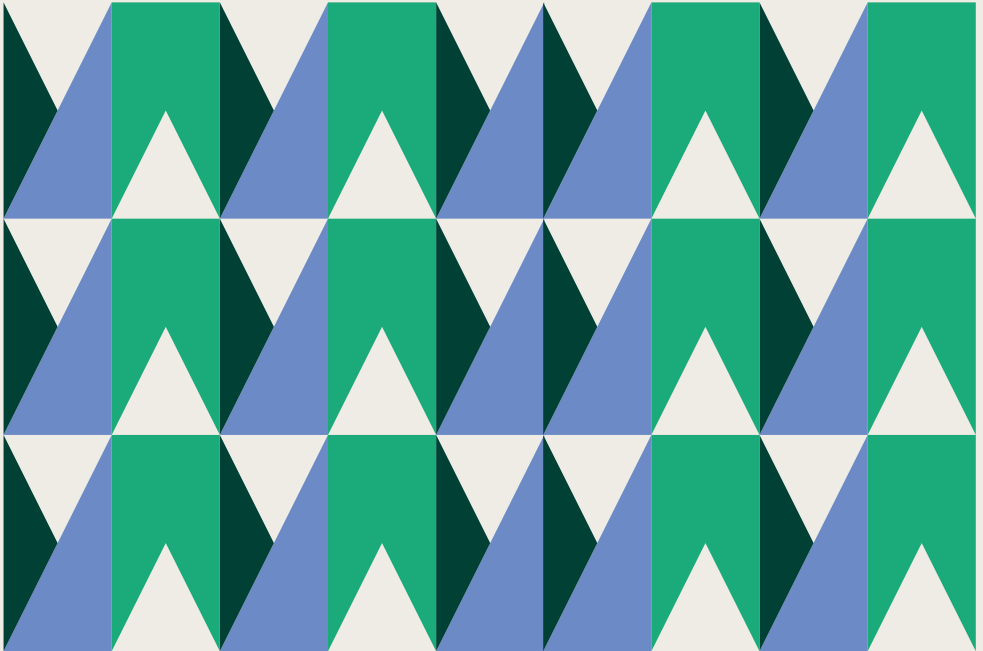


Responsible Art Market

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Guidelines on combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

These guidelines are designed to help Art Businesses adopt appropriate Anti-money laundering (AML) policies and procedures which satisfy legal obligations to which they are subject and are adapted to the risk profile of their clients and the artworks they handle. Please refer to the full guidelines published on the RAM website www.responsibleartmarket.org for further details and practical guidance.

What are the aims of these Guidelines?

These Guidelines aim to:

- Raise awareness in the art market of responsible measures to combat money laundering and terrorist and weapon proliferation financing;
- Provide a general framework and understanding of “risk based” anti-money laundering, and anti-terrorist and weapon proliferation financing measures, including the key elements of client, artwork and transaction due diligence;

Help Art Businesses:

- implement “risk based” anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist and weapon proliferation financing measures appropriate to the size and nature of their business;
- identify “red flags” (indicators of suspicious activity) and take appropriate action in response.

Ultimately these Guidelines aim to facilitate transactions in artworks (rather than hinder them) by encouraging responsible practices by all art market participants.

In these Guidelines, we use the term Anti-Money Laundering or “AML” to refer to measures designed at combating money laundering and terrorist and weapon proliferation financing.

Who should follow these Guidelines?

These Guidelines are intended for anyone operating in the art market (“Art Businesses”). They are most relevant to those Art Businesses involved in transacting sales of artworks, including but not limited to:

- dealers,
- galleries,
- auction houses;
- art advisors, brokers and other intermediaries; and
- other professionals advising clients on transactions.

Art Businesses providing ancillary services (including but not limited to transport, storage, insurance, inspection and restoration), whilst not directly impacted, may choose to adopt all or some of these measures as a matter of best practice.

Context

Money laundering, terrorist financing, and weapon proliferation financing are international concerns. They threaten the integrity of the international financial system and its markets, including the art market. As such they are a priority for the Financial Action Task Force[1] and the United Nations Security Council[2] who continue efforts to raise awareness of these threats and measures which can be adopted to combat them.

