

# Hayat Finans Katılım Bankası A.Ş. Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Policy



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#### 1. Document Classification

This document is only for Hayat Finans Katılım Bankası A.Ş. and is classified as **RESTRICTED**. Sharing with third parties is subject to the provisions of the Information Sharing Procedure.

# 2. Purpose, Basis and Scope

This Policy has been formulated in order to ensure the Bank's compliance with legal requirements within the framework of the Law on the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism and the relevant legislation; to determine the strategies, internal controls and measures, operating rules and responsibilities for reducing the risks that may be exposed by analyzing customers, products, transactions and services with a risk-based approach; and to raise awareness of the Bank's employees on these issues.

This Policy has been prepared in accordance with the "Law on Prevention of Laundering Proceeds of Crime", "Law on Prevention of Financing of Terrorism", "Law on Prevention of Financing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction", "Regulation On Measures Regarding Prevention Of Laundering Proceeds Of Crime And Financing Of Terrorism" and "Regulation on the Program for Compliance with the Obligations Regarding the Prevention of Laundering Proceeds of Crime and Financing of Terrorism" and "Regulation on Remote Identification Methods to be Used by Banks and Establishment of Contractual Relations in Electronic Environment" and other relevant legislation.

This Policy covers all departments, employees and activities of Hayat Finans Katılım Bankası A.Ş.

# 3. Definitions

Account: Any means and arrangement through which a financial institution accepts

deposits of money or negotiable instruments, permits withdrawals or transfers, pays check values or payment orders, collects checks, accepts traveler's checks, payment orders, or electronic money on behalf of a real

person, or provides safe deposit box services,

Assets Funds and income wholly or partly owned or possessed, or directly or

indirectly controlled, by a natural or legal person, and the interest and value derived therefrom or derived from the conversion thereof, and funds and income wholly or partly owned or possessed by a natural or legal person acting on its behalf or account, and the interest and value derived

therefrom or derived from the conversion thereof,

Asset

Freeze: Removal or restriction of the power of disposition over the assets in order

to prevent the disposal, consumption, conversion, transfer, assignment, transfer and assignment of the assets and other dispositive transactions,

**Assistant** 

**Compliance Officer:** Employee appointed within the Bank with the same qualifications as the

Compliance Officer to act as proxy for the Compliance Officer in case the Compliance Officer temporarily vacates his/her position due to leave,

illness or similar reasons,

Audit Committee: Committee established within the scope of the Law and the Regulation,

consisting of two members elected by the Board of Directors from within its members to assist it in the fulfillment of its auditing and monitoring

activities,

Bank: Hayat Finans Katılım Bankası A.Ş.,

Beneficial Owner: Real person or persons having ultimate control over, or ultimate influence

over, the real person or real persons, legal entities or unincorporated



entities on whose behalf transactions are carried out before the obliged party,

**Board of Directors:** Hayat Finans Katılım Bankası A.Ş. Board of Directors,

**Complex and Unusual** 

**Transactions:** Transactions that, within the framework of the information previously

obtained about the customer and additional information obtained during the transaction request process, lead to the conclusion that there is a disproportion between the customer's financial power and the transactions made by the customer in the assessment of the risk profile or fund sources, or that the business is not compatible with the apparent

economic, commercial or legal purpose of the business,

Compliance Department: Department directly reporting to the compliance officer and in charge of

the execution of the compliance program, taking into account factors such as the size, transaction volume, number of branches and personnel or the level of risks that the Bank may encounter to ensure that the Bank can effectively fulfill its obligations within the framework of the legislation on the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism,

**Compliance Officer:** An officer appointed within the Bank pursuant to the Law on Prevention of

Laundering Proceeds of Crime and the relevant legislation enacted on the basis of the Law, authorized with the necessary powers to ensure the

Bank's compliance with the obligations arising from this legislation,

Compliance Program: Entire set of measures created within the Bank to prevent laundering

proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism within the framework of the

relevant legislation,

**Compliance Program** 

**Regulation:** Regulation on the Program for Compliance with the Obligations

Regarding the Prevention of Laundering Proceeds of Crime and

Financing of Terrorism,

**Continuous Business** 

**Relationship:**A business relationship established between the obliged party and the

customer due to services such as account opening, credit or credit card issuance, safe deposit box, financing, factoring, financial leasing, leasing,

life insurance or private pension, which is continuous in nature,

Country Risk/Geographic

**Risk:** Risk that the Bank may be exposed to arising from its business relations

and transactions with the citizens, companies and financial institutions of those announced by the Ministry from countries without adequate regulations on the prevention of laundering and financing of terrorism, that do not cooperate sufficiently in combating these crimes or that are

considered risky by authorized international organizations,

Crime of Financing

of Terrorism: Providing or collecting funds to a terrorist or terrorist organizations,

knowing and willing that they will be used or will be used in the performance of the acts prohibited in Article 3 of the Law No. 6415 on the

Prevention of Financing of Terrorism,



Customer Risk: The risk of misuse of the Bank as a result of the business line in which the

customer operates, enabling the intensive use of cash, the purchase and sale of high-value goods or the easy realization of international fund transfers, or as a result of the customer, or those acting on behalf or account of the customer, acting for the purpose of laundering proceeds of

crime or financing of terrorism,

Electronic Notification: Notification electronically made by the Presidency within the scope of

Article 9/A of Law No. 5549,

Electronic Transfer: Transaction for the purpose of sending a certain amount of money and

securities from one financial institution to a recipient in another financial

institution on behalf of the sender by using electronic means,

Executive Management: Hayat Finans Katılım Bankası A.Ş. General Manager and Deputy General

Managers, heads of departments within the scope of internal systems and directors of departments other than consultancy departments, even if they are employed under other titles, who are equivalent to or higher than the

deputy general manager in terms of their authorities and duties,

FATF: The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an OECD organization

established in 1989 by the G-7 countries to take measures to improve national legal systems, harmonize legislation, strengthen the role of the financial system and ensure continuous cooperation among member countries to prevent laundering proceeds of crime and financing of

terrorism,

Financial Institution: Banks, institutions other than banks authorized to issue debit cards or

credit cards, authorized institutions specified in the foreign exchange legislation, financing and factoring companies, capital market intermediary institutions and portfolio management companies, payment institutions and electronic money institutions, investment trusts, insurance, reinsurance and pension companies and insurance and reinsurance brokers, financial leasing companies, institutions providing settlement and custody services within the framework of capital markets legislation, precious metals intermediary institutions, and Posta ve Telegraf Teşkilatı

Anonim Şirketi (PTT) limited to banking activities,

**Fund:** Any kind of goods, rights, receivables, tangible or intangible, movable or

immovable the value of which can be represented by money or equivalent

of money, and all kinds of documents representing them,

**KYC** : Know Your Customer

Laundering of the

Proceeds of Crime: Activity of subjecting funds or revenues obtained from crimes punishable

with a lower limit of imprisonment of more than six months to various transactions in order to conceal their true source or to give the impression

that they were obtained through legitimate means,

Law No. 5549: Law No. 5549 on Prevention of Laundering Proceeds of Crime,

Law No. 6415: Law No. 6415 on the Prevention of Financing of Terrorism,

Law No. 7262: Law No. 7262 on the Prevention of Financing of the Proliferation of

Weapons of Mass Destruction,



**Legislation:** Applicable Laws, Regulations, Communiqués regarding the prevention

of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism and MASAK

decisions

MASAK: Financial Crimes Investigation Board,

Measures Regulation: Regulation On Measures Regarding Prevention Of Laundering Proceeds

Of Crime And Financing Of Terrorism,

**Ministry:** T.R. Ministry of Treasury and Finance,

MRZ: (Machine Readable Zone) A fixed-size area on the identity card containing

mandatory and optional data, formatted for machine reading using optical

character reading methods,

Near Field Communication: (NFC) Short-range wireless technology for reading and writing data,

enabling electronic devices to perform reliable, contactless transactions

and access digital content and/or electronic devices.

