#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2015 No. 878

# The International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015

## *f*<sup>F1</sup>Client notification obligations

### [F1]Identifying specified clients: specified financial institution U.K.

- 12B.—(1) A specified financial institution must identify all of its specified clients.
- (2) In order to identify its specified clients, a specified financial institution must use either—
  - (a) the services approach set out in paragraphs (3) and (4), or
  - (b) the high value approach set out in paragraph (5).
- (3) An individual is a specified client of a specified financial institution under the services approach if—
  - (a) the specified financial institution reasonably believes that the individual was resident in the United Kingdom for income tax purposes for the tax year 2015-16 or will be so resident for the tax year 2016-17,
  - (b) the individual is an account holder with the specified financial institution on 30th September 2016, and
  - (c) in any part of the relevant period, the specified financial institution has—
    - (i) maintained a financial account in a participating jurisdiction or the United States of America in relation to which the individual is an account holder, or
    - (ii) referred the individual to another specified financial institution (wherever located) for the other specified financial institution to provide a financial account for the individual in a participating jurisdiction or the United States of America.
- (4) In paragraph (3)(c)(i), "financial account" does not include a financial account which the specified financial institution is prevented by legal or regulatory obligations in force on 30th September 2016 from providing as a new account.
- (5) An individual is a specified client of a specified financial institution under the high value approach if—
  - (a) the specified financial institution reasonably believes that the individual was resident in the United Kingdom for income tax purposes for the tax year 2015-16 or will be so resident for the tax year 2016-17, and
  - (b) the individual is an account holder of a high value account maintained by the specified financial institution on 30th September 2016.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Regs. 12A-12F and cross-heading inserted (30.9.2016) by The International Tax Compliance (Client Notification) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/899), regs. 1, 3

**Changes to legislation:**There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015, Section 12B.