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Dear Member

HMRC have placed an obligation on Specified Financial Institutions to inform their members of a change in International Tax Compliance Regulations which may or may not affect you.

If you hold offshore investments you may have a UK Tax liability. For those that do, you have an obligation to report any liability to HMRC and make sure your tax affairs are in order. HMRC are giving individuals an opportunity to come forward and settle any previously unpaid tax now. In future, there will be an automatic exchange of information between many countries and if any tax is due which has not previously been declared, the penalties for non compliance may be severe.

HMRC require the following text to be included in this communication and for the factsheet attachment to be included.

"From 2016, HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) is getting an unprecedented amount of information about people's overseas accounts, structures, trusts, and investments from more than 100 jurisdictions worldwide, thanks to agreements to increase global tax transparency. This gives HMRC unprecedented levels of information to check that, as in most cases, the right tax has been paid.

If you have already declared all of your past and present income or gains to HMRC, including from overseas, you do not need to worry. But if you are in any doubt, HMRC recommends that you read the factsheet attached to help you decide now what to do next."

This is not a demand for tax, or a change to the tax treatment of your investments, or an indication that tax has not been paid. It is to remind you of your obligations and that you need to ensure that your tax affairs are up to date. Please see the below link for further information.

Please see overleaf for further information.

Kind regards

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HM Revenue & Customs

If you have money or other assets abroad, you could owe tax in the UK

Things are changing – the tax world is becoming more transparent

- HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is getting tougher on those not paying the right amount of tax across their offshore tax affairs.
- From 2016, HMRC is getting **new** financial information about our customers from more than 100 jurisdictions – including details about overseas accounts, structures, trusts, and investments.
- HMRC is already using information, supplied by overseas banks, insurers, and wealth and assets managers, to identify the minority who are not paying what they owe.

Are you confident that your UK tax affairs are up-to-date?

You need to regularly check that you have declared all of your UK tax liabilities and, if needed, bring your tax affairs up-to-date. This is your responsibility.

Personal circumstances change. For example, you may have recently inherited assets overseas. Tax laws change too. All of this means that previous advice can be out-of-date, with costly consequences.

- **If you are confident that your tax affairs are up-to-date and complete, then you don't need to do anything further.**
- If you are unsure, we recommend that you speak to a tax adviser to find out if you need to take action now.
- If you find that you need to bring your tax affairs up-to-date, it can be easier than you think. You can choose to do this now using HMRC's straightforward online disclosure facility at www.gov.uk/guidance/worldwide-disclosure-facility-make-a-disclosure

If you have not paid the right amount of tax and choose not to take action now, you need to know that:

- HMRC will find out about your money and assets overseas through **new** information from more than 100 jurisdictions.
- Penalties are increasing for those who are not paying the right amount of tax on their offshore assets, and you can even face criminal prosecution. Under new rules, you could face further penalties based on the value of the asset as well as the tax due, resulting in potentially life-changing consequences.

If you choose to delay in coming forward, it's very likely to cost you more and there is also more chance that HMRC will come for you.

Come to us before we come for you

Remember

- **If you are confident that your tax affairs are up-to-date, and you have declared all of your UK tax liabilities, then you don't need to do anything further.**

We are already using early financial information to identify the minority who are not paying what they owe. If you need to bring your tax affairs up-to-date, it is your responsibility to do so – act now at www.gov.uk/guidance/worldwide-disclosure-facility-make-a-disclosure