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BILL No. 16 of 2010

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

S. E. Isaacs, Clerk of the National Assembly.



BILL No. 16 of 2010

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2010

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

## SECTION

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 15 of the Principal Act.

## A BILL Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act 2009.

A.D. 2010

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title and commencement.
No. 13 of 2009.

1. This Act, which amends the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act 2009, may be cited as the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Act 2010 and shall come into operation on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

Amendment of section 15 of the Principal Act. 2. Section 15 (10) of the Principal Act is amended as follows -

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- (a) in paragraph (c) for the words "the reporting entity shall terminate the business relationship with a customer." substitute the words "the Minister may where circumstances do dictate by order extend the period for further periods, not exceeding twenty- four months;";
- (b) insert immediately after paragraph (c) the following as paragraph (d) –
- "(d) where at the end of the final period of extension under paragraph (c) a reporting entity is unable to verify the identity of a customer, the reporting entity shall terminate the business relationship with the customer.".

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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This Bill seeks to amend section 15 (10) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 to empower the Minister by order to further extend the period in which a reporting entity shall verify the identity of a customer.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs