

# ACAMS

## Exam Questions CAMS

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (the 6th edition)



#### NEW QUESTION 1

Which factor should a bank consider before sharing information about a customer with its broker-dealer affiliate in the case of an investigation?

- A. Whether the broker-dealer affiliate can rely on the due diligence done by the bank
- B. Whether there is a mutual legal assistance treaty in place between the two institutions
- C. Whether privacy and data protection rules permit the bank to share the information with the affiliate
- D. Whether both institutions have an account or are in the process of opening an account for the customer

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

A client is a wholesale auto business that operates as a used car lot. The client regularly ships vehicles internationally. In a four-month period, the client received wires totaling \$ 1,250,000 from a dealer in Benin in West Africa. All wires originated from Benin and were in increments of \$50,000.

Account debits made to the account were payable to various transport companies. All incoming checks reference various vehicles purchased. Dock shipping receipts produced by the client to support account activity identify the vehicles but cannot easily be tied to the wires receives.

What is the suspicious behavior?

- A. The dock shipping receipts match the vehicles
- B. Vehicles are regularly shipped internationally
- C. Wires received are in large, even dollar amounts
- D. Account debits are payable to transport companies

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

What are two risks to institutions for violating anti-money laundering laws as demonstrated by the 2012 HSBC settlement with United States authorities? (Choose two.)

- A. Forfeiture of assets
- B. Civil money penalties
- C. Loss of bank charter/license
- D. Imprisonment of bank employees

**Answer: AB**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

What are two requirements of United States financial institutions when conducting business with an international institution as a result of the USA PATRIOT Act? (Choose two.)

- A. Performing enhanced due diligence on shell banks
- B. Performing due diligence on correspondent accounts
- C. Visiting the head office of the international financial institution
- D. Complying with Special Measures issued under the USA PATRIOT Act

**Answer: AD**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

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

Is this step sufficient to ensure compliance?

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

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

Historically, a tour guide has made monthly cash deposits averaging \$10,000. Over the past three months, the monthly deposits have averaged \$100,000. When the financial institution questions the increased deposits, the tour guide explains that there have been numerous conventions in town so business has increased substantially.

Which further action(s) should the financial institution take?

- A. Immediately terminate the relationship
- B. Schedule a periodic review of activity
- C. Perform further investigation, it appropriate report the activity to the authorities and consider terminating the relationship
- D. Perform further investigation, if appropriate report the activity to the authorities and place a limit on future transactions

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

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

- A. Some precious metals can be formed into other objects, making easier to transport

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

**Answer:** BD

#### NEW QUESTION 8

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

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

**Answer:** AB

#### NEW QUESTION 9

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

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

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

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A bank compliance officer discovers cash deposit activity inconsistent with the expected and historical cash activity within the personal accounts of the chairman of the board. The cash activity appears structured to avoid the local legal filing requirements for large cash transactions, and a suspicious transaction report (STR) was filed.

How should the compliance officer report the filing of the STR to the board of directors without revealing the existence of the filing to the subject?

- A. Inform the legal counsel of the bank
- B. Follow the financial institution's established STR reporting policy
- C. Notify the financial institution's regulator to disclose the activity
- D. The compliance officer and the chief executive officer should jointly interview the chairman

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A compliance officer provides an overview of the bank's anti-money laundering program to a group of new tellers during employee orientation. Which training element should be delivered to this audience?

- A. Results of recent risk assessments
- B. Large cash transaction reporting procedures
- C. The financial institution's surprise cash audit policy
- D. Past check fraud losses incurred by the financial institution

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 12

Law enforcement submitted a request to a bank for information regarding one of its customers.

How should the bank respond according to Financial Action Task Force Guidance?

- A. Provide all information requested to support the investigation
- B. Ensure that the request will not violate any local privacy regulations or legislation
- C. Ensure the information is necessary to the investigation before responding to the request
- D. Contact the customer informing the person of the investigation to ensure the bank provides information

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 14

A U.K. real estate agent has three foreign clients interested in purchasing an apartment building, valued at £30 million, in the outskirts of London as an investment property. The clients are not willing to have their names provided to the bank. The clients want to purchase to be made in the names of three private companies for privacy reasons. The plan is to wire the funds into an account held in the name of another private company at a bank in London.

Which red flag should stop the agent from discussing this potential purchase further?

- A. The clients are foreign
- B. The clients have the funds necessary to fund a £30 million purchase
- C. The clients are not willing to have their names provided to the bank
- D. The clients want to purchase to be made in the names of the private companies

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 15

A foreign politically exposed person (PEP) requests to add a beneficiary to a life insurance policy. How should the request be processed to mitigate risk?

