

Topic Sheets are available in English. Whenever available, references to further information are also given in French, German and Italian.

For further information on customer identification and activities combating money laundering adopted by the Swiss financial centre and the Swiss government please refer to the Topic Sheets "Due Diligence" ([document](#)) and "Bank customer confidentiality" ([document](#)).

## Domestic

Legislative framework:

- Swiss Penal Code, Art 305: [French](#); [German](#);
- Federal Act Concerning the Combat of Money Laundering (955): [French](#); [German](#); [English](#) (informal translation)
- International Assistance in Penal Matters: [French](#); [German](#);
- the FEDERAL OFFICE OF JUSTICE, which co-ordinates the granting of International Assistance in Penal Matters, has published a fact-sheet on the topic: [French](#); [German](#)

The supervisory authority, the SWISS FEDERAL BANKING COMMISSION (SFBC) has, among others, published the following information on the topic (visit [What's new](#) and scroll to the corresponding publication date; references of previous years are to be found in the [archive](#)):

- point of view on the risk based approach of the fight against money laundering: 28 June 2004
- SFBC Newsletter 34: on the implementation of the Money Laundering Ordinance: 15 June 2004
- SFBC Bulletin No 45, contains a report on International Administrative Assistance: 8 January 2004
- Switzerland continually adapts its measures in the fight against money laundering: 30 October 2003
- point of view on the international combat of money laundering: 18 August 2003
- SFBC Bulletin No 44, special issue on money laundering questions: 8 July 2003
- Report on Money Laundering: 27 March 2003
- Money Laundering Ordinance (MLO SFBC): 17 January 2003

Other bodies of the Swiss Federal Administration active in the combat of money laundering:

- MONEY LAUNDERING REPORTING OFFICE SWITZERLAND (MROS): [English](#); [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
- MONEY LAUNDERING CONTROL AUTHORITY (Swiss Federal Department of Finance): [www.gwg.admin.ch](http://www.gwg.admin.ch)

The SWISS BANKERS' ASSOCIATION plays a key-role in self-regulation of the banking sector: [www.swissbanking.org/en](http://www.swissbanking.org/en)

For information on persons, groups and other entities subject to sanctions and embargoes:

- STATE SECRETARIAT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (SECO):
  - Sanctions/Embargoes: [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
  - Country Reports: [English](#); [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
- MONEY LAUNDERING CONTROL AUTHORITY, Federal Finance Administration: [German](#), [French](#), [Italian](#);  
also see its Annual Report: [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#)
- The Economic and Financial Affairs Division of the DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS also informs on matters related to PEPs and corruption: [English](#); [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
- The FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE on combating fraud: [English](#); [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
- The FEDERAL OFFICE OF JUSTICE informs on the combating of terrorism: [French](#); [German](#)

## International

The OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs covers issues such as bribery and corruption, money laundering and tax evasion: [www.oecd.org/daf](http://www.oecd.org/daf).

The FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF) is the OECD body addressing money laundering and financial crime. Its recommendations and information documents are available on [www.fatf-gafi.org](http://www.fatf-gafi.org).

Also see its report on Terrorist Financing Typologies: [www.fatf-gafi.org/TerFinance\\_en.htm](http://www.fatf-gafi.org/TerFinance_en.htm)

FINANCIAL STABILITY FORUM: [www.fsforum.org](http://www.fsforum.org)

INTERPOL contributes to promoting and co-ordinating the combat of international financial crime: [www.interpol.int](http://www.interpol.int).

The INTERNATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERING INFORMATION NETWORK (IMoLIN), administered by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, maintains a website which enhances the sharing of information; it also hosts the ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING INTERNATIONAL DATABASE: [www.imolin.org](http://www.imolin.org).

The EGMONT GROUP OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS: [website](#)

The WOLFSBERG ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING PRINCIPLES: [www.wolfsberg-principles.com](http://www.wolfsberg-principles.com)

## European Union

Information by the EU COMMISSION

- on Money Laundering: [EU Money Laundering](#) (English only);
- on Financial Crime: [English](#); [French](#); [German](#), which contains the EU Directive on Money Laundering as well as the draft of its latest up-date;
- on fight against fraud:
  - European Anti-Fraud Office: [OLAF](#)
  - Action Plan for 2001-2003: [English](#); [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
  - the establishment of an European Prosecutor: [English](#); [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
- on Customs co-operation:
  - proposal for a regulation on the prevention of money laundering: [English](#); [French](#); [German](#); [Italian](#)
  - a listing of countries with which provisions on mutual assistance in customs matters are in force: [listing](#)

The four main European banking federations (Credit Federations) and the EU Commission have set up a consolidated list of persons, groups and entities subject to financial sanctions: [website](#).

The EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICE (Europol) explains its position with regard to serious crime, such as money laundering: [www.europol.eu.int](http://www.europol.eu.int) \ Publications \ Serious Crime Overviews

### United Kingdom:

The JOINT MONEY LAUNDERING STEERING GROUP is made up of the leading Trade Associations in the UK Financial Services Industry: [www.jmlsg.org.uk](http://www.jmlsg.org.uk)

The FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY on Anti-Money Laundering issues: [website](#)

The anti-money laundering activities of HM TREASURY: [HM Treasury Money Laundering](#)

### Luxemburg:

Reference guide on the fight of money laundering by the ASSOCIATION DES BANQUES ET BANQUIERS, LUXEMBOURG: [www.abbl.lu](http://www.abbl.lu) \ Documents \ Position Papers

## United States of America

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS on Anti-Money Laundering regulation and legislation: [NASD](#);

The US FINANCIAL CRIME ENFORCEMENT NETWORK (FinCEN) provides in-depth information on the US Patriot Act and any other rulings and legislation in anti-money laundering matters: [FinCEN](#)

The SECURITIES INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION informs on anti-money laundering compliance: [www.sia.com/moneyLaundering](http://www.sia.com/moneyLaundering)

## Publications

The EUROPEAN BANKING FEDERATION: [FBE Money Laundering](#)

The British FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY: [FSA Money Laundering](#)

Comparative analysis of the anti-money laundering legislation and its implementation in the major financial centres (United Kingdom, United States, Singapore, Switzerland): [www.foreignbanks.ch](http://www.foreignbanks.ch) \ Information \ Publications \ Anti-Money Laundering: Levelling the Playing Field

Report on the implementation of the EU Money Laundering Directive in the PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN of the EU Anti-Money Laundering Directive: [Schriftenreihe Nr.4](#) (German; latest up-date May 2003)

100 cases about the fight against money laundering compiled by the Financial Intelligence Units of the members of the Egmont group: [text](#)