**Obliged Party**: Parties referred to in Article 4 of the Regulation Regarding Measures to

Prevent Laundering Proceeds of Crime and Financing of Terrorism and their branches, agencies, representatives and commercial agents and

similar affiliated business units,

OFAC: (Office of Foreign Assets Control) The US Treasury Department's Office

of Financial Intelligence and Sanctions,

**Presidency:** Presidency of the Financial Crimes Investigation Board,

Policy: Bank Policy on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of

Terrorism

Politically Exposed Person (PEP):

Persons holding senior public positions in Turkey or in a foreign country, currently or in the past, such as heads of state or government, senior politicians, senior officials of public institutions, judicial authorities or military authorities, senior executives of state-owned enterprises, senior executives of political parties, persons holding important positions in international organizations (managers, deputy managers, board members, etc.), their family members, including second-degree family members and persons with whom they are closely related, and persons

who are their real beneficiaries,

Postponement of

**Transactions**: suspending or not allowing the transaction to take place,

Proceeds of Crime: Money, all kinds of negotiable instruments and goods and all benefits

obtained by committing crimes that require a lower limit of six months or

more imprisonment,

Product/Service Risk: Risk exposure in the context of non-face-to-face transactions, services

such as private banking, correspondent banking or new products offered

using emerging technologies,



**Risk:** Possibility of financial or reputational damage suffered by the Bank or the

Bank's employees due to reasons such as the utilization of the services provided by the Bank for the purpose of laundering proceeds of crime or financing of terrorism within the framework of the Compliance Program Regulation, or failure to fully comply with the obligations imposed by the Bank with the relevant Law and the regulations and communiqués issued

in accordance with the Law,

**Senior Management:** The Bank's board of directors and senior management,

SMS OTP: (Short Message Service - One Time Password) A single-use password

transmitted through a short message service provided by electronic

communication operators,

Suspicious Transaction: Presence of any information, suspicion or reason for suspicion that the

assets subject to the transaction made or attempted to be made in or through the obliged parties were obtained illegally or used for illegal purposes, used for acts of terrorism or used by terrorist organizations,

terrorists or terrorist financiers, or related or connected to them,

**Suspicious** 

Transaction Reporting: Notification to be made to the Presidency in the event that there is any

information, suspicion or suspicion that the assets subject to the transactions made or attempted to be made in or through the Bank have

been obtained illegally or used for illegal purposes,

Transaction: Any purchase, sale, loan, mortgage, tax, financing, transfer, delivery,

deposit, withdrawal, remittance, or disposition of funds in any currency, whether by cash, check, money order, stock, bond, or any other financial instrument, the use of a safe deposit box or any form of safe deposit box

or other disposition of funds as specified in the regulations,

**Terrorism:** Acts carried out with the aim of intimidating a population or forcing a

government or an international organization to perform or refrain from performing an act. The Law No. 3713 on Anti-Terrorism defines terrorism as the use of coercion, intimidation, fear, intimidation, intimidation or threats by force and violence in order to "change the characteristics of the Republic, political, legal, social, secular, economic order, to disrupt the indivisible integrity of the State with its country and state, to endanger the existence of the State and the Republic, to weaken, destroy or seize the state authority, to destroy fundamental rights and freedoms, to disrupt the internal and external security of the state, to disrupt public order or public

health".

**Terrorist:** A real person residing in Turkey or abroad who commits a terrorist act

directly or indirectly; who is complicit in a terrorist act; who organizes or directs others to commit a terrorist act; who intentionally helps a person or

a group acting with a common purpose to commit a terrorist act,

**Terrorist Organization:** Terrorist group in Turkey or abroad that commits the acts included in the

definition of terrorism,

**Trust Agreement:** A legal relationship providing that, for the benefit of a particular beneficiary

or group of beneficiaries, an asset is placed by the founder of the contract, who is the owner of the asset, under the control of a trustee who executes



the contract for the purpose of managing, using or otherwise disposing of that asset as provided in the contract,

Shell Bank:

A bank with no physical service office in any country, which does not employ full-time staff, and which is not subject to the supervision and authorization of an official authority with respect to its banking transactions and records,



# 4. Duties, Powers and Responsibilities

All employees, including the Bank's Senior Management, are responsible for fulfilling their duties, powers and responsibilities and carrying out their activities in compliance with the legislation and this Policy and other internal policies of the Bank within the scope of preventing laundering of proceeds of crime and combating the financing of terrorism.

# 4.1. Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors within the scope of this policy are as follows:

- Ensure that the entire compliance program is established and executed in an adequate and
  effective manner in accordance with the scope and characteristics of the Bank's activities.
- Establish the compliance department, appoint the compliance officer and the assistant compliance officer.
- Ensure that the powers and responsibilities of the Compliance Officer and the Compliance Department are clearly defined in writing,
- Ensure that the Bank's personnel participate in the training programs within this scope and approve the changes to be made in these programs according to the developments in the legislation,
- Assess the results of risk management, monitoring and control and internal audit activities carried out within the scope of the compliance program,
- Take the necessary measures to eliminate the identified errors and deficiencies in a timely manner,

The Board of Directors fulfills its powers within this scope through one or more members of the Board of Directors. Delegation of such powers does not relieve the Board of Directors of its responsibility in this regard.

# 4.2. Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of the Compliance Officer and Assistant Compliance Officer

The duties, powers and responsibilities of the Compliance Officer within the scope of this policy are as follows:

- Formulate the Bank's policies and procedures regarding the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and combating the financing of terrorism within the framework of this Policy and legal regulations, submit the policies to the Board of Directors for approval and monitor their implementation,
- Monitor and announce national and international regulations on the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism to the Bank, and ensure that this Policy and its amendments are accessible to all personnel,
- Create risk management, monitoring and control policies for the business and transactions within the scope of this Policy and carry out studies to improve the process by evaluating the findings identified in the audits and controls carried out,
- Evaluate potentially suspicious transactions communicated to him/her or which he/she learns ex officio, and ensure that the transactions deemed to be suspicious are reported to the Presidency within the periods specified in the legislation,
- Take necessary measures to ensure the confidentiality of notifications and other matters falling within the scope of its duties,
- Conduct the necessary studies to ensure the Bank's compliance with the published regulations
  within the scope of the relevant legislation and ensure the necessary communication and
  coordination with the Presidency,
- Present the work on the training program for the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism to the Board of Directors for approval and monitor the effective implementation of the approved training program,
- Keep information and statistics on internal audit and training activities on a regular basis and send them to the Presidency within the periods specified in the legislation,
- Prepare the reports to be made to MASAK and other official institutions in accordance with the legislation or ensure that they are prepared by the relevant units,
- Act in good faith, reasonably and honestly, with an impartial and independent will while fulfilling its duties and responsibilities



# 4.3. Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of the Compliance Department

The duties, powers and responsibilities of the Compliance Department within the scope of this policy are as follows:

- Follow up the legislative practices within the scope of this Policy, respond to the questions submitted by the Bank's employees regarding the legislation, and notify the relevant departments of the Bank in order to evaluate the risks that may arise in connection with legislative changes,
- Follow up the compliance of all activities, new services and products that the Bank performs and plans to perform with the relevant legislation,
- Announce the notifications made by official institutions regarding the legislation within the scope of this Policy and legislative amendments to the Bank in electronic environment,

# 4.4. Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of the Internal Audit Department

The duties, powers and responsibilities of the Internal Audit Department within the scope of this policy are as follows:

- Review and report on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Bank's internal policies, risk management, monitoring, control and training activities for the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and combating the financing of terrorism annually and with a risk-based approach,
- Consider, within the framework of the relevant legislation, the customers, services, transactions and units to be audited that involve risk and the deficiencies identified in monitoring and control activities in the preparation of the annual audit plan.
- Forward the data regarding the internal audit activities carried out within the scope of the compliance program to the Compliance Officer.