The art market can play its part in combatting money laundering, terrorist financing and weapon proliferation financing, by being aware of these risks and the methods and techniques used by criminals to disguise the illegal origin of their wealth or the illegal destination and purposes for which it is being used.

What are the concerns ?

Money laundering is the process by which proceeds of crime are « cleaned » i.e. introduced into the legitimate economy to disguise their illicit origin, with notably the aim to prevent their confiscation by law enforcement authorities. To launder the proceeds of criminal activities, such as human trafficking, forced prostitution, drugs, extortion, corruption, white collar crime, armed robbery and theft, criminals use multiple economic operations to introduce these illicit funds into the financial system. Such operations include purchasing and selling currencies and investing in luxury items, real estate, art and similar high value items in attempts to disconnect the proceeds from the illicit activities by which they were acquired. Money launderers rely on anonymity and deception to cover their tracks, disguise the origin of their funds and hide the real purpose behind their business and transactions. Any person or entity involved in business operations aimed at laundering money can be charged with committing a criminal offense.

Terrorist financing refers to activities that provide funds or financial support to individual terrorists or terrorist groups enabling them to carry out their deadly actions. Even if such funds have a legitimate origin, the purpose for which they are used is illicit. Those seeking to finance terrorism resort to the same strategies, schemes and covert operations that money launderers employ to disguise the intended illicit purpose of the funds and anonymize the beneficiaries. Money laundering and terrorist financing operations fuel crime and corruption. They cannot be carried out without the blind participation of professional intermediaries. Individuals and businesses who are unprepared, unaware or unwilling to be aware of the origin and/or the destination of the money and assets they handle, contribute to illicit proceeds infiltrating the global economy.

[1] The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 which sets standards and promotes effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combatting money laundering, terrorist and weapon proliferation financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

[2] See for example United Nations Security Council Resolution 2199 (2015) <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sc11775.doc.htm> – underlining Member States' obligations to take steps to prevent terrorist groups in Iraq and Syria from benefiting from trade in oil, antiquities and hostages and from receiving donations.

Weapon proliferation financing refers to activities that provide funds or financial support to enable the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction i.e., the transfer and export of nuclear, chemical, radiological or biological weapons, their means of delivery and related materials. Proliferation financiers adopt similar strategies and tactics as money launderers to disguise their deadly activities.

How is money laundered?

Money laundering typically involves the following three phases,

- Placement;
- Layering; and
- Integration

Depending on the techniques used, these phases can occur simultaneously or concurrently.

1. Placement

Placement describes the process by which money launderers introduce illegal profits (often in the form of cash) into the financial system. This can be done by breaking up large cash amounts into smaller less conspicuous sums that are then deposited into one or more bank accounts. The aim of the launderer at this stage is to:

- Distance the illegally obtained cash from the source of its acquisition to avoid detection of the underlying criminal activity; and
- Make the funds more liquid enabling them to be transferred or transformed into other financial assets (e.g. cheques, money orders etc.).

2. Layering

Layering is the process of hiding the illicit source and ownership of funds by using a complex system of transactions and transfers to create multiple layers between the illicit source and the funds. Once cash has been successfully placed into the financial system (see Placement above), launderers engage in multiple complex transactions and transfers to disguise and confuse the audit trail and any criminal investigation. Examples of layering include:

- Using multiple banks and accounts;
- Using professional intermediaries to carry out transactions;
- Converting cash into money orders, letters of credit, wire transfers, stocks, bonds;
- Purchasing valueable assets such as art or jewelry;
- Transferring money electronically in and out of the offshore bank accounts of bearer share shell companies;
- Complex dealings with stock and commodities;

3. Integration

Integration is the final stage of the money laundering process whereby the laundered funds are re-introduced into the legitimate economy with the appearance of having derived from a legitimate source. At this stage it is very difficult to distinguish funds of a legal and illegal origin.

The art market

Certain features of the art market make it vulnerable to abuse by criminals seeking to launder the proceeds of crime or finance illegal activities. These include:

- High value goods;
- International market and networks;
- Common use of intermediaries or proxies for transactions;
- Common use of foreign / offshore structures and accounts;
- Culture of discretion. Buyer and Seller often unknown to each other;
- Buying an artwork, artefact or antiquity legitimises cash or funds and converts them into an asset that gains value and can be sold at a later date.

Art Businesses could unwittingly become involved in Money Laundering or Terrorist Weapon Proliferation Financing schemes and techniques. They must be vigilant to these threats and adopt measures to counter them.

Consequences for Art Businesses

If an Art Business engages in a transaction, knowing or suspecting that a client's funds or property are the result of criminal activity, it could commit a money laundering or terrorist or weapon proliferation financing offence. The penalties are severe and may entail:

- Criminal liability, including fines and imprisonment;
- Reputational damage;
- Restrictions imposed on the Art Business's ability to operate freely, for example the loss of operating licenses.

Adopting measures to detect and prevent these threats is important to identify and stop criminal and terrorist activity and to protect the reputation of Art Businesses and the art market.

Guideline 1- Do a risk assessment of your business and apply risk based measures

It is generally accepted that responsible AML measures for art transactions should be founded on a “**risk based**” approach. This means adopting processes, procedures and compliance controls based on the type and level of risk associated with your business.

A **risk based approach** includes the following **areas of enquiry**:

- Risk profile of the Art Business (see below);
- Client due diligence (see Guideline 3 – Know Your Clients (KYC) and establish their risk profiles – Check for client red flags);
- Artwork due diligence (see Guideline 4 – Research the artwork, its ownership and provenance – Check for artwork red flags);
- Transaction due diligence (see Guideline 5 – Know the background and purpose of the transaction – Check for transaction red flags).

In addition, a **risk based approach** requires Art Businesses to implement systematic reviews and controls, including:

- **Recording and documenting** information gathered (see Guideline 6 – Keep records);
- **Training staff** regularly on the risks, how to mitigate them and when and to whom to report suspicions (see Guideline 7 – Train staff and monitor processes and procedures);
- **Reviewing** the effectiveness and implementation of the controls and making improvements where necessary (see Guideline 7 – Train staff and monitor processes and procedures).

For further detail please see the Guidelines which follow.

Assessing risk

Although there is no set way of conducting a risk assessment, it should be in writing, updated regularly and consider risks under the following broad categories: customer (demography, type, numbers), geography (locations of business activities and customers), products and services offered, delivery channel (how products and services are marketed and delivered to customers) and transactions (type and complexity, methods of payment etc.)

To determine the risks to which it is exposed, an Art Business should consider the following questions:

- What AML measures has the Art Business already adopted?
- What types of transaction does the Art Business undertake?
- What information about clients is gathered and recorded?

3. For further details see RAM's Guidelines for Experts authenticating fine works of art

- What due diligence on artworks is undertaken?
- What controls are in place regarding cash payments and checking the source of funds?
- What awareness of the risks exists amongst staff? What ongoing training is provided?
- Are processes and procedures reviewed regularly? Could improvements be made?

Guideline 2 - Know and comply with the laws where you are doing business and be alert to 'red flags'

Different AML legal regimes have been adopted by countries around the globe. A single, harmonised, global AML legal regime does not exist. Art Businesses will therefore need to be up to date with and comply with the legal requirements which apply to their activities in the countries where they operate.

The Country Guides section of these Guidelines provides basic information on the approach which certain countries have adopted to combat Money Laundering and illegal financing activities.

When making enquiries and conducting due diligence Art Businesses should be alert to indicators of suspicious activity (“red flags”) (see Guidelines Client red flags, Artwork red flags, Transaction red flags and enhanced due diligence and appendices 1, 2 and 3). [See the Art Transaction Due Diligence Toolkit](#) for example due diligence checklists for art transactions.

Guideline 3 - Know Your Clients (KYC) and establish their risk profiles – Check for client red flags

Knowing your clients and being alert to red flags (indicators of suspicious activity) are at the heart of effective AML programs.

To establish the client's risk profile the Art Business will need to obtain information on the client and understand the purpose and intended nature of the transaction (“Client Due Diligence”). Understanding the client's source of wealth (i.e. how they made their money and/or acquired their art collection) can also help establish a client's risk profile. The client's risk profile will inform the applicability and level of ongoing monitoring of the transaction.

Who is a client?

A **client** is the person or entity with whom an Art Business forms a contractual relationship. In an art transaction, this could be the seller and/or the buyer of the artwork, or a broker or agent acting for either of them.

If the client is a company, trust or other corporate vehicle, in addition to establishing if the corporate vehicle carries out any trading activities or simply exists to hold assets, the Art Business will also want to identify the natural person(s) who control that entity (“**Beneficial Owner(s)**”).

Art Businesses should endeavour to ensure they conduct business only with clients they can be reasonably sure are engaging in legitimate business. To meet this obligation, Art Businesses should implement adequate and reasonable measures to establish the identity of their clients and ensure the funds used to purchase artworks are provided by the buyer of the artwork and not by a third party.

Art Businesses should also carry out due diligence on the intermediaries (e.g. art advisors and/or brokers) acting for one of the parties to a transaction.

Identifying the client

Art Businesses should request documents to verify the client's identity as follows:

- **Individuals:** Identity should be verified based on official identity papers (e.g. passport or national ID card) together with other reliable, independent source documents, data, or information as may be appropriate under the circumstances (e.g. copy of a bank statement or utility bill for proof of address).

- **Legal entities (e.g. companies, associations, partnerships, foundations, trusts):** Identity should be verified based on official documents proving these entities were properly formed and exist (e.g. certificate issued by the relevant company registry including details of directors, and shareholders, or partners as the case may be, and for trusts, the trust deed including details of the trustees, settlor(s) and beneficiaries).

The documents used to verify the client's identity must be current at the time of undertaking the due diligence and the Art Business should keep copies of the documents in line with any legal time periods or standard practice applying in the jurisdiction where it is carrying out business.

Identifying the beneficial owner

The “**Beneficial Owner**” refers to the natural person who enjoys the ultimate benefit of ownership of an artwork, asset, legal entity, bank account or wealth. If the Art Business knows, or has reason to suspect that the client they are transacting with is acting on behalf of another individual or entity, the Art Business must use best efforts to establish:

- The identity of that other individual or entity, i.e. the Beneficial Owner; and
- The capacity in which the contracting client is representing the Beneficial Owner.

If the Beneficial Owner is a company or other form of legal entity, Art Businesses should make further enquiries to establish the individual with ultimate ownership or control of that entity[1].

Best efforts should be made to identify the Beneficial Owner even if the contracting client raises confidentiality concerns because of the reputational and other risks entailed if the Art Business is found to be involved in Money Laundering or illegal financing schemes.

Art Businesses may also choose to include appropriate warranties and representations in their agreements with their clients to emphasise the importance of this point.

Client red flags

Examples of client red flags include, where the client is a “Politically Exposed Person”, an “offshore company”, or resident of a country on the FATF watch list. Other examples of client red flags can be found in the Client Red Flag List. Practical measures Art Businesses can adopt to help identify client red flags may include (depending on the circumstances and resources available):

- Screening the names of clients, beneficial owners and intermediaries against PEP lists, sanctions lists, terrorist financing and other watch lists and similar information issued by government and international organisations from time to time;
- Media searches using the names of clients, beneficial owners and intermediaries and other appropriate keywords.

[1] European Member States are now required to hold beneficial ownership information for certain companies and trusts in central registers. Not all of these registers are accessible to the public so Art Businesses may not be able to use them for verification purposes.

For existing clients, this due diligence should be updated when they enter into new transactions, in line with any legal requirements applying in the jurisdiction where the Art Business is operating.

Enhanced due diligence

If red flags are identified the Art Business will want to undertake enhanced due diligence to ensure the client's activities do not raise any AML concerns. Enhanced due diligence generally involves requesting and/or obtaining additional information or documentation. Please see the Client Red Flag List for guidance on the types of additional enquiries which could be pursued. In certain circumstances, the client's reaction to such requests for additional information and/or documentation can be an indicator of risk.

The Art Business should document the enhanced due diligence it undertakes on its clients (for example by printing sanction list information and the results of keyword internet searches etc.). Art Businesses should keep all documents and data for a reasonable period in line with any legal time periods applying in the jurisdiction where it is carrying out business.

