

# **REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

# ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND TARGETED FINANCIAL SANCTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2024

No.	16	of 2024	

An Act to amend the *Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act* 2023 and for other related purposes.

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023.* 

#### 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date it is certified by the Speaker.

# 3 Amendment of the Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023

The Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023 is amended by the provisions of this Act.

#### 4 Amendment of Section 4

Section 4 is amended by inserting the following definitions in the correct alphabetical order:

"authorised officer" means a police officer, customs officer, immigration officer, quarantine officer or any other officer designated by the Minister;

'foreign financial supervisor' means a foreign body which supervises reporting entities or financial institutions;'.

#### 5 Amendment of Section 37

Section 37 is amended by inserting a new subsection (5) after subsection (4) as follows:

- '(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), subsections (2), (3) and (4) shall apply to a reporting entity engaged in the provision of services relating to virtual assets, where the reporting entity:
  - (a) enters into a business relationship with a person; and
  - (b) conducts:
    - (i) an occasional transaction for a person, the value of which is \$1,500 or more; or
    - (ii) a series of isolated transactions that appear to be linked and have a combined value of \$1,500 or more.'.

### 6 Amendment of Section 71

- (1) Section 71(1) is amended by deleting:
  - (a) 'Subject to subsection (3), the' and substituting 'The Supervisor';
  - (b) 'Chief Secretary in consultation with the Secretary'; and
  - (c) 'in consultation with' and substituting with 'by'.
- (2) Section 71(3) is amended by:
  - (a) deleting 'A' and substituting 'The Supervisor shall ensure that a';
  - (b) deleting 'shall be endorsed by the Supervisor as having the' and substituting with 'has the';

- (c) inserting 'and police' after 'security'; and
- (d) deleting 'levels' after 'clearance'.

#### 7 Amendment of Section 91

- (1) Section 91(1) is amended by:
  - (a) deleting 'with the approval of the Cabinet'; and
  - (b) inserting:
    - (i) a comma after 'financial intelligence body' and deleting 'or a' after 'financial intelligence body' where it first occurs;
    - (ii) 'or foreign financial supervisor' after 'foreign law enforcement body where it first occurs;
    - (iii) a comma after 'financial intelligence body' and deleting 'or the' after 'financial intelligence body' where it second occurs; and
    - (iv) 'or foreign financial supervisor' after 'foreign law enforcement body where it second occurs.
- (2) Section 91(2) is amended by:
  - (c) inserting a comma after 'foreign financial intelligence body';
  - (d) deleting 'or the' after 'foreign financial intelligence body'; and
  - (e) inserting 'or foreign financial supervisor' after 'foreign law enforcement body.

#### 8 Amendment of Section 130

Section 130 is renumbered as Section 131.

#### 9 Insertion of Section 130

A new Section 130 is inserted after Section 129 as follows:

#### '130 Commissioner of Police to authorise controlled delivery

- (1) Where the Commissioner of Police or in his or her absence, any authorised officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person has committed, is committing or is about to commit criminal conduct which may be related to a financial crime, he or she may give written approval for:
  - (a) controlled delivery to be carried out; and
  - (b) specify persons to carry out or participate in the controlled delivery.
- (2) The enforcement activities which may be undertaken in the course of and for the purposes of controlled delivery include the following:
  - (a) allowing any craft, vehicle or other means of transport or conveyance to enter, leave, or transit through the Republic;
  - (b) allowing delivery of any criminal property including cash in any currency or denomination;

- using such force as may be reasonable in the circumstances to enter and search the craft, vehicle or other means of transport, or other conveyance;
- (d) placing a tracking device on board a craft, vehicle or other means of transport or other conveyance; or
- (e) allowing a person who has possession, custody or control of criminal property including cash in any currency or denomination to enter, leave or transit through the Republic.
- (3) This Section applies to offences to which the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crimes Act 2004, Proceeds of Crimes Act 2004 or any other written law which provides for criminal conduct relating to a financial crime or criminal property'.

#### 10 Amendment of Section 131

Section 131 is deleted.