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Economic Substance Return

For the purpose of this sample PDF, mandatory fields are marked with an * Whereas fields marked with (*) are only mandatory in certain cases. When the form is available on the DITC Portal mandatory fields will automatically display as the form is completed.

The International Tax Co-Operation (Economic Substance) Law ("ES Law") requires every relevant entity ("Entity") that is carrying on a relevant activity to satisfy the economic substance test in relation to that relevant activity ("ES Test").

Each such Entity must prepare and submit to the Tax Information Authority ("Authority") an economic substance report ("ES Return" or "this form") for the purpose of the Authority's determination as to whether the ES Test has been satisfied in relation to that relevant activity.

The ES Return must be submitted within twelve months after the last day of the end of each financial year ("Period") commencing on or after 1 January 2019. If an Entity conducts more than one relevant activity during a financial year then it must prepare and submit a separate ES Return in relation to each such relevant activity.

Please refer to the ['Economic Substance For Geographically Mobile Activities Guidance'](#) issued by the Authority for information about the economic substance requirements.

Please refer to DITC Portal User Guide for further information on this form.

All monetary amounts should be provided to the nearest whole number. Zero ("0") will be acceptable for all fields requiring a numerical response.

Overview

Entity Name	↓	Validate Information	Once the Entity name is selected from the drop down list and the 'Validate Information' button is pressed, the ES return will pre-populate with certain information for the Entity. If change to Entity name is required, this will need to be done through the General Registry.
Relevant Entity ("Entity") Name *	Pre-populated		
Is the Entity a Segregated Portfolio Company ("SPC") and conducts one or more relevant activities through a Segregated Portfolio? *	YES / NO	↓	An SPC must specify the SP on whose behalf it is submitting the ES Return in the Segregated Portfolio name box. A separate ES Return must be submitted by the SPC for each SP that is required to file an ES Return. Likewise, an ES Return is required in respect of each relevant activity (i.e. one SP carrying on two relevant activities is required to submit two ES Returns). Alternatively, if an SP is tax resident outside the Islands then the SPC must complete and submit the Tax Resident Outside the Islands form in respect of that SP. Refer to point 19 on the Practice Point Document for more details.
Segregated Portfolio name (*)	INSERT NAME OF THE SP FOR WHICH THIS FORM RELATES TO		
Period End Date (i.e. end of financial year) specified on ESN	Pre-populated from ESN with option to correct		

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Period End Date (for purposes of this ES Return) *

YYYY-MM-DD

Period Start Date (i.e. start of financial year) *

YYYY-MM-DD

Period Days

Pre-populated

Reporting Period

Pre-populated

Responsible Person

Pre-populated from ESN

IN: General Registry Number

Pre-populated from ESN

TIN

Pre-populated - NOTIN

Type Income: Relevant Activity *

Holding Company Business

Intellectual Property Business

Distribution and Service Centre Business

Banking Business

Fund Management Business

Insurance Business

Headquarters Business

Financing and Leasing Business

Shipping Business

None



Confirm the Entity met the definition of a "Pure Equity Holding Company" as outlined in the ES Law for the Period *

YES / NO



Relevant Income

Currency used to complete this ES Return. *

USD etc.



Annual Income: Total income for the Period. *

Insert Monetary Amount

Gross Income: Total relevant income for the Period. *

Insert Monetary Amount

The first Period will be the first financial year commencing after the operative date of the ES Laws. The Entity should refer to both the ES Law and The International Tax Co-Operation (Economic Substance)(Prescribed Dates) Regulations, 2018.

The Responsible Person can only be changed by resubmitting the ESN via CAP. The Responsible Person may appoint secondary users on the DITC Portal.

If change to GR number is required, this will need to be done through General Registry.

This field is always pre-populated with "NOTIN" on the ES Return because the Islands do not issue Tax Identification Numbers.

The relevant activity is pre-populated to reflect the selection made on the ESN (or first one stated if more than one) but can be amended here. If the Entity has more than one relevant activity then it must select one relevant activity for the purpose of this ES Return and complete a separate ES Return for each one of its relevant activities.

