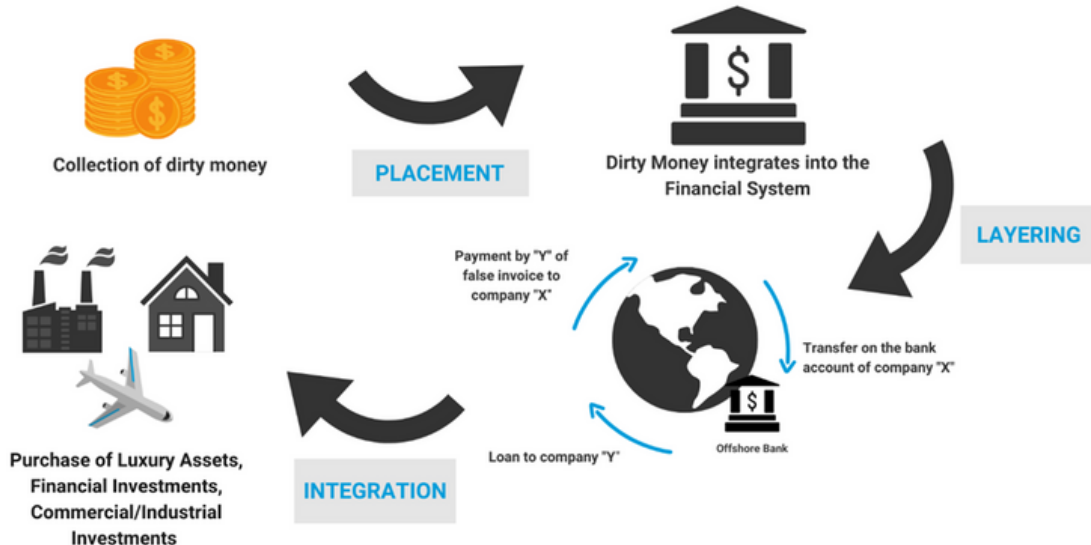


Money Laundering

What is Money Laundering?

Money laundering (ML) is the processing of criminal proceeds to disguise their illegal origin. Criminals do this by disguising the sources, changing the form, or moving the funds to a place where they are less likely to attract attention.



This is the “**traditional**” ML model, there are more “**modern**” methods of ML now beginning to emerge. Rather than getting caught up in trying to establish whether the activity relates to a particular phase of the traditional model, the relevant person should ask themselves – “Do I know, suspect or have reasonable grounds to suspect that the property in question is criminal property?”

Criminal activities which may generate illegal proceeds:

- Drug trafficking
- Human trafficking
- Migrant smuggling
- Illicit firearms trafficking
- Corruption and bribery
- Theft
- Fraud
- Illegal wildlife trade
- Environmental crime
- Tax crimes

Isle of Man (IoM) National Risk Assessment (NRA) 2020:

The National Risk Assessment categorises the ML risk to the IOM as medium high. The wide range of financial and non-financial services available in the IOM, may be used to launder the proceeds of crime. As an International Financial Centre, the main threats are posed by money laundering from foreign predicate offences (money generating crimes taking place in other countries).

The Island’s Approach:

The Isle of Man is committed to global efforts to combat money laundering and maintaining international standards. This is set out in the Financial Crime Strategy 2024-2026 which commits to an All-Island approach to tackling financial crime.

Main predicate crimes presenting international threats to the IoM as per the 2020 NRA:

- Fraud
- Theft
- Corruption and bribery
- Tax crime
- Drug trafficking

What is the IoM’s approach in countering ML?

“As an International Finance Centre, the Island recognises it must maintain high standards and we will continue to maintain a robust framework that means that criminals are deterred from conducting illegal activity. We are fully committed to maintaining our understanding of the developments in global regulation and enforcement techniques – and will continue to act quickly to strengthen our laws where needed.”

Hon Alfred Cannan MHK
Chief Minister

What should I do if I suspect ML?

- If you form your suspicion as part of work within the regulated sector, make a report to your Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO) or Deputy Money Laundering Reporting Officer (DMLRO).
- If you are an individual and wish to make a disclosure to the FIU please contact 686000.

Top suspected predicate offences for ML reported to the FIU via Themis:



Further information :

- [IoM AML/CFT Overview page](#)
- [IoM Financial Crime Strategy 2024 - 2026](#)
- [IoM NRA of ML and FT 2020](#)
- [IoM FIU Annual Report 2022-2023](#)