

U.S. Money Laundering Threat Assessment

Fact Sheet

- The U.S. Money Laundering Threat Assessment (MLTA) is the first government-wide analysis of money laundering trends and vulnerabilities in the United States. Its purpose is to inform the law enforcement community, policy makers, and regulators in their efforts to combat money laundering strategically.
- The MLTA investigates nine money laundering methods, presenting, as to each, vulnerabilities and challenges, geographic or other noted concentrations, and the relevant legal and regulatory landscape. Topics range from established money laundering methods (banks, money transmitters, and bulk cash smuggling) to alternative methods (casinos, trade-based money laundering, shell companies and trusts), to emerging industries (online payment systems and stored value cards).
- The interagency working group drew on law enforcement findings and analyses from headquarters and the field, regulatory filings, asset forfeiture statistics, and case studies. The group also probed vulnerabilities by assuming the hypothetical vantage point of a money launderer.
- A full spectrum of U.S. bureaus, offices, and agencies collaborated on the MLTA:
 - **Department of the Treasury**
 - **Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI)**
 - Office of Terrorist Financing & Financial Crime (TFFC)
 - Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)
 - Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA)
 - Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)
 - Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture (TEOAF)
 - **Internal Revenue Service**
 - Criminal Investigation (CI)
 - Small Business/Self Employed Division (SB/SE)
 - **Department of Justice**
 - **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
 - **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**
 - **Criminal Division**
 - **National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC)**
 - **Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)**
 - **Department of Homeland Security**
 - **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**
 - **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**
 - **Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System**
 - **United States Postal Service (USPS)**
 - **United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)**