If "red flags" (indicators of suspicious activity or AML concerns) remain following the Art Business carrying out enhanced due diligence, the matter should be escalated within the Art Business to a member of senior management and/or the Art Business' appointed Money Laundering Reporting Officer (if it has one) to decide on next steps. See Guideline 8 "If grounded suspicions exist, know how to act" for further guidance.

Guideline 4 - Research the artwork, its ownership and provenance – Check for artwork red flags

An undisputed and uninterrupted provenance history and proven authenticity of the artwork is clearly the aim in all transactions. Depending on the nature and age of the artwork, realistically this may, or may not always be possible. It is important to obtain and publish in any catalogue or sales document as much information as possible about the artwork, including any known provenance.[1] In addition, and applying a risk based approach, the Art Business should check major databases of stolen and looted art and obtain any relevant and available legal documents, witness declarations, expert opinions as the case may be.

In applying a risk based approach to artwork due diligence as part of AML checks the Art Business will want to satisfy itself of the following:

Ownership – In the absence of valid objections it is reasonable to suppose that the possessor of an artwork enjoys full ownership, but possession of itself is not a guarantee of ownership or rights of disposal. It is advisable for the Art Business to ask the seller to confirm if they are the owner of the artwork and if not, to identify the actual owner of the artwork. This will help the Art Business identify all its clients in a particular transaction, where, for example, an agent or broker is consigning a work for sale on behalf of the actual owner (see Guideline 3 “Know Your Clients (KYC) and establish their risk profiles – Check for client red flags).

Provenance – The Art Business will want to be reasonably sure that the known history of previous owners of the artwork has been established as far as it is reasonably possible to do so. For antiquities for example Art Businesses will want to be sure the objects have not been recently dug out of the ground or looted from their source country.

Documents which can be helpful in establishing ownership and provenance include; invoices, receipts, dated photographs, insurance records, valuations, official records, exhibition catalogues, invoices for restoration work, diaries, dated newspaper articles, original signed and dated letters. In addition to assisting with AML checks, provenance and ownership information when combined with a physical examination of the artwork and technical analysis and dating of materials used, plays an important role in helping to establish the authenticity of artworks.

Artwork red flags

Certain types of artworks may require enhanced due diligence. See the Artwork Due Diligence Toolkit Explanatory Notes for examples. The Artwork Red Flag List which forms part of these Guidelines also contains examples of such Artwork “red flags” and suggestions of enhanced due diligence which could be carried out if any artwork “red flags” are identified.

[1] Typically, such information comprises the name of the artist or maker, the title of the work, known provenance, the number of parts/pieces, the presence of a signature, date and/or other inscription, the date of creation (if known), the country of creation/origin (if known), dimensions, materials and technique (e.g. oil on canvas, watercolor on paper, bronze sculpture, mixed media, video installation, etc.).

Guideline 5 - Know the background and purpose of the transaction

Check for transaction red flags. Understanding the background and purpose of the transaction can be helpful when combined with the client due diligence and client's risk profile to inform the applicability and level of ongoing monitoring of the transaction which the Art Business should carry out. Art Businesses should examine in particular:

- The purpose of the transaction;
- The form and structure of the transaction; and
- The source of funds.

Purpose of the transaction

The Art Business should examine the client's background and purpose behind the contemplated transaction. For example, are the artworks being sold by the client consistent with what is known about the client's collection? Is the level at which the client is selling or buying consistent with their past transactions and what is known about their professional activities and personal wealth? If not, the Art Business may want to ask the client for further information.

Form of the transaction

Art Businesses should also consider the form of the transaction, such as whether the transaction is taking place through intermediaries, face to face, entirely via the Internet, over the phone, or by any other similar non face to face means. In some circumstances, depending on the nature, value and/or geographic location of the transaction, enhanced due diligence may be appropriate.

Regulated Transactions

Art businesses in Europe and the United Kingdom selling artworks above defined monetary thresholds in a single or series of related transactions, are regulated for Anti-Money Laundering compliance. In Europe, the threshold is 10,000 euros and in the United Kingdom the threshold is being updated to GBP10,000 when new legislation is passed in 2026. Art businesses conducting regulated transactions are required to register with supervisory authorities, carry out risk assessments, implement policies, procedures and controls, conduct client due diligence, keep records, report suspicions, and train staff to identify risks.

Source of funds

Art Businesses should pay particular attention to the source of funds used in a transaction.

Cash payments

Art Businesses should generally discourage cash payments wherever possible. The source of cash cannot be traced in the way that payments made through established banking systems can.

Accordingly, there can be no guarantee that the cash source is legitimate and clean.

If Art Businesses accept cash they should keep the amounts small and within the limits (if any) applying in the jurisdictions where they operate. See the Country Guides appended to these Guidelines for further details. Art Businesses should not accept single or multiple cash payments for an artwork in excess of the legally imposed threshold. If there is no legal threshold, Art Businesses are advised to conduct enhanced due diligence on the buyer and the source of funds so that they are satisfied no money laundering risk exists.

Third party payments

Art Businesses are encouraged to decline payments from a third party who is not their client and buyer of record. If there are legitimate reasons why it is justified for the Art Business to accept payment from a third party, before doing so the Art Business should conduct enhanced due diligence on both their buyer of record and the third party payer and only proceed with accepting the payment if satisfied that no AML risk exists.

When paying sale proceeds of art transactions, Art Businesses should ensure they only pay to accounts in the name of their seller of record and not to a third party.

Payments from bank accounts located in non AML regulated jurisdictions

The preference for all transactions should be for the Art Business only to accept payments from reputable banks in jurisdictions subject to AML regulation and supervision. Such reputable banks and financial institutions are generally subject to a high degree of AML regulation. That said Art Businesses should remain vigilant and not rely entirely on the fact that banks and financial institutions will have carried out the necessary checks and verification to be satisfied that the source of funds is clean.

Art Businesses should be wary about accepting payments from bank accounts located in high risk or non-cooperative AML jurisdictions. To identify such jurisdictions Art Businesses are encouraged to consult the list of “High Risk and Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions” published by the Financial Action Task Force’s (FATF).

Digital Currencies

Digital currencies are currencies with no physical form that are not controlled by a central bank. Examples of digital currencies include Bitcoins, Litecoins and Namecoins. At the time of writing the use of digital currencies in art transactions is not common. Art Businesses are advised to act cautiously before accepting payments in digital currencies which are not controlled or regulated. It is an area regulators continue to monitor.

Transaction red flags and enhanced due diligence

Any activity relating to a contemplated transaction that is not consistent with what is known about the client, and the client's risk profile or which otherwise raises "red flags" should be the subject of enhanced due diligence by the Art Business. See the Transaction Red Flag List for examples of transaction red flags and the enhanced due diligence which could be carried out in response. See also the Art Transaction Due Diligence Toolkit for example due diligence checklists for art transactions.

Guideline 6 - Keep records

It is important that Art Businesses maintain records of the due diligence checks they carry out and have systems in place for recording and storing the documentation and information they gather in the course of their due diligence and other enquiries. Having a full record of the information and documentation available to the Art Business on a given date in relation to its clients, the artworks and transactions carried out, enables Art Businesses to:

- Make informed and appropriate risk assessments of particular clients and transactions and determine if enhanced due diligence and enquiries are required;
- Comply with any legal obligations to which they may be subject;
- identify "red flags" related to their clients, artworks and transactions and take appropriate action;
- Determine if sufficient suspicions exist to justify declining the transaction and where appropriate report the situation to relevant law enforcement bodies;
- Review their AML measures and controls and improve them where appropriate;
- Comply with legal obligations to respond to requests for information and assistance from relevant law enforcement bodies.

Documenting "red flag" situations and the outcome of enhanced due diligence enquiries conducted as a result, assists Art Businesses in making important judgment calls about whether to proceed with a proposed transaction and /or file an AML report.

All documents issued by an Art Business in connection with a transaction (e.g. valuations, sale and purchase agreements, invoices, shipping documents, import / export declarations etc.) should be true, accurate and contemporaneous and represent the honestly held professional opinions of the Art Business. Art Businesses should refuse all requests from clients to alter, back date, falsify or otherwise provide incomplete or misleading documentation or information relating to a transaction. If there are legitimate reasons for altering a document (e.g. invoicing error etc.) the circumstances and justification should be fully documented and retained on file for future reference and audit.

Art Businesses should keep their records for the legally required period or where no legal requirement exists, in accordance with standard practice in the jurisdictions where they are operating. Depending on the jurisdiction, the period is typically anything between 5 to 10 years from completion of the transaction or the end of the business relationship. See the Country Guides appended to these Guidelines for further details.

Guideline 7 - Train staff and monitor processes and procedures

Staff should be trained on Money Laundering and illegal financing risks regularly so they are clear about their roles and responsibilities to prevent, detect and report suspicions. They should know to whom they should report internally. The person(s) designated to receive such reports should know how to handle them and when to report them to the appropriate authorities.

Training of new staff members should take place as soon as reasonably practical after they join and refresher training should be conducted as appropriate to ensure staff remain aware of new risks or changes to the risk profile of the Art Business.

It is recommended that Art Businesses nominate someone within their organization to be responsible for managing and implementing the AML controls and measures which they put in place and to be the person to whom suspicions are reported. Art Businesses may set up an “AML reporting hotline” or encourage staff to use “whistleblowing hotlines” for AML reporting if they exist within the organisation.

Guideline 8 - If grounded suspicions exist, know how to act

Where the circumstances of a transaction give rise to grounded suspicions of Money Laundering or illegal financing activities and in the absence of a plausible explanation or further documentation allaying those suspicions, Art Businesses should consider:

- Refraining from entering into or completing the transaction; and/or
- Reporting the suspicions to the appropriate authorities in the relevant jurisdiction, where an obligation to report exists.

See the Country Guides section of these Guidelines for basic information on the reporting requirements which certain countries have adopted to combat Money Laundering, including whether such reporting is mandatory.

Glossary of terms / definitions and acronyms

Anti-Money Laundering (AML)	In these Guidelines, unless indicated otherwise, we use the term “Anti-Money Laundering” to refer to measures designed to combat money laundering and terrorist and weapon proliferation financing
Art Business	As defined in the Introduction, Section 4 of these Guidelines.
Beneficial Owner	As defined in Guideline 3 – Know Your Clients (KYC) and establish their risk profiles – Check for client red flags
Client Due Diligence	See Know Your Client (KYC)
Financial Action Task Force (FATF)	An intergovernmental body tasked with examining money laundering techniques and trends, reviewing legislative and law enforcement actions relating to money laundering at the national and international levels, and issuing recommendations to combat money laundering and stem terrorist financing.
Know Your Client (KYC)	As explained in Guideline 3 – Know Your Clients (KYC) and establish their risk profiles – Check for client red flags.
Money laundering	As defined in the Introduction to these Guidelines.

Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs)	<p>Foreign PEPs are individuals who are or have been entrusted with prominent public functions by a foreign country, for example Heads of State or of government, senior politicians, senior government, judicial or military officials, senior executives of state owned corporations, important political party officials.</p> <p>Domestic PEPs are individuals who are or have been entrusted domestically with prominent public functions, for example Heads of State or of government, senior politicians, senior government, judicial or military officials, senior executives of state owned corporations, important political party officials.</p> <p>International Organisation PEPs: Persons who are or have been entrusted with a prominent function by an international organisation i.e. members of senior management, including directors, deputy directors and members of the board or equivalent functions. The definition of PEPs is not intended to cover middle ranking or more junior individuals in the foregoing categories. Persons closely connected with such individuals are also considered PEPs</p>
Red flag	An indicator of suspicious activity.
Responsible Art Market Group (“RAM”)	As explained in the “About Us” page of this website.
Terrorist Financing	As defined in in the Introduction to these Guidelines.
Weapon Proliferation Financing	As defined in the Introduction to these Guidelines

The Responsible Art Market Initiative (RAM)'s mission:

To raise awareness of risks faced by the art industry and provide practical guidance on establishing and implementing responsible practices to address those risks.

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