#### 4.5. Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of Bank Employees

The duties, powers and responsibilities of the Bank's employees within the scope of this Policy are set out below:

- Participate in training activities to be organized for the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism,
- Learn, understand and comply with the relevant laws and legal regulations related to these laws and the relevant internal policies of the Bank,
- Notify the Compliance Officer in case of any suspicious situation within the scope of laundering crime and terrorist financing while performing banking transactions,
- Act within the framework of the principles of customer due diligence and customer identification described in this Policy and the Bank's internal policies in all Banking transactions, particularly customer transactions.

# 5. General Application Procedures and Principles

# 5.1. Risk-Based Approach and Risk Management Activities

The purpose and scope of risk management activities within the framework of this Policy is to ensure that necessary measures are taken to identify, rate, classify, monitor, evaluate and mitigate the risks that the Bank may be exposed to. The core principle of the Bank is to implement a proactive risk-based approach to the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing. Determining a risk-based approach implies defining a risk management process for combating the laundering proceeds of crime and the financing of terrorism. This process includes identifying and assessing risks and developing strategies to manage and mitigate those risks. The Bank aims, with the compliance risk methodology, to establish an indicator of the general risk level of customers with whom the Bank has a continuous business relationship within the framework of risk factors related to laundering of the proceeds of crime and the financing of terrorism. In this way, standard customer acceptance procedures are applied to less risky customers, while more risky customers are given due attention. Using the compliance risk methodology, a risk-based approach to customer acceptance is followed, with additional approval and control processes applied to the acceptance of high-risk customers, using enhanced customer acceptance practices for higher-risk customers. Risks related to the laundering of proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism to which the Bank may be exposed



as a result of its customers, activities, products, and transactions are classified according to the following categories;

- · Country Risk,
- Service Risk,
- Customer Risk

. While making risk assessment within the framework of the relevant legislation, the Bank's customers, products/services and transactions are rated as follows:

- High Risk
- Medium Risk
- Low Risk

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The Bank may decide to accept, mitigate or avoid risks depending on the degree of risks identified as a result of risk assessments.

In order to protect against risks related to prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and prevention of financing of terrorism and to continuously monitor, control and report the execution of activities in accordance with the legislation and internal policies; the Bank establishes monitoring, control and reporting activities by taking into account the size of the Bank, the volume of business and the nature of the transactions performed.

The Bank's risk management activities within the scope of this Policy are shaped as follows:

- Developing methods for risk identification, rating, classification, and assessment based on customer risk, service risk, and country risk,
- Rating and classification of services, transactions and customers according to risks,
- Ensuring the monitoring and control of risky customers, transactions or services; taking necessary
  measures to mitigate risks; reporting in a way to alert the relevant units; developing appropriate
  operating and control rules to carry out the transaction with the approval of the higher authority and
  to audit it when necessary,
- Carrying out the necessary development activities by following the recommendations, principles, standards and guidelines introduced by national legislation and international organizations regarding the issues falling within the scope of risk,
- Reporting of risk monitoring and assessment results to the board of directors at regular intervals,

The Bank adopts a risk-based approach within the scope of the relevant legislation and internal policies. Risk management activities reveal the Bank's fundamental approach to measures against activities regarding the laundering of the proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism.

All high-risk new customer onboarding transactions are subject to the approval of the department manager performing the onboarding process. The acceptance of high-risk customers to the Bank is governed by both a more rigorous customer acceptance process and a different approval mechanism than other rating types. For high-risk customers, enhanced measures are applied, including continuous monitoring and annual updating of customer information.

#### 5.1.1. Risk Assessment

Risk assessment activities seek to identify the risk situation within the framework of the current activity, customer, product and transaction structure, in line with the legislation to which the Bank is subject and sectoral developments. These assessments guarantee that the right resources are allocated to the right risks. The following are the issues to be taken into consideration as a minimum in risk assessment studies;

- Changes in risks resulting from the service channels used and technological opportunities used in the provision of products and services,
- Changes in the Bank's target markets, products and customer groups,
- Changes in the number of high-risk customers according to the risk rating model,



- The findings of the independent audit and official institution audit reports of the Bank's Internal Audit
  Department and Internal Control Department, regarding the liabilities related to money laundering
  and financing of terrorism,
- Increases in the Bank's transaction volume in general or product-specific,
- The Bank's position in terms of country risk in relation to its existing customer portfolio,
- · Changes in legal legislation and good practices,
- · Changes in the Bank's operating structure.

Customer risk assessment also sets out how often customers who have been admitted to the Bank will be put through the customer due diligence process. The Bank applies one or more or all of the following enhanced measures in proportion to the identified risk in order to reduce the risk to be undertaken for customers identified as high risk as a result of the risk assessment;

- Mandating that the first financial transaction in the establishment of a continuous business relationship must be made from another financial institution to which the principles of customer due diligence apply,
- Obtaining as much information as possible about the source of the assets subject to the transaction and the funds belonging to the client,
- Obtaining additional information about the nature of the business relationship,
- Keeping the business relationship under close supervision by increasing the number and frequency
  of controls applied and identifying the types of transactions that require additional controls,
- Subjecting the entry into a business relationship, the continuation of an existing business relationship or the execution of a transaction to the approval of a higher level official,
- Obtaining additional information about the customer and updating the credentials of the customer and the beneficial owner more frequently,
- Obtaining additional information about the nature of the business relationship,

# 5.1.2. Risk Management

The necessary measures are taken to mitigate existing risks and prevent potential risks within the Bank within the scope of preventing the laundering proceeds of crime and combating the financing of terrorism. The Bank may decide to accept, mitigate or avoid risks depending on the degree of risks identified as a result of risk assessments. The Bank, as a principle, provides that risks related to the laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism are approached with high sensitivity by all employees and reasonable measures are taken to mitigate these risks. With the aim of reducing the risk to be undertaken for groups with a risk profile determined as high risk as a result of the risk assessment, the Bank implements one or more or all of the following measures in proportion to the risk identified:

- Obtaining additional information about the customer and update the credentials of the customer and the beneficial owner more frequently,
- Obtaining additional information about the nature of the business relationship,
- Obtaining as much information as possible about the source of the assets subject to the transaction and the funds belonging to the customer,
- Obtain information about the purpose of the transaction,
- Making the entry into a business relationship, the continuation of an existing business relationship or the execution of a transaction subject to the approval of a senior official,
- Increasing the number and frequency of controls applied and keeping the business relationship under close supervision by identifying the types of transactions that require additional controls,
- Requiring that in the establishment of a permanent business relationship, the first financial transaction must be made from another financial institution to which the principles of customer due diligence apply.

The Bank takes the required measures against circumstances that may create incompatibility with its obligations and in cases where the risk of laundering proceeds of crime, financing of terrorism and violation of sanctions is high or unmanageable, the Bank does not establish a business relationship, terminates the existing business relationship or refuses to carry out the transaction. Within this framework, the Bank acts in line with the following principles in order to limit the risk:

Does not open accounts with anonymous or imaginary names.



