appendix I lists countries and territories that are identified by the UK, US governments, intergovernmental and supranational organisations as presenting certain *ML* and/or *FT* risks. Alongside these sources, information is presented reflecting assessments of a country or territory by non-governmental organisations and think tanks which firms may also find useful when they are determining the level of country risk presented by a *business relationship* or *occasional transaction*. The Commission does not accept responsibility for the findings and conclusions of these sources. The inclusion of a country or territory in Appendix I does not automatically imply that a *business relationship* or *occasional transaction* with a *relevant connection* to a country or territory on Appendix I is high risk, as the firm can continue to take a risk based decision on the level of overall risk within a *business relationship* or *occasional transaction* as set out in Section 3.4 of this Handbook. Please note that those countries and territories in relation to which the FATF has called for the application of countermeasures and therefore the firm must apply *ECDD* measures to a *business relationship* or *occasional transaction* where the *customer* or *beneficial owner* has a *relevant connection* with one of those countries or territories are listed in Appendix H.

Country/territory	Intergovernmental and Supranational Organisations, UK and US Government Sources							Non-Governmental Organisations and Think Tanks			
	FATF – jurisdictions under increased monitoring	OECD – jurisdictions that have yet to implement agreed tax standards	INCSR (US Department of State) – Major drug producing and transit countries	Worldwide Governance Indicators project (World Bank)	Human Trafficking – US Department of State	State sponsors of terrorism - US Treasury Country Reports on Terrorism – US	UK HM Treasury Sanctions	TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix 2019	Transparency International – Corruptions Perception Index	Fund for Peace/ Foreign Policy magazine – Fragile States Index (Alert level)	Global Terrorism Index 2019
	Source:1	Source:2	Source:3	Source:4	Source:5	Source:6	Source:7	Source:8	Source:9	Source:10	Source:11
Afghanistan			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Albania	✓										
Algeria				✓				✓			
Angola				✓				✓	✓	✓	
Argentina			✓								
Aruba								✓			
Azerbaijan				✓					✓		

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The Bahamas	✓										
Bangladesh				✓				✓	✓	✓	
Barbados	✓										
Belarus				✓	✓		✓	✓			
Belize				✓				✓			
Benin				✓				✓			
Bhutan					✓						
Bolivia				✓				✓			
Bosnia and Herzegovina				✓				✓			
Botswana	✓										
Brunei		✓						✓			
Burkina Faso				✓							
Burundi				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cambodia	✓			✓				✓	✓		
Cameroon				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Central African Republic				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chad				✓				✓	✓	✓	
China					✓			✓			
Colombia			✓			✓					
Comoros				✓	✓			✓	✓		
Congo, Democratic Republic of				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Congo Republic				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Costa Rica			✓								
Cote d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast)				✓				✓		✓	
Cuba				✓	✓			✓			
Djibouti				✓				✓	✓		
Dominican Republic			✓					✓	✓		
East Timor								✓			
Ecuador			✓	✓				✓			
Egypt				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
El Salvador			✓	✓				✓			
Equatorial Guinea				✓	✓			✓	✓		
Eritrea				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Eswatini (Swaziland)				✓				✓			
Ethiopia				✓				✓		✓	
Gabon				✓				✓			
Gambia				✓	✓			✓			
Ghana	✓										
Guatemala			✓	✓				✓	✓		
Guinea				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Guinea Bissau				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Guyana			✓					✓			

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Haiti				✓				✓	✓	✓	
Honduras			✓	✓				✓	✓		
Iceland	✓										
India											✓
Iraq				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jamaica	✓										
Kazakhstan								✓			
Kenya			✓	✓					✓	✓	
Kosovo				✓							
Kuwait								✓			
Kribati								✓			
Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)				✓				✓	✓		
Lao PDR ¹				✓				✓	✓		
Lebanon				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lesotho				✓				✓			
Liberia				✓				✓	✓	✓	
Libya				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Madagascar				✓				✓	✓		
Malawi				✓				✓			
Maldives				✓				✓	✓		

¹ Lao PDR called Laos in earlier years.

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Mali				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mauritania				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Mauritius	✓										
Mexico			✓	✓				✓	✓		
Moldova				✓				✓			
Mongolia	✓							✓			
Morocco								✓			
Mozambique				✓				✓	✓	✓	
Myanmar (Burma)	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nepal				✓				✓			
Nicaragua	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓		
Niger				✓				✓		✓	
Nigeria			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Pakistan	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓
Panama	✓		✓								
Papua New Guinea				✓	✓			✓	✓		
Paraguay			✓	✓				✓	✓		
Peru			✓								
Philippines			✓								✓
Russia			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Rwanda										✓	
Saudi Arabia					✓						

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Sao Tome and Principe								✓			
Sierra Leone				✓				✓			
Sint Maartin		✓									
Solomon Islands								✓			
Somalia				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sri Lanka								✓			
South Sudan				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sudan				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Suriname								✓			
Syria	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tajikistan				✓				✓	✓		
Tanzania				✓				✓			
Thailand											✓
Timor-Leste				✓							
Togo				✓				✓	✓	✓	
Trinidad & Tobago		✓						✓			
Tunisia							✓				
Turkey				✓			✓	✓			✓
Turkmenistan				✓	✓			✓	✓		
Uganda	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	
Ukraine				✓			✓	✓	✓		
Uzbekistan				✓				✓	✓		

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Venezuela			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vietnam			✓					✓			
Yemen	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zambia				✓				✓		✓	
Zimbabwe	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
The Lake Chad Region						✓					
The Trans-Sahara						✓					
The Southern Philippines						✓					
The Sulu/ Sulawesi Seas Littoral						✓					
West Bank and Gaza				✓							

Reliable and Independent External Sources

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