The ES Law provides that a "pure equity holding company" means a company that only holds equity participations in other entities and only earns dividends and capital gains. Where No is selected the Entity will skip to "Other" section below.

The Entity must use one currency for all financial data in the ES Return.

The OECD NTJ schema uses the term "Annual Income". This element should contain the total annual gross income of the Entity (i.e. not limited to relevant income).

The OECD NTJ schema uses the term "Gross Income". The ES Law defines relevant income as follows; "relevant income", in relation to an Entity, means all of that Entity's gross income from its relevant activities and recorded in its books and records under applicable accounting standards. For the avoidance of doubt, relevant income for the purposes of the ES Law is gross income and not accounting income/profit. Gross income is equal to gross receipts/gross revenue, whether in the form of cash or property, which

the Entity derived from its pure equity holding company business.

Type of Income:

Total dividend income for the Period *

Insert Monetary Amount

Total capital gains for the Period *

Insert Monetary Amount

Total incidental income for the Period *

Insert Monetary Amount

For example, incidental interest earned on a bank account. Please refer to Holding Company Sector Specific Guidance for further detail.

Entity Details:

Legal Address Type *

Residential or Business
Residential
Business
Registered office
Unknown



Country Code *

Street

Building Identifier

Suite Identifier

Floor Identifier

District Name

Post Office Box

Post Code

City *

Country Subentity

Address Free

Country code selected should be the country the address relates to.

For example; province or state.

Address Free allows the input of address information in free text. It should only be used in exceptional circumstances when it is impossible to provide the address in the fixed format.

Status

Pre-populated from General Registry

Date ceased to be active

Pre-populated from General Registry

Is the Entity a constituent entity of an MNE Group for the purposes of the Country-by-Country reporting (CbCR) framework *

Yes / No



Name Group: Name of MNE Group, if different from Entity name

Immediate Parent Details:

How many Immediate Parents does the Entity have? *

Name of entity *

TIN or Similar *

TIN issued by (*)

Jurisdiction of tax residence *

Identification Number other than TIN *

Type of Identification Number (*)

Jurisdiction that issued other Identification Number (*)

Legal Address Type *

Residential Or Business
 Residential
 Business
 Registered office
 Unknown



Country Code *

Street

Building Identifier

Suite Identifier

Floor Identifier

District Name

Post Office Box

Post Code

City *

Country Subentity

Address Free

Immediate Parent is defined in the Schedule to the ES Law. All fields relating to an Immediate Parent must be completed for each one.

ADD	Use the "ADD" button for each Immediate Parent.
UNKNOWN	This information is required under the ES Law. If "UNKNOWN" is selected please provide explanation in "Other" section below.
NONE	Entity does not have an Immediate Parent.

May be a corporate or a non-corporate entity, for example a partnership.

This data element provides the tax identification number (TIN) used by the tax administration of the jurisdiction of tax residence of the immediate parent. If the immediate parent does not have a TIN the value "NOTIN" should be entered.

This attribute describes the jurisdiction that issued the TIN. It should be always provided, unless NOTIN is entered in the TIN element.

This data element can be provided (and repeated) if there are other identification numbers (INs) available, such as a company registration number or an Entity Identification Number (EIN). If that Entity does not have any other INs, the value "NONE" should be entered.

Country code selected should be the country the address relates to.

For example; province or state.

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Ultimate Parent Details:

Does the Entity have an Ultimate Parent? *

YES	↓
NO	
UNKNOWN	

Name of entity *

TIN or Similar *

TIN issued by (*)

Jurisdiction of tax residence *

Identification Number other than TIN *

Type of Identification Number (*)

Jurisdiction that issued other identification number (*)

Legal Address Type *

Residential Or Business	↓
Residential	
Business	
Registered office	
Unknown	

Country Code *

Street

Building Identifier

Suite Identifier

Floor Identifier

District Name

Post Office Box

Post Code

City *

Country Subentity

Address Free

Ultimate Parent is defined in the Schedule to the ES Law.