- Does not establish business relationships with persons operating in fields such as casinos, online lotteries, lottery draws, betting operations, which may be a potential source of laundering of the proceeds of crime.
- Does not establish business relations with persons included in the sanction lists.
- Does not perform transactions that are related to sanctioned countries and that are contrary to sanctions
- Does not establish a relationship with banks that are shell banks or banks that lend their accounts to shell banks.
- Does not engage in business relations with organizations where the beneficial owner cannot be identified and confirmed.
- Does not enter into business relationships with those who are engaged in activities that may damage the Bank's reputation, such as illegal arms and ammunition trade, drugs, narcotics, human trafficking, adult entertainment, gambling.
- Checks the customer, the beneficial owner of the account, persons associated with the account (partner/shareholder, proxy, authorized person, etc.) against sanctions lists.

# 5.1.3. Monitoring and Control Activities

The Bank performs monitoring, control and reporting activities, by taking into account the Bank's size, business volume and the nature of the transactions carried out, for the purpose of protecting the Bank from risks related to the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism and continuously monitoring, controlling and reporting whether its activities are carried out in accordance with the legislation and internal policies.

The personnel who will carry out monitoring and control activities at the Bank are provided with access to the Bank's internal information sources. Risk monitoring and assessment outcomes are reported to the Board of Directors at regular intervals. Monitoring and control activities carried out within the Bank cover the following issues at a minimum level:

- Monitoring and control of high risk customers and transactions,
- Monitoring and control of transactions with risky countries,
- Monitoring and control of complex and unusual transactions,
- Controlling whether the transactions above the amount to be determined by the Bank according to the risk policy are compatible with the customer profile through sampling method,
- Monitoring and control of connected transactions exceeding the amount requiring identification.
- Checking mandatory information and documents that must be kept electronically or in writing about customers, as well as information that must be included in electronic transfer messages, and ensuring that deficiencies are completed and updated,
- Monitoring whether the customer's transactions are in line with information about the customer, its business, risk profile and funding sources on an ongoing basis throughout the business relationship,
- Control of transactions carried out using systems that enable non-face-to-face transactions,
- Risk-oriented control of services vulnerable to abuse due to new products and technological developments.

In this framework, monitoring and control activities are executed within the compliance department. The Compliance Department utilizes technological means to monitor customers, transactions and detect suspicious transactions within the framework of centralized monitoring and control activities carried out.

The Internal Audit Department supervises the execution of the compliance program within the framework of the applicable legislation and the Bank's internal policies. Any shortcomings detected as a result of these controls to ensure compliance with the obligations are notified to the Compliance Officer. Data containing information on the activities carried out within this scope are reported to MASAK by the Compliance Officer.

# 5.2. Compliance Officer and Compliance Department

The Compliance Unit of the Bank is structured as the Compliance Department and reports to the Board of Directors. The Compliance Officer and the Assistant Compliance Officer, bearing the conditions and



qualifications required for the Compliance Officer and subject to the same term and procedures as the Compliance Officer in terms of appointment, shall be determined to have sufficient seniority, knowledge and power to fulfill their responsibilities independently. The Bank shall send such appointments to the Presidency within ten days at the latest from the date of appointment.

The appointment, dismissal, delegation of authority and deputation of the Compliance Officer and Assistant Compliance Officer shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions, procedures and periods sought in the Compliance Program Regulation.

The Compliance Department is audited by various independent parties, including internal and external auditors and regulators.

# 5.3. General Principles and Procedures on Customer Due Diligence and Customer Identification

# 5.3.1. Know Your Customer Principle (KYC)

Customer due diligence is ensured when the Bank has sufficient information about its customers and their activities and obtains this information. The Know Your Customer Principle also aims to recognize complex and unusual transactions or activities that are not commensurate with the customers' known business.

The Compliance Officer is authorized to request the refusal to accept a real or legal person as a customer or the termination of a continuous business relationship with an existing customer in any case due to the risks of laundering and terror financing within the framework of the Bank's customer acceptance policy. Within the scope of the Know Your Customer Principle, necessary measures are taken within the framework of the legislation in force and the Bank's internal policies on;

- Providing sufficient information about the purpose and nature of the requested transaction
- Customer identification
- Identification of those acting on behalf of others
- Control of the authenticity of documents subject to verification
- Identification in subsequent transactions
- Identification of whether someone else is acting on behalf of a third party and identification of those acting on behalf of others
- Identification of the beneficial owner
- Taking necessary measures for customers, activities and transactions that require special attention
- Monitoring the status and transactions of the customer throughout the business relationship
- Taking precautions against technological risks
- Reliance onthird party
- Rejection of the transaction and termination of the business relationship
- Correspondent relationship
- Wire transfers
- Relations with risky countries
- Implementation of simplified measures
- Implementation of enhanced measures

in establishing a continuous business relationship and realizing the transactions requested.

#### 5.3.2. Principles on Customer Acceptance and Customer Due Diligence

The Bank provides information to get to know the customer when establishing a new business relationship. It also imposes enhanced measures on customers classified as high-risk based on risk assessment.

# 5.3.2.1. Measures for Standard Customer Due Diligence

Customer due diligence includes, at a minimum, the following aspects:

- Complete and accurate identification and verification of the customer,
- Full and accurate identification the persons associated with the customer,



- Determining the beneficial owner and confirming their identity through reliable documents and information.
- Obtaining information about the purpose and nature of the relationship
- Obtaining information about the customer's profession/sector of activity, main income generating business, source of wealth, expected transaction volume, etc. within the scope of know your customer.
- Obtaining a declaration from the customer that he/she is the beneficial owner of the account,
- Screening customers and the persons associated with the customer against sanction lists,
- Providing any additional information deemed necessary, including the fund source,
- Constant account monitoring,
- Updating the KYC information based on the customer's risk profile.

# 5.3.2.2. Simplified Due Diligence

Subject to the customer's low risk score, the Bank may apply simplified measures for customer due diligence in the following cases:

- a) Transactions among Financial Institutions
- b) Transactions where Banks are the Customers of the Obliged Parties other than Financial Institutions
- c) Transactions where the Customer is a Public Administration or a Professional Organization Qualified as a Public Institution
- d) Transactions where the Customer is an International Organization or an Embassy or Consulate Resident in Turkey
- e) In Establishing a Business Relationship within the Scope of Salary Payment Agreement By Accepting a Batch of Customers
- f) Transactions Regarding Salary Payments of Members of Embassies or Consulates of International Organizations in Turkey:
- g) Transactions where the Customer is a Listed Company
- h) Transactions Regarding Prepaid Cards

Simplified measures should be consistent with the risk factors in the Bank's internal policies. These measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Being able to verify the customer's and the beneficial owner's identity after the establishment of a business relationship,
- Updating customer data at longer intervals than the standard information update frequency,
- Implementation of simplified and periodic monitoring and verification,
- Not obtaining detailed information or applying specific measures to understand the purpose and nature of the business relationship when the existing business relationship and transactions provide sufficient information.

Where a transaction may pose a risk of laundering or financing of terrorism, the Bank fails to apply simplified measures and considers that the transaction may be a suspicious transaction.

#### 5.3.2.3. Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD)

The Bank implements one, more, or all of the following measures in a proportionate manner to the identified risk in transactions within the scope of Transactions Requiring Special Attention, Taking Measures against Technological Risks, Relations with Risky Countries, and high-risk situations identified within the framework of the risk-based approach.

