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INCOME TAX

The Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Virgin Islands) Order 2005

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THE TAX INFORMATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT (TAXES ON INCOME) (VIRGIN ISLANDS) ORDER 2005

- 1. Citation
- 2. Declaration about exchange of information Signature

SCHEDULE —

PART I — AGREEMENT ON THE TAXATION OF SAVINGS INCOME BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

- 1. Article 17 of Directive 2003/48/EC (hereinafter referred to as "the...
- 2. The British Virgin Islands ("BVI") is not a member of...
- 3. The BVI notes that, while it is the ultimate aim...
- 4. The BVI has agreed to apply a withholding tax with...
- 5. The BVI has agreed to apply automatic exchange of information...
- 6. The BVI has legislation relating to undertakings for collective investment...

Article 1

Definitions

Article 2

Withholding of Tax by Paying Agents

Article 3

Reporting of Information by Paying Agents

- 1. Where interest payments, as defined in Article 9 of this...
- 2. Within six months following the end of their tax year,...

Article 4

Exceptions to the Withholding Tax Procedure

- 1. The BVI when levying a withholding tax in accordance with...
- 2. At the request of the beneficial owner, the competent authority...
- 3. Where paragraph (1)(a) of this Article applies, the competent authority...

Article 5

Basis of assessment for withholding tax

- 1. A paying agent established in the BVI shall levy withholding...
- 2. For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph...
- 3. The imposition of withholding tax by the BVI shall not...
- 4. During the transitional period, the BVI may provide that an...

Article 6

Definition of "beneficial owner"

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, "beneficial owner" means an...
- 2. Where a paying agent has information suggesting that the individual...

Article 7

Identity and residence of beneficial owners

- 1. Each Party shall, within its territory, adopt and ensure the...
- 2. The paying agent shall establish the identity of the beneficial...
- 3. The paying agent shall establish the residence of the beneficial...

Article 8

Definition of "paying agent"

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, "paying agent" means any...
- 2. Any entity established in a contracting party to which interest...
- 3. The entity referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article...
- 4. Where the economic operator and the entity referred to in...
- 5. The legal persons exempted from sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2)...

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Article 9

Definition of "interest payment"

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, "interest payment" means—
- 2. As regards paragraph (1)(c) and (d) of this Article, when...
- 3. As regards paragraph (1)(d) of this Article, when a paying...
- 4. When interest, as defined in paragraph (1) of this Article,...
- 5. As regards paragraph (1)(b) and (d) of this Article, a...
- 6. By way of derogation from paragraph (1)(c) and (d) of...
- 7. The percentage referred to in paragraph 1(d) of this Article...
- 8. The percentages referred to in paragraph 1(d) of this Article...

Article 10

Withholding Tax Revenue sharing

- 1. The BVI shall retain 25% of the withholding tax deducted...
- 2. The BVI levying withholding tax in accordance with Article 5(4)...
- 3. Such transfers shall take place for each year in one...
- 4. The BVI levying withholding tax shall take the necessary measures...

Article 11

Elimination of double taxation

- 1. A contracting party in which the beneficial owner is resident...
- 2. The contracting party which is the country of residence for...

Article 12

Transitional provisions for negotiable debt securities

- 1. During the transitional period referred to in Article 15 of...
- 2. Nothing in this Article shall prevent the contracting parties from...

Article 13

Mutual agreement procedure

Article 14

Confidentiality

- 1. All information provided and received by the competent authority of...
- 2. Information provided to the competent authority of a contracting party...
- 3. Information provided shall be disclosed only to persons or authorities...
- 4. Where a competent authority of a contracting party considers that...

Article 15

Transitional Period

Article 16

Entry into force

Article 17

Termination

- 1. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by either...
- 2. Either contracting party may terminate this Agreement by giving notice...

Article 18

Application and suspension of application

- 1. The application of this Agreement shall be conditional on the...
- 2. Subject to the mutual agreement procedure provided for in Article...
- 3. Subject to the mutual agreement procedure provided for in Article...

ANNEX

LIST OF RELATED ENTITIES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 12

Entities within the European Union: Entities in third countries: PART II — Exchange of Notes

Note from Her Majesty's Government

Reply from the Government of the British Virgin Islands

Explanatory Note