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- > Jamaica's National Risk Assessment
- ➤ Industry Risk Assessment
- Regulated Entity Risk Individual Assessment



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- ➤ Gaming Lounges are exposed to expanding money laundering and terrorist financing threats.
- Modern financial criminals have a range of methodology at their disposal to avoid countermeasures put in place to stop them.
- ➤ Gaming Lounges must be able to respond to threats appropriately.
- The most effective way to achieve that objective is to take a risk-based approach, meaning an AML compliance program tailored to the individual levels of risk exposure that each customer presents.



# Risk Analysis

Gaming Lounges are expected to conduct a Risk analysis in order to develop an understanding of the risks faced.

This provides an input to the risk assessment and risk treatment decisions.



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- Steps in ML/TF Risk Assessment
  - Identify
  - Assess
  - Mitigate
  - Monitor



- Identify inherent risks using the following criteria:
  - > Customer types
  - > Products and services
  - > Delivery channel/distribution, Payment Method
  - ➤ Geography/jurisdiction/ Regions
- Secondary Criteria:
  - ➤ Transactions (Volume)
  - > Length of business relationship



#### **Customer Type**

#### Risk Factor to consider:

- Customer from high-risk Jurisdictions;
- ➤ AML/Controls in place;
- Customers who owns cash intensive businesses such as gas stations, supermarkets, wholesales or operate charities and other non-profit organizations;
- Customers who are high rollers
- > Customer who are not domicile in Jamaica
- ➤ Political Exposes Persons (PEPS)



- Transactions , Product and Services
  - Cash Intensive, international customers, third parties and/or has complex features for pay-outs;
  - > Allows payments to/from third parties
  - ➤ Allows high transaction volumes/high value payments.



**Delivery Channel:** 

**Risk Factors:** 

- ➤ Face-to-face (with the entity)
- ➤ Non-face-to-face reliance on outsourcing to third parties, and/or intermediaries which are not subject to the same level of AML/CFT



#### **Geography/Jurisdiction & Region:**

#### Risk factors

- Customers are based in or linked to countries with higher ML/TF risks.
- Conducting business from countries with the following characteristics:
  - > Identified by FATF & EU as High risk;
  - Perceived high level of public sector corruption;
  - ➤ High level of illicit drug production and/or drug trafficking.



## Risk Classification

- ➤ ML/TF risks are often classified as low, medium and high, however POCA states that the risks should be classified as low or high.
- ➤ Classification assists in understanding and prioritizing ML/TF risks.



#### **RISK MITIGATION**

After identifying ML/TF risks, steps to mitigate the risks should be identified:

Where the risk is higher, then enhanced measures should be implemented to mitigate the risk.

Similarly, when the risks are lower simplified measures are applied;

Gaming Lounges should continue to assess the controls to mitigate ML/TF risks.

To be effective the risk mitigation for the risks, should remain relevant



# **Ongoing Monitoring**

- The risk-based approach to AML compliance is a process, which means customers should be subject to ongoing monitoring throughout the business relationship.
- Ongoing monitoring is important because customers' risk profiles can change over time.
- ➤ You must be able to react to new levels of risk exposure to ensure emerging money laundering threats are identified as quickly as possible.



#### **Control Factors**

- KYC (incl. All requirements)
- Monitoring & Controls
- Policies & Procedures
- AML Corporate Governance; Management Oversight & Accountability
- Management Information / Reporting
- Record Keeping & Retention
- Designated AML Compliance Officer / Unit
- Detection and SAR Filing
- Training
- Independent Testing & Oversight



## Risk-Based Stakeholders

Involve all relevant stakeholders in the Risk Assessment process including but not limited to:

- AML/CFT Nominated Officers
- Compliance and risk management professionals
- Senior management/Business line heads
- Information technology professionals
- The Board of Directors are required to approve an entity's ML/TF risk assessment
- Not a one-time exercise; ML/TF risk assessments must be kept up to date and made available to relevant authorities