- Obtaining additional information about the customer and update the credentials of the customer and the beneficial owner more frequently,
- Obtaining additional information about the nature of the business relationship,
- Obtaining as much information as possible about the source of the assets subject to the transaction and the funds belonging to the customer,
- Obtain information about the purpose of the transaction,



- Making the entry into a business relationship, the continuation of an existing business relationship
  or the execution of a transaction subject to the approval of a senior official,
- Increasing the number and frequency of controls applied and keeping the business relationship under close supervision by identifying the types of transactions that require additional controls,
- Requiring that in the establishment of a permanent business relationship, the first financial transaction must be made from another financial institution to which the principles of customer due diligence apply.

#### 5.3.3. Customer Identification

The customer, as the source of the suspicious transaction, is the key focus in laundering proceeds of crime and the financing of terrorism. Therefore, customer identification is very important for combating the proceeds of these illegal activities. Pursuant to the third section of the Measures Regulation under the heading "Principles Regarding Customer Due Diligence", the obligation to recognize customers starts with the identification step. Identification is carried out in the following cases as regulated in the relevant legislation:

- Regardless of the monetary amount in establishing a permanent employment relationship,
- When the amount of a single transaction or the total amount of multiple linked transactions is at or above the amount specified in the legislation,
- When the amount of a single transaction or the total amount of multiple linked transactions in electronic transfers is at or above the amount specified in the legislation,
- Regardless of the monetary amount in cases requiring suspicious transaction reporting (STR),
- Regardless of the monetary amounts when there is doubt about the adequacy and accuracy of previously obtained customer identification information.

A permanent employment relationship may also be established by using remote identification methods to the extent permitted by the legislation or by identification through a notarized power of attorney.

By obtaining identity information, verifying its accuracy, and revealing the beneficial owner of the transaction, the Bank takes the necessary steps to identify its customers and those acting on their behalf or on their behalf of its customers. Identification shall be completed prior to the establishment of a business relationship or transaction. The obligation of customer due diligence is not limited to the identification of the customer. In cases where the Bank is unable to establish identification, no business relationship will be established and the Bank will not fulfill the transactions requested. In establishing a permanent employment relationship, information is also obtained about the purpose and nature of the employment relationship.

The general rule is that no business relationship shall be established and no transactions requested by the parties shall be carried out until the identity of the potential customer has been duly established or until sufficient knowledge of the purpose of the business relationship has been obtained. Similarly, the business relationship is terminated in the event that the required identification and verification cannot be made due to doubts about the adequacy and accuracy of the customer identification information previously obtained.

The procedures and principles regarding the identification of the customer are set out in the Identification Application Instruction based on MASAK legislation.

#### 5.3.3.1. Identification Methods

The Bank performs identification procedures in compliance with remote identification methods in accordance with the relevant legislation. However, in situations where the technological or operational capabilities and integrations are insufficient to meet the requirements of the legislation with the remote identification method or where the procedures and principles for the pertinent person or customer type are not yet included in the legislation, the Bank may use the face-to-face identification method through the services to be procured.



# 5.3.3.2. Customer Identification of Those Acting on Behalf of Others

In the event that a transaction is requested on behalf of legal entities or entities without legal personality by persons authorized by persons authorized to represent them, on behalf of real person customers by other real persons, on behalf of minors and restricted persons by their legal representatives, the identification of these persons shall be carried out in accordance with the Measures

Upon the submission of the originals or notarized copies of the documents to be presented when requested by the authorities, a readable photocopy or electronic image is taken or information regarding the identity is recorded.

# 5.3.3.3. Control The Authenticity of Documents Subject to Verification

In case of doubt about the authenticity of the documents used to confirm the information received within the scope of identification to the extent possible, the authenticity of the document shall be verified by contacting the person or institution that issued the document or other competent authorities.

# 5.3.3.4. Customer Identification in Subsequent Transactions

In order to maintain the accuracy of the information within the scope of identification and to verify the customer's identification in subsequent transactions requiring identification during the course of an ongoing business relationship, necessary steps are performed.

#### 5.3.3.5. Customer Identification of Those For the Benefit of Others

The Bank takes the necessary measures to determine whether a person is acting for the benefit of other persons. In case that persons making a transaction requiring identification are acting for the benefit of another person, they are legally required to notify the Bank. However, in the establishment of a permanent business relationship, in all cases, a declaration must be obtained as to whether the customers are acting for the benefit of others. In the event that the person declares acting for the benefit of others or this is determined by the Bank, the person on whose account the transaction is made must be duly identified along with the person who made the transaction. Where a person is suspected of acting in his or her own behalf but for the benefit of another person, despite the person's declaration that he or she is not acting for the benefit of another person, measures to identify the beneficial owner are implemented.

#### 5.3.3.6. Identification of the Beneficial Owner

Necessary measures are taken to identify the beneficial owner of the transaction. The beneficial owner refers to the real person or persons who ultimately control or have ultimate influence over the real person, legal entity or unincorporated organization on whose behalf the transaction is executed. The Bank is obliged to take the necessary measures to determine whether the transaction was made on behalf of someone else and the identity of the beneficial owner of the transaction. The beneficial owner must be a real person according to its definition. In determining the real beneficiary for legal entities, the concepts of ownership (shareholding relationship), senior representation, and ultimate control come to the fore.

In some customers, a beneficial owner is a real person holding a majority stake in the company, while in other companies, holding a majority stake may not actually confer ultimate control or influence over the company. Therefore, in determining the beneficial owner in the case of legal entities registered in the commercial register, Customer Representatives should focus on identifying the persons who actually control or have influence over the company and consider each customer on an individual basis, while adhering to the following regulatory rules. In this scope, the following issues should also be complied with in accordance with the relevant regulations. In addition to the issues listed below, the verification of the identity information required to be obtained within the scope of the identification of legal entity shareholders residing abroad is carried out by confirming it through officially approved documents.



- In establishing a permanent business relationship with legal entities registered in the trade registry, the identification of the real person partners of the legal entity with shares exceeding twenty-five percent is determined in order to identify the beneficial owner.
- In case it is suspected that the natural person partner of the legal entity with a shareholding
  exceeding twenty-five percent is not the beneficial owner or there is no natural person partner with
  such a shareholding, necessary measures are taken to identify the real person or persons who
  ultimately control the legal entity. The identified real person or persons are considered as real
  beneficiaries.
- Necessary measures are taken to reveal the real person or persons who ultimately control other legal entities and unincorporated entities within the scope of permanent business relationship. Identification information about the identified beneficial owner is obtained, and necessary measures are taken to confirm this information. In this scope, notarized signature circulars containing identity information can be used. In establishing a permanent business relationship with legal entities registered in the trade registry, the identity of the legal entity's legal entity partners with shares exceeding twenty-five percent shall also be determined.
- In cases where the beneficial owner cannot be identified, the business relationship is not established, the existing business relationship is restricted or terminated, the desired transaction is refused and whether a suspicious transaction report is required is evaluated.

