

Background on New AIMU International Sanctions Clause.

One of many services provided by AIMU to its members is the promulgation of forms and clauses. These wordings are made available to members for their consideration and voluntary usage. One of the forms promulgated by AIMU is the "U.S. Economic and Trade Sanctions Clause" which was approved for use by the Management Committee of AIMU in July 2003.

In light of recent events, including adoption of sanctions regulations outside the U.S. and the promulgation of sanctions clauses by markets outside the U.S., the Board of Directors of AIMU decided that we should promulgate a new, alternative version of the U.S. Economic and Trade Sanctions Clause. This new wording refers not just to U.S. Sanctions, but to other international sanctions programs (such as those in place in the EU and UK) as well. The new clause was envisioned to be used for international risks with potential exposure to foreign sanctions programs.

The new clause is an alternative version to the July 2003 clause and, as with all clauses promulgated by AIMU, is for the members' consideration and voluntary use only.