



Malaysia AML KYC Regulations

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1. Introduction

Malaysia's Anti Money Laundering framework is set in 'The Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001'. The act was gazetted as a law on 5th July 2001 and came into force on 15th January 2002. Since then, certain revisions have been made to the Malaysian AML Act, with the latest amendments coming into force on 2nd January 2018.

2. Scope

The 'Malaysia - AML KYC Regulations' report may be used as a reference to highlight information from Malaysia's 'The Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001'.

This document highlights the necessary requirements for AML and KYC procedures, in particular, Identity Verification required in Malaysia, approximated in the light of guidelines from the Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), and the aforementioned act(s).

3. Definitions

- **Client**: Shufti Pro's customer is referred to as the Client.
- **Customer**: The Client's customer whose subject to the KYC - AML checks.
- **End-user**: The Client's customer is referred to as end-user but from Shufti Pro's perspective.
- **Document Verification**: The process of verifying the authenticity of a government-issued identity document.
- **Identity Verification**: The process of verifying the identity of the Client's customers.
- **Proof of Identity**: Any government-issued identity document that can be used to identify an individual (natural person).
- **EDD**: Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) is a process that executes a greater level of scrutiny related to potential business relationships.
- **Third-Party Diligence**: Outsourcing of the due diligence process to an external party by the Client who is originally responsible for carrying out due diligence activities.
- **PEP**: Politically Exposed Person (PEP) is a person with a higher risk for potential involvement in bribery/corruption.
- **Due Diligence**: Refers to the measures taken to mitigate risk before entering into an agreement or carrying out a financial transaction with another party.

4. References

- [The Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001](#)
- [Guidelines for Anti Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism and Targeted Financial Sanctions for Financial Institution \(AML/CFT and TFS for FIs\) \(31.12.2019\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Electronic Know Your Customer \(e-KYC\) \(30.06.2020\)](#)
- [Guidance on Verification of Individual Customers for Customer Due Diligence AntiMoney Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism and Targeted Financial Sanctions for Financial Institutions, Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions and Non-Bank Financial Institutions](#)

5. Due Diligence Requirements

5.1. Identity Verification Requirements

As per the requirements of Malaysian regulations, these are the following ID attributes required for the purpose of identifying a natural person (Individual) from official documents.

- Full Name;
- National Registration Identity Card (NRIC)/Passport number;
- Residential or mailing address;
- Date of birth;
- Nationality;
- Occupation;
- Name of employer or nature of self-employment or nature of business;
- Contact number; and
- Purpose of transaction

5.2. Compliant CDD Methods

We (Shufti Pro) may apply one or more of the following measures at the request of the Client to perform Identity Verification on its behalf. Where an End-user is an individual, who does not present himself to the Client for verification in physical presence.

- 5.2.1. Shufti Pro shall perform verification of the End-user's identity on the basis of documents that are highlighted in 5.3. These documents provide reasonable reliability to the confirmation of the identity in Malaysia. Shufti Pro shall ensure that documents being utilized are photo-based biometric identification documents that suffice requirements for Identity Verification.

5.2.2. Shufti Pro can also perform verification of the End user's identity through a real-time audio-video transmission, where a live, interactive video session is carried out between an Identification Expert and the End-user. During this session, the End-user will be asked to show their identity documents. The End-user will also be asked to perform some random gestures as a part of a liveness check.

5.2.3. For the purpose of verifying the End-user's identity, Shufti Pro shall also verify the documents that are submitted. We utilize our specialized Document Verification service to perform checks on the authenticity of the document. This includes checks on security features such as holograms, tapered/crumpled edges, doctored elements, form inconsistencies, document expiration, MRZ, reflecting colours, and microprinting.

5.3. Documents Required for Verification

The following documents are considered in Malaysia as Proof of Identity:

Identity Verification

- NRIC/MyKad;
- A valid passport;
- A current driver's license.

Address Verification

The following documents are considered as proof of address:

- A current utility bill (such as gas, electricity, telephone or mobile phone bill) (issued no more than three months ago that shows the End-user's address and name);
- A document issued by a government department that shows the End-user's address;
- A bank statement (no older than three months that shows the End-user's address and name).

5.4. Timing of Verification

Identity Verification is not limited to a one-time, one instance process. In fact, it is required in multiple instances as per regulations. The application and choice of when to deploy Identity Verification procedures depend on your requirements and their conveyance to Shufti Pro.

You are to pursue Identity Verification when you onboard a new Customer. If you are dealing with transaction data, you should apply Identity Verification as per the monetary thresholds defined in Malaysian regulations. In other instances, Identity Verification becomes more important to employ if you face higher risks from your Customers. A high-risk situation would be any instance where an Individual might represent above normal exposure of money laundering related threats to you.

6. Politically Exposed Persons and EDD Measures

As per the Enhanced Due Diligence requirements under Malaysian regulations, you are required to determine if your Customer is a Politically Exposed Person, holds a public office, or exhibits a higher risk profile. In order to fulfill your obligations, Shufti Pro provides you its AML Screening service. The service screens an individual's selected ID attributes of *Name* and *DOB* against watchlists of global regulatory authorities, foreign and domestic databases, compromised PEPs and sanctioned individuals.

The service highlights the category of the PEP based on the degree of risks they pose and also any immediate family member, or a close associate of the PEP.

You may utilize such services as per your requirements. This includes before or after establishing a relationship with your Customer.

7. Reliance on External Services

Malaysian regulations state that you may seek the services of a third party to apply measures of due diligence. Regulations also require you to collect all such data (Diligence Information) from the third party, without undue delay. In this scenario, we will be the external third-party service provider to you.

Malaysian regulations state that you, regardless of reliance on a third party, remain liable for maintaining all such compliance and fulfilling AML and KYC obligations.

8. Record Retention

As per Malaysian regulations, you are required to retain data for not less than six (6) years from the date the transaction is completed or terminated. These are a part of your AML and KYC obligations for due diligence. In the case where this information is processed, collected and managed by a relevant third-party, you are liable to collect all such necessary information (Due Diligence Data) from the third party without undue delay.