#### 5.3.3.7. Reliance on Third Party

The Bank may establish a business relationship or conduct a transaction in reliance on the measures taken by another financial institution in relation to the customer in order to determine the identity of the customer, the person acting on behalf of the customer and the beneficial owner and to obtain information about the purpose of the business relationship or transaction. In this situation, the ultimate responsibility within the scope of the Law and the relevant regulations will rest with the financial institution that performs the transaction by relying on the third party. Being able to rely on a third party depends on the following:

- Ensuring that the third party has taken the necessary measures to ensure the requirements of identification, retention of records, and customer due diligence, and in the case of a non-resident, that it is also subject to regulations and inspections in accordance with international standards on the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism
- Ensuring that all necessary information within the scope of knowing the customer can be obtained immediately from the third party when requested,
- Ensuring that certified copies of identification documents and other customer identification documents are promptly available from the third party upon request,
- Ensuring that the third party is regulated and audited for compliance with requirements relating to the identification, record retention, and customer due diligence and that adequate measures are in place to comply with these requirements,
- Ensuring that there are adequate measures taken for confidentiality in the exchange of information by the third party

In the event that a business relationship is established by relying on a third party, the customer's identification information is immediately obtained from the third party. The Bank's transactions with other banks on behalf of its customers, and the relations between the Bank's agencies and similar units and the persons to whom they have services rendered as extensions or complements of the main service units are not within the scope of the principle of reliance on third parties. Reliance on third party principle does not apply if the third party is based in risky countries.

#### 5.3.4. Transactions Requiring Special Attention

The Bank pays special attention to complex and unusually large transactions, transactions and activities without any apparent reasonable legal and economic purpose, and transactions or activities that are believed to be linked to laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism or that are actually intended or attempted to be carried out for this purpose. The Bank takes the necessary measures to obtain sufficient information about the purpose of the requested transaction and keeps the information, documents and records obtained within this scope to be submitted to the authorities upon request.



# 5.3.5. Monitoring Customer Status and Transactions

The Bank takes the necessary measures to monitor and update whether the transactions carried out by the customers are compatible with the information on the customers' profession, commercial activities, business history, financial status, risk profile and fund sources with a risk-based approach. It establishes an appropriate risk management system for this purpose. It sets out the implementation procedures and principles regarding suspicious transactions within the scope of customers and customer transaction categories whose activities involve higher risk and who conduct their business relations and transactions under unusual conditions. In addition, the accuracy of the information regarding the telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses received for the identification of these customers is verified by contacting the relevant person using these tools when necessary within the framework of a risk-based approach.

#### 5.3.6. Taking Precautions against Technological Risks

The Bank exercises special care and takes appropriate measures to prevent the risk that the use of new and emerging technologies, existing and new products and new business practices, including new distribution channels, may be used for laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism.

Within this framework, the Bank attends special attention to transactions such as deposits to, withdrawals from and electronic transfers made through electronic banking channels, closely monitors transactions incompatible with or unrelated to the customer's financial profile and activities, and takes appropriate and effective measures, including setting limits on the amount and number of transactions.

# 5.3.7. Customer Acceptance/Rejection of Transaction and Termination of Business Relationship

In cases where customer identification cannot be made or sufficient information cannot be obtained about the purpose of the business relationship, a business relationship is not established with the customer. However, in case of a situation where the accuracy of a previous identification is in doubt, if a new identification is requested from the customer but the request is rejected, the Bank terminates the business relationship within the legal limits and in accordance with the Bank's policies and MASAK regulations. In cases where the business relationship cannot be terminated due to reasons such as credit relationship, foreclosure, etc., new transaction requests of the customer are not accepted. The Compliance Officer is consulted on the matter when necessary. In the event that the request to establish a business relationship with a potential customer is rejected due to risks related to laundering proceeds of crime and terrorist financing, the Compliance Officer is informed about the matter.

In the following cases, the Bank does not establish a new business relationship, restricts or terminates the existing business relationship and refuses to perform the transaction requested to be performed and notifies the Compliance Officer.

- Failure to operate a customer due diligence and identification process about the customer,
- Failure to provide information and documents for customer due diligence and identification within
  the scope of information updates at the customer acceptance stage or during the continuation of
  the business relationship,
- Failure to identify and confirm the identity of the customer or beneficial owner,
- The customer's unwillingness to provide the requested information about the business and transactions,
- Failure of the Customer to comply with the terms and conditions in the agreements signed with the Bank,
- Risk of unmanageable or unacceptable laundering of proceeds of crime related to the customer.

The Bank analyzes the above-mentioned situations separately in terms of suspicious transactions.

#### 5.3.8. Correspondent Relationship

In the process of establishing foreign correspondent relations, the Bank implements the following measures. Before establishing new correspondent relations, the approval of the Executive Vice President for Treasury and Financial Affairs is obtained.



- Obtaining reliable information from publicly available sources on whether the respondent financial
  institution is under investigation for laundering or financing of terrorism and whether the financial
  institution has been fined or warned, the nature and subject matter of its business, its reputation, and
  the adequacy of its supervision,
- Evaluating the systems employed by the respondent financial institution for combating laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism, and ensuring that the systems are appropriate and effective.
- Explicitly define the responsibilities of the Bank and the correspondent institution in a contract to meet the obligations in the *General Procedures and Principles for Customer Recognition and Customer Identification* section of this Policy.
- In cases where the correspondent relationship includes the use of direct correspondent accounts, ensuring that the addressee financial institution takes adequate measures within the framework of the procedures and principles in the General Procedures and Principles on Customer Due Diligence and Customer Identification of this Policy and that it can provide the identity information of the relevant customers when requested.

The Bank does not enter into a correspondent relationship with shell banks and financial institutions with which there is no certainty that they do not make their accounts available to shell banks.

#### 5.3.9. Wire transfers

- In domestic and international electronic transfer messages requiring identification of the sender; providing the following information is mandatory;
  - 1. Name and surname, the title of the legal entity registered in the trade register, the full name of other legal entities and non-legal entities,
  - 2. Bank account number, the reference number related to the transaction in case the account number is not available.
  - At least one of the information used to identify the sender, such as address or place and date of birth or customer number, citizenship number, passport number, tax identification number, etc.

And the accuracy of the information provided is also confirmed. Regarding the recipient of electronic transfer messages, the information specified in Articles 1 and 2 above is included, confirmation of this information is not obligatory.

# 5.3.10. Relations with Risky Countries

The Bank exercises special care in business relations and transactions with natural and legal persons, unincorporated entities and citizens of risky countries, obtains and records information to the extent possible about the purpose and nature of transactions that do not have a reasonable legal and economic purpose. Countries that do not have adequate regulations on the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism, do not cooperate in the fight against these crimes, or are considered risky by authorized international organizations are defined as risky countries. Risky countries are determined by the Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer may add or remove new countries among risky countries or change the risk levels of countries when necessary, taking into account the country's assessments of international organizations operating in the field of money laundering and terrorist financing. The Compliance Officer can increase the risk level of a low-risk country or reduce it so that it does not fall below the risk level set in the Bank's written policies. Customers that reside or conduct business in high-risk nations as determined by the Compliance Officer are regarded as such. Customers cannot be accepted from non-residents who do not have legitimate, customary justifications for wanting to conduct banking transactions and open accounts abroad. Country risk is taken into account according to the residence and nationality of the customer for real persons, and according to the country of operation and residency status for legal entities. During customer acceptance, this information is taken from the customer and transferred to the associated records.

The following countries and regions and customers residing in or associated with these countries and regions are closely monitored within the high risk category in terms of country risk:

Countries included in the black and gray list announced by FATF,



- Countries included in the list of risky countries announced by the Ministry,
- Countries sanctioned by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or OFAC for policies and practices related to the laundering of proceeds of crime or financing of terrorism,
- Countries considered risky in international regulations on the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism,

# 5.4. High-Risk Customers

One of the most important steps in customer due diligence and identification is obtaining complete and accurate information about what the natural person customer is engaged in, the field in which the legal entity customer operates, and basically what the source of income is. This is essential not only for the planning of customer-related marketing activities but also for the accurate monitoring and evaluation of customer transactions. When evaluating which field of activity a natural or legal person with more than one activity is engaged in, the field of activity that stands out in terms of the share of time spent and revenues generated should be taken into account. Some fields of activity and professions are more risky than others in terms of money laundering and financing of terrorism. Before entering into business relations with the high risk sectors and occupational groups, extra care is taken, customer due diligence and identification documents, sector information are carefully and completely recorded. Engaging in business relationships with high-risk customers is subject to the approval of a higher level official and these accounts are also carefully monitored.

