

DECREE LAW NO. (21) 2003
AMENDING SOME PROVISIONS OF LAW NO.
(28) OF 2002 ON ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

We, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani Emir of the State of Qatar,
After having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution;
particularly Articles (23), (27), and (34) thereof;

Law No. (28) of 2002 On Anti-Money Laundering; AND

The Proposal of the Ministers of Interior and Finance, AND

The Draft-Law submitted by the Council of Ministers
Have decided the following law:

Article (1)

The provisions of Articles (2.1), (8) and (12) of the
referred to Law No. (28) 2002, shall be replaced by the
following provisions:

Article (2):

" 1- Any person who earns, possesses, disposes of,
manages, exchanges, deposits, adds, invests, transports
or transfers funds obtained from the crimes of drugs
and dangerous psychotropic substances; extortion and
looting; forgery, counterfeiting and imitation of notes
and coins; illegal trafficking in weapons, ammunitions
and explosives; crimes related to environment
protection; or the crimes of trafficking in women and
children; OR crimes considered by law as terrorist
crimes, with the intention of hiding the real source of
the funds and show that their source is legal".

Article (8):

"A Committee named "The National Anti-Money Laundering
Committee" shall be established in Qatar Central Bank (QCB)
under the presidency of QCB Deputy Governor and the
membership of the following:

- Two representatives of the Ministry of Interior, one of
whom is a director from the Ministry's specialized
departments who shall be the vice chairman and
committee coordinator, and who shall exercise his
powers through his department.

- A representative of the Ministry of Civil Service Affairs and Housing.
- A representative of Ministry of Economy and Commerce.
- A representative of Ministry of Finance.
- A representative of Ministry of Justice.
- A representative of Qatar Central Bank.
- A representative of the Customs & Ports General Authority.

Each entity shall nominate its representative and the QCB Governor shall issue a decision nominating the chairperson, vice chairperson and members.

The Committee shall issue its own regulations and may seek the assistance of experts.

Article (12):

In case of fear as to the disposal of the funds or properties subject of a crime of money laundering, the Governor QCB may order temporary detainment for a period not exceeding ten days. The public prosecutor shall be notified of such order within three days from the date of its issuance, otherwise it shall be treated as null ab initio, The Public prosecutor may cancel the detainment order or renew it for a period not exceeding three months. The detainment order may not be renewed beyond the three months limit referred to except by order of the Criminal Major Court at request of the public prosecutor and the renewal shall be for a similar period or periods until a final judgment is passed in the criminal case.

In all cases, every party concerned may lodge grievance against the detainment order or renewal thereof before the Criminal Major Court, within thirty days from the date of his knowledge thereof, and the court ruling thereon shall be final.

Article (2)

All competent entities, each in its own capacity, shall implement this law. This Law shall come into force sixty days after the date of its publication in the official gazette.

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