

Dear Member

As you are well aware that the ICMA Pakistan has been designated to act as a Self-Regulatory Body (SRB) under the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 (VII of 2010). The Honorable Parliament of Pakistan has passed the Anti Money Laundering (Second Amendment) Act, 2020 on September 16, 2020 to further amend the Anti -Money Laundering Act, 2010 (AML Act 2010). In accordance with this amendment, the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA Pakistan) has been designated as an AML / CFT Regulatory Authority of its members in the AML Act, 2010 which was earlier notified through a separate notification of the Federal Government.

The Institute, as an AML / CFT Regulatory Authority possess the power to issue regulations under section 6A (2) (c) of the AML Act, 2010.

The AML & CFT Regulations for CMA Reporting Firms, as approved by the National Council, are enclosed and can also be accessed through the following link:-

https://www.icmap.com.pk/News_Pdf/AML_CFT_Regulations_ICMAPakistan.pdf

Areas of focus in these Regulations are Risk Assessment steps, Principles for Conducting Customer Due Diligence, determination of Beneficial Ownership, Targeted Financial Sanctions Obligations, Internal Controls, Record Keeping Requirements and Sanctions in cases of violations.

These Regulations are applicable with immediate effect.

The ICMA Pakistan AML Framework issued in March, 2020 is withdrawn with immediate effect. As per the decision of the National Council, the AML Supervisory Board of ICMA Pakistan would continue to carry out its responsibilities of monitoring the Reporting Firms with regards to compliance of the Regulations.

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