#### 5.5. Persons and Institutions Not Acceptable as Customers

As a fundamental principle, the Bank refrains from providing banking services to individuals and institutions that have not gone through the customer due diligence and identification stages. No business relationship can be established with persons and organizations that refuse to submit the information and documents required to be submitted in accordance with the legislation. The Bank retains information on the persons and institutions denied the establishment of a business relationship or a transaction request. The Bank cannot accept the following persons and institutions as customers:

- Persons with unknown identities and addresses or persons who refuse to provide a physical address.
- Persons refraining from providing the information and documents required to be submitted or signing the necessary documents in accordance with legal regulations,
- Persons and entities named in sanction lists published by public authorities on laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism,
- Persons for whom sufficient information cannot be obtained about the purpose of the business relationship or the transaction to be realized in line with the existing legal regulations, and who refrain from meeting the information requests in this direction,
- Shell companies or institutions suspected of providing shell banking services,
- Persons or entities trading cryptocurrencies on behalf of third parties,
- Persons refraining from providing the information and documents required to be submitted or signing the necessary documents in accordance with legal regulations,
- Banks and institutions that do not have a physical address,
- Those operating in an area subject to a license, special authorization or permit, but without the required permit/license/authorization,
- Persons and institutions engaged in gambling and illegal betting activities, including those operated over the Internet,
- Those who are registered in the bank's internal list for laundering proceeds, financing of terrorism and related financial crimes.

Any business relationship established with persons and organizations that are later found to be in this status must be terminated immediately and the relevant department must notify the Compliance Officer of the situation in order to take the necessary actions.

On the other hand, refusal to submit the information and documents required to be obtained within the framework of this Policy and the Bank's internal policies constitutes a reasonable and customary



justification for the establishment of a business relationship or the rejection of requests to conduct transactions for existing customers.

The Bank prohibits its customers from using hold-mail addresses (addresses held by organizations that provide this service, where mail sent to individuals for a temporary period of time is held on behalf of the owner of the address without returning it to the sender) or postrestant addresses (showing a PTT branch as address information) as the only address information. Persons and institutions that only declare such addresses as address information are not accepted as customers.

Maximum care and diligence is exercised to accept as clients individuals and institutions whose wealth and funds are suspected to have been acquired legally, as well as those whose social reputation is in question.

# 5.6. High-Risk Products and Services

Considering the risks related to laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism, certain product groups may be riskier than others. For example, it is recognized that cash transactions or money transfers with risky countries, and transactions with associations and foundations are riskier in terms of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism. Therefore, purpose of the business relationship to be established with the customer is an important risk factor. Therefore, at the customer acceptance stage, it is important to know the purpose for which the customer wants to establish a business relationship. The relevant forms used in customer acceptance include fields for the purpose of the business relationship. The purpose of the business relationship to be established with the customer may be declared by the customer. In the absence of a declaration, depending on which transaction the customer identification is based on, it is also received by the Customer Representatives by recording it in the relevant fields of the forms used in customer acceptance.

Customer funds and transactions arising from activities of unknown origin and not directly attributable to the nature of the business, typically cash transactions and electronic fund transfers, are subject to tightened safeguards. The following products are considered high risk products/services by the Bank:

- Customer Transactions Established through Electronic Banking Channel
- Electronic transfers
- Cash Transactions

# 5.7. Updating Customer Information

The Bank periodically reviews the information within the scope of customer due diligence, customer identification and customer acceptance using a risk-based approach in order to ensure that customer relations are conducted in a healthy manner and that the level of customer due diligence provided at the time of customer acceptance is maintained throughout the duration of the customer relationship. The frequency of reviews depends on customer risk assessments, last update dates, and customer activity. The following issues are taken into consideration during the review process:

- It is essential to make a review regardless of the risk level of the customer in case of changes in customer acceptance/evaluation criteria or information/documents required to be obtained due to changes in the Bank's practices or legislation. For example, upon deciding to obtain information or documents that have not been requested before, the content of this information/document, the content of the legal regulation that makes it necessary, etc. are evaluated and the action to be taken for existing customers is decided separately on a case-by-case basis.
- As per the customer acceptance policy, a permanent business relationship cannot be established without obtaining the mandatory documents required from customers.
- For customers classified as high-risk in terms of compliance risk level, review and control activities
  are carried out every year, every two years for medium-risk customers, and every three years for
  low-risk customers. If for some other reason, the customer has already been reviewed in the six



months preceding the month in which the review is due, it does not need to be reviewed again and the new review date is determined according to the date of the last review.

 Customer information is reviewed in case of significant changes in customer assets, risk level, administrative structure, etc. Significant changes can be defined as the activation of an inactive customer, an increase in the customer's risk level, significant changes in the management or control structure of the company (change in control ownership, comprehensive changes in the management of the company), change in the company's field of activity.

# 5.8. Compliance with Sanctions

The Bank undertakes to comply with legal and regulatory regulations related to sanctions and ensures that no business relationship is established with persons on BM, UN, OFAC, EU and local sanctions lists.

The Bank will, where possible, terminate business relationships with persons on OFAC or other sanctions lists.

The Bank screens whether the parties to the transaction are included in the sanctions lists for domestic and international money transfer transactions.

#### 5.8.1. Relations with Sanctioned Countries

The Bank conducts no banking transactions (including incoming and outgoing transfers), commercial and financial transactions with countries subject to sanctions in line with the principles determined by the risk appetite structure, risk assessment, and relevant national and international organizations regarding the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and the financing of terrorism and chemical weapons.

# 5.9. Asset Freeze

The Bank implements the decisions of asset freeze announced or notified by the Presidency of MASAK in relation to the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions without delay in accordance with the Law No. 6415 on the Prevention of Financing of Terrorism ("Law No. 6415") and the relevant regulation. Pursuant thereto, the Bank reviews whether or not there are any asset records of the persons, institutions or organizations for which an order to freeze assets has been issued, and if so, it takes the necessary actions and notifies the Presidency within seven days from the date of notification of the information regarding the frozen assets.

The relevant real or legal person may manage the frozen assets. Notwithstanding the provisions of Law No. 6415, the Bank does not provide or facilitate the disposal, consumption, conversion, transfer and assignment of such assets or the execution of transactions for other disposals. In addition, decisions to revoke orders to freeze assets shall also be implemented without delay.

# 5.10. Bank Activities on Preventing the Financing of the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

The Bank implements the sanctions resolutions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to prevent the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the provisions of the Law on the Prevention of the Financing of the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and the relevant regulations. In this context, the Bank shall not;

• raise or provide funds for the benefit of, or enter into business partnerships or other business relationships in Turkey with, any of the persons, entities, or organizations related to nuclear, ballistic



- missile programs or other activities specified in these decisions, or persons or entities directly or indirectly controlled by them, or persons or entities acting on their behalf or account;
- establish a business partnership, enter into a capital partnership or establish a correspondent bank relationship with the banks of the persons, entities or organizations related to nuclear, ballistic missile programs or other activities specified in these decisions, or persons or entities directly or indirectly controlled by them, or persons or entities acting on their behalf or account;

contribute to or support the import, export, transit, or transfer of materials, supplies, and equipment, or the transfer of technology, nuclear activities, or the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems, depending on the scope of the relevant resolutions, except as authorized by the UNSC.

