PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervision of Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs)

The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) hereby announces that effective September 8, 2021, VASPs have been placed under the supervision of the CBA as a designated non-financial service provider by virtue of the amended State Ordinance for the Prevention and Combating of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Landsverordening voorkoming en bestrijding witwassen en terrorismefinanciering) (AML/CFT State Ordinance) (AB 2011 no.28).

As of December 8, 2021, it is prohibited for a natural person, legal person or corporation to be involved in a professional or commercial capacity in the exchange of virtual currency or fiduciary currency and/or provide custodian wallets in or from Aruba without being registered with the CBA. Not registering with the CBA is a violation of article 50, paragraph 1, of the amended AML/CFT State Ordinance and may lead to enforcement measures.

The CBA strongly urges service providers that provide activities described under article 1, paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs 7 and 8, of the amended AML/CFT State Ordinance to register with the CBA before February 28, 2022 by completing the registration form available at: www.cbaruba.org/document/registration-downloads.

For any further information, you can visit the website of the CBA (www.cbaruba.org) or contact the CBA via e-mail dhfps@cbaruba.org.

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