- A. Perform due diligence on the beneficiary
- B. Determine the source of wealth and source of funds
- C. Decline the request if the beneficiary is a foreign PEP
- D. Decline the request to add a beneficiary due to increased risk

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 20

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

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

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

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

**Answer:** ACE

#### NEW QUESTION 22

In which two ways does a government Financial Intelligence Unit interact with public and private sectors? (Choose two.)

- A. It governs the methods of investigation used by competent authorities
- B. It mediates disputes between financial institutions and investigative authorities
- C. It receives and analyzes disclosures filed by financial and non-bank institutions
- D. It disseminates information and the results of its analysis to competent authorities

**Answer:** CD

#### NEW QUESTION 27

A bank located in Arizona is considering a loan application for a new client. The collateral for the loan is a property in Florida.

The loan will be in the name of a limited company (LLC) whose ownership is not disclosed to the bank. The LLC was established by a New York-based attorney.

The loan will be repaid by the LLC in monthly wire transfers of \$9,000 which is more than the required monthly payment.

Which aspect indicates potential for money laundering?

- A. The LLC's ownership is not disclosed to the bank
- B. The collateral, a property in Florida, is not located in Arizona
- C. The repayment in the amount of \$9,000 indicates potential structuring
- D. The attorney associated with the account is outside the bank's lending area

**Answer:** AC

#### NEW QUESTION 31

A law enforcement official calls a bank inquiring about a customer who is currently under investigation. The law enforcement official requests information about the customer.

How should the bank respond?

- A. Confirm the customer is either a current or former customer
- B. Inform the board of directors before responding to the request
- C. Provide the requested information to help aid in the investigation
- D. Request a formal letter be submitted to verify the validity of the request

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 35

A bank compliance officer has implemented enhanced monitoring rules that have identified some unusual activity that may be indicative of human trafficking.

Which red flag should prompt additional transactional review?

- A. Wire transfer activity from countries with significant migrant populations
- B. Cash deposits that occur in cities where the customer resides and conducts business
- C. Cash deposits that occur in cities where the customer does not reside or conduct business
- D. Cash deposits that occur in cities where the customer does not reside or conduct business followed by same-day withdrawals

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 37

A compliance officer at an insurance company has been reviewing the transaction activity of several clients. Which transaction is considered a red flag for potential money laundering?

- A. A client paid the quarterly life insurance premium using money orders from two different banks.
- B. A client from a high-risk jurisdiction recently purchased property insurance for a real-estate development.
- C. A corporation owns several affiliates and recently opened separate group life insurance policies for each of the affiliates.
- D. A client established a \$100,000 charitable annuity with a non-profit organization that provides health and safety assistance internationally.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 38

A popular restaurant in town has begun depositing less cash than it has in prior years. In a review of the customer's accounts, you notice that credit card receipts have increased with no explanation. The account officer discovers that the restaurant has installed a privately-owned automated teller machine (ATM) onsite and has begun construction on a patio dining area.

Which red flag should trigger additional investigation?

- A. Privately-owned ATM
- B. Lower cash deposits
- C. Increased credit card receipts
- D. Construction of the new patio dining area

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 39

A United States (U.S.) bank was recently alerted by law enforcement of an increase in sale of large denomination U.S. bank notes to casas de cambio. They suspect that a Mexican syndicate is operating a money laundering scheme in the bank's jurisdiction.

Which two steps should be taken to trace funds through the bank to assist law enforcement in their investigation? (Choose two.)

- A. Identify the money laundering scheme and submit a suspicious transaction report
- B. Identify if there is a decrease in the sale of large denomination U.
- C. bank notes to casas de cambio by the bank
- D. Identify deposits by casas de cambio that include third-party items including sequentially numbered monetary instruments
- E. Identify multiple wire transfers initiated by casas de cambio to jurisdictions outside of Mexico that bear no apparent business relationship with that casa de cambio

**Answer: CD**

#### NEW QUESTION 41

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

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

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 43

An employee hears a colleague on the telephone with a customer giving advice on how to ensure that a suspicious transaction report will not be filed as a result of a future transaction. What action should the employee take?

- A. Report the conversation to the local police
- B. Report the conversation to the compliance officer
- C. Tell the colleague that it is against policy to give such advice
- D. Ignore the situation because the colleague is the relationship manager for that customer

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 48

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

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

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 53

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