This information is required under the ES Law. If "UNKNOWN" is selected please provide explanation in "Other" section below.

May be a corporate or a non-corporate entity, for example a partnership.

This data element provides the tax identification number (TIN) used by the tax administration of the jurisdiction of tax residence of the ultimate parent. If the ultimate parent does not have a TIN the value "NOTIN" should be entered.

This attribute describes the jurisdiction that issued the TIN. It should be always provided, unless NOTIN is entered in the TIN element.

This data element can be provided (and repeated) if there are other identification numbers (INs) available, such as a company registration number or an Entity Identification Number (EIN). If the Entity does not have any other INs, the value "NONE" should be entered.

Country code selected should be the country the address relates to.

For example; province or state.

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Ultimate Beneficial Owner (UBO) Details:

How many Ultimate Beneficial Owners (UBO) does the Entity have?

ADD	Ultimate Beneficial Owner is defined in the Schedule to the ES Law. The provision of this information is optional unless the Entity answers "NO" in the Declaration Section below, in which case the provision of UBO information is mandatory
UNKNOWN	If "UNKNOWN" is selected please provide explanation in "Other" section below.

Last Name of UBO

First Name of UBO

TIN or Similar

This data element provides the tax identification number (TIN) used by the tax administration of the jurisdiction of tax residence of the UBO. If the UBO does not have a TIN, the value "NOTIN" should be entered.

TIN issued by

This attribute describes the jurisdiction that issued the TIN. It should be always provided, unless NOTIN is entered in the TIN element.

Jurisdiction of tax residence

UBO Type: Type of ultimate beneficial ownership interest the UBO has with the Entity

Legal Person - Ownership Legal Person - Other Means Legal Person - Senior Managing Official Legal Arrangement - Trust - Settlor Legal Arrangement - Trust - Trustee Legal Arrangement - Trust - Protector Legal Arrangement - Trust - Beneficiary Legal Arrangement - Trust - Other Legal Arrangement - Other - Settlor-Equivalent Legal Arrangement - Other - Trustee-Equivalent Legal Arrangement - Other - Protector-Equivalent Legal Arrangement - Other - Beneficiary-Equivalent Legal Arrangement - Other - Other-Equivalent	↓
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Legal Address Type

Residential Or Business Residential Business Registered Office Unknown	↓
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Country code selected should be the country the address relates to.

Country Code

Street

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Confirmations

Confirm the Entity has complied with all applicable filing requirements under the Companies Law during the Period *

YES
NO



Refer to section 4(5), ES Law.

Confirm the Entity has adequate human resources in the Islands, during the Period, for holding and managing equity participations in other entities. *

YES
NO



Confirm the Entity has adequate premises in the Islands, during the Period, for holding and managing equity participations in other entities. *

YES
NO



Other

Please provide any other information that the Entity considers material in determining that it has adequate substance in the Islands for the Period.

Choose File
and Free
Text Option

Financial Statements / Books of Account

Upload a copy of the Entity's financial statements or books of account for the relevant entity's financial year. *

Choose File

The Entity should provide appropriate documents (i.e. financial statements or books of account) that give a true and fair view of the state of the Entity's affairs and to explain its transactions. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority does not expect underlying documents such as contracts and invoices. Furthermore for an Entity where only consolidated accounts are prepared, the documentation used to prepare the consolidated accounts and showing the Entity's affairs, would be sufficient.

Declarations

Based on the details provided in this ES Return, the Entity confirms that it has satisfied the Reduced ES Test for the Period in accordance with the ES Law. *

YES
NO



These declarations are made by the Entity. The Entity should ensure that the person who submits this ES Return has appropriate authority or permission to do so.

Where the Entity answers "NO" to this declaration, the UBO information outlined above will become a mandatory field.

By submitting this ES Return, the Entity:

- (a) Confirms that all information in this ES Return is accurate; and
- (b) Acknowledges that there are sanctions for knowingly or wilfully supplying false or misleading information under section 13(2) of the ES Law. *

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