

2014 No. 1360

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

CORPORATION TAX

INCOME TAX

INHERITANCE TAX

VALUE ADDED TAX

**The International Tax Enforcement (Turks and Caicos Islands)
Order 2014**

Made - - - - *27th May 2014*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May 2014

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

A draft of this Order was laid before the House of Commons in accordance with section 173(7) of the Finance Act 2006(a) and approved by a resolution of that House.

Accordingly, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 173(1) to (3) of the Finance Act 2006, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, orders as follows—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the International Tax Enforcement (Turks and Caicos Islands) Order 2014.

International tax enforcement arrangements to have effect

2. It is declared that—

- (a) the arrangements specified in the Exchange of Letters set out in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order and in the Arrangement set out in Part 2 of that Schedule, which amend the arrangements set out in Parts 1 and 2 of the Schedule to the International Tax

Enforcement (Turks and Caicos Islands) Order 2010^(a), have been made with the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands;

- (b) the arrangements have been made with a view to the exchange of information foreseeably relevant to the administration or enforcement or recovery of the taxes covered by the arrangements; and
- (c) it is expedient that those arrangements should have effect.

Ceri King
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

^(a) S.I. 2010/2679.

PART 1

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS CONCERNING THE 2009 ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO TAXES

London, 26th November 2013

Sir,

Having regard to the wish of our governments to enhance and facilitate the terms and conditions governing the exchange of information relating to taxes and respecting the constitutional relationship between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Turks and Caicos Islands, I have the honour to propose to you an Arrangement amending the 2009 Arrangement between the United Kingdom and the Turks and Caicos Islands for the exchange of information relating to tax matters in the Appendix to this letter and that this Arrangement shall have effect in accordance with paragraph 2 thereof.

I have the honour to propose that, if the above is acceptable to the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, this letter together with its Appendix and your confirmation shall together constitute our mutual acceptance and making of the Arrangement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

David Gauke MP

Reply from the Government of Turks & Caicos Islands

London, 26th November 2013

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th November 2013, which reads as follows:

“Having regard to the wish of our governments to enhance and facilitate the terms and conditions governing the exchange of information relating to taxes and respecting the constitutional relationship between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Turks and Caicos Islands, I have the honour to propose to you an Arrangement amending the 2009 Arrangement between the United Kingdom and the Turks and Caicos Islands for the exchange of information relating to tax matters in the Appendix to this letter and that this Arrangement shall have effect in accordance with paragraph 2 thereof.

I have the honour to propose that, if the above is acceptable to the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, this letter together with its Appendix and your confirmation shall together constitute our mutual acceptance and making of the Arrangement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.”

I am able to confirm that the contents of your letter dated 26th November 2013 are acceptable to the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and therefore that this letter together with your letter and its Appendix constitute our mutual acceptance of the provisions of the Arrangement between the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands

Dr. Rufus Ewing

Premier

PART 2

ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AMENDING THE 2009 ARRANGEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO TAXES

The United Kingdom and the Turks and Caicos Islands (“the Territories”) desiring to amend the Arrangement between the two territories for the exchange of information relating to tax matters (“the 2009 Arrangement”), have agreed as follows:

1. The following shall be added after Paragraph 5 (Exchange of Information Upon Request):

“PARAGRAPH 5A

AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. The competent authorities of the Territories may automatically transmit information to each other for the purposes referred to in Paragraph 1 (Scope of Arrangement). The Territories shall determine the items of information to be exchanged pursuant to this Paragraph and the procedures to be used to exchange such items of information.
2. The competent authorities of the Territories may mutually agree on additional procedures to be used for the purposes of this Paragraph.

PARAGRAPH 5B

SPONTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The competent authority of a Territory may spontaneously transmit to the competent authority of the other Territory information that has come to the attention of the first-mentioned competent authority and that the first-mentioned competent authority supposes to be foreseeably relevant to the accomplishment of the purposes referred to in Paragraph 1 (Scope of Arrangement). The competent authorities of the Territories shall determine the procedures to be used to exchange such information.”

2. Each of the Territories shall notify the other of the completion of the procedures required by its law for the bringing into force of this Arrangement. This Arrangement shall enter into force on the date of the later of these notifications and shall have effect for information exchanged on or after that date without regard to the taxable period to which the information relates.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Schedule to this Order contains arrangements comprising an Exchange of Letters and an Arrangement (“the Arrangements”) amending the Arrangement between the United Kingdom and the Turks and Caicos Islands for the exchange of information relating to tax matters (“the 2009 Arrangement”). The 2009 Arrangement was scheduled to the International Tax Enforcement (Turks and Caicos Islands) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2679). This Order gives effect to the Arrangements.

Article 2 makes a declaration that it is expedient that the Arrangements should have effect.

The Arrangements relate to the exchange of information in tax matters and add new Paragraphs 5A and 5B to the 2009 Arrangement to allow for the automatic and spontaneous exchange of information.

The Arrangements will enter into force on the date of the later of the notifications by each territory of the completion of its legislative procedures and take effect for information exchanged on or after that date.

The date of entry into force will, in due course, be published in the *London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes*.

A Tax Information and Impact Note has not been produced for this Order as it gives effect to a previously announced policy to enact a tax information exchange agreement.

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