If requested by the Audit and Cooperation Commission established in relation to the implementation of the Law on the Prevention of Financing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, the Bank is obliged to provide such information and documents within the time and in the manner requested.

The Bank must follow the lists published on the website of the Presidency regarding the persons, institutions or organizations for which an asset freeze decision has been issued and take action in line with the notifications made by the Presidency.

#### 5.11. Postponement of Transactions

The Bank sends a suspicious transaction notification to MASAK with a request for postponement of the transaction together with the reasons, if there is a serious indication that the transaction is related to the crime of laundering or financing of terrorism, and acts according to the decision notified to them by MASAK about the transaction.

#### 5.12. New Products and Services

The relevant departments must obtain the approval of the Compliance Unit before offering new or revised products or services to customers, to ensure that they comply with AML/CFT requirements.

# 5.13. Suspicious Transaction Reporting

In the event that there is any information, suspicion, or reason for suspicion that the assets subject to the transaction made or attempted to be made in or through the Bank have been obtained illegally or used for illegal purposes, used for terrorist acts, or used by terrorist organizations, terrorists or those financing terrorism, or related or connected to them, the transactions that are concluded to be suspicious are reported to MASAK by the compliance officer within the framework of the time and principles specified in the legislation, by conducting the necessary investigations to the extent possible. Suspicious transactions are reported to the Presidency within ten business days at the latest from the date of suspicion regarding the transaction.

Bank personnel executing the suspicious transaction notification obligation in the specified manner and within the specified time period shall not be held legally or criminally liable in any way.

Except for the information provided to the auditors assigned with the audit of liability and to the courts during the proceedings, it cannot provide information to anyone, including the parties to the transaction that a suspicious transaction notification has been or will be made to MASAK.

The Bank undertakes to create an open and transparent working environment that encourages employees to report suspicious transactions or matters that violate the Bank's internal policies to the Compliance Department without fear of sanctions.

Employees have the obligation to immediately notify the compliance unit of all matters that they know or assess to be in violation of this Policy by using the banking system, e-mail or other appropriate channels. The



Bank confirms that such notifications made in good faith and in compliance with the relevant legislation will protect employees from criminal, legal and administrative liability.

Maximum care and diligence shall be exercised by all relevant persons involved in or aware of the subject matter with respect to the confidentiality and security of suspicious transaction notifications and internal notifications made within the Bank within this scope and the protection of the parties to the notifications, within the framework of the legislation.

Bank personnel are prohibited from informing other employees, the customer or any third party about a customer or transaction, or disclosing matters within their knowledge, at any stage of the transaction, that a suspicious situation exists, is being investigated, is being closely monitored, a suspicious transaction has been reported or is likely to be reported. Such prohibition should not, however, prevent the sharing of information about such transactions among employees or with the competent authorities.

#### 5.14. Providing Information and Documents

Upon direct request for information and documents by the relevant public institutions, the Compliance Officer shall be informed as soon as possible and a copy of the letter shall be forwarded to the Compliance Officer. Such requests for information and documents are sent to the relevant public institutions through the Compliance Officer.

The Bank has the obligation to provide all kinds of information, documents and related records in all kinds of media to be requested by the Presidency and the audit staff assigned by the Presidency, all information and passwords necessary to access and make these records readable, in full and accurately and to provide the necessary convenience.

#### 5.15. Continuous Disclosure

The Bank informs the Presidency of the transactions to which it is a party or intermediary, exceeding the amount to be determined by the Ministry.

#### 5.16. Training and Awareness Programs

All new and existing employees, including the Board of Directors and Senior Management, are provided with training within the framework of national and international regulations on the prevention of laundering of proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism and the Bank's internal policies. Bank employees shall participate in these training programs upon invitation and read the documents published for training purposes.

The Bank executes the training activities within the framework of the relevant legislation within the annual training program approved by the Board of Directors under the supervision and coordination of the Compliance Officer in accordance with the size of the business, business volumes and changing conditions in order to prevent laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism.

The training program is prepared by the Compliance Officer with the participation of the relevant units. Training can be organized face-to-face through seminars, panels, conferences, etc. or online through training platforms on electronic media such as the internet and intranet. The Compliance Officer monitors the effective implementation of the training program. Training activities are carried out within a specific training program and plan, including the training topics detailed below:

- The concepts of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism
- Concepts of financing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
- Stages and methods of laundering proceeds of crime and case studies on this subject
- Legislation regarding the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism
- International regulations on combating money laundering and financing of terrorism
- Corporate policy and procedures
- Risk areas
- Principles on customer due diligence



- Principles on customer identification
- Detection and prevention of activities of laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism
- Typologies and trends in laundering proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism
- Principles on reporting suspicious transactions
- Retaining and Submitting obligation
- Obligation on providing information and documents
- Sanctions for non-compliance with obligations
- Sanctions

The training activities aim to ensure compliance with the obligations within the framework of the relevant legislation, to create a corporate culture by increasing the awareness of responsibility of the personnel on this Policy and the Bank's internal policies and risk-based approach, and to update the knowledge of the personnel.

The Bank notifies the results of the training activities to MASAK through the Compliance Officer by the end of March of the following year, including the information and statistics specified in the relevant regulations.

#### 5.17. Internal Audit Activities

The internal audit activities performed in relation to the prevention of laundering proceeds of crime and combating the financing of terrorism aim to provide assurance to the Board of Directors on the effectiveness and adequacy of the compliance program. The Bank's internal policies, risk management, monitoring and control activities, adequacy and efficiency of training activities, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Bank's risk policy, and whether transactions are carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation and the Bank's compliance policies are regularly examined and audited every year with a risk-based approach. Internal audit activities within this scope are executed by the Bank's Internal Audit Department.

Internal audit conducted by the Board of Internal Auditors covers the activities listed below:

- Major shortcomings, errors and misconduct uncovered in relation to money laundering and terrorist
  financing as a result of internal audit activities, as well as opinions and suggestions for preventing
  their re-emergence, are reported to the Board of Directors through the Audit Committee within the
  scope of periodic reports.
- When the scope of the audit is determined, deficiencies identified in monitoring and control activities and customers, services and transactions involving risk are included in the scope of the audit.
- The Bank's business size and transaction volume are taken into consideration when determining
  the units and transactions to be audited. In this scope, supervision of departments and transactions
  in a quantity and quality that can represent all of the transactions carried out by the Bank is ensured.
- The Bank submits the results of its audit activities to MASAK through the Compliance Officer by the end of March of the following year, including the information and statistics specified in the relevant regulations.

# 5.18. Retaining and Submitting

The Bank shall retain documents books and records, identification documents kept in all forms regarding its transactions and obligations for eight years starting from the drawn up date, the last record date, and the last transaction date respectively and submit them when requested. The date of the beginning of the retaining period of the documents related to the customer identification concerning the accounts held by the obliged parties is the date the account is closed.

Records and documents for suspicious transaction notifications made to MASAK or internal notifications made to the compliance officer, documents attached to the notification, and written justifications for suspicious transactions for which the compliance officer has decided not to notify are within the scope of the retention and submission obligation.



# 6. Exceptions

There is no exceptional application within the scope of this Policy.

#### 7. Enforcement

• This document, approved by the Board of Directors Decision dated 05.09.2022 and numbered 2022-03-07/022, takes effect on the date of publication.

# 8. Review and Update

This Policy is reviewed every year and updated when necessary.