

申請事先裁定 – 外地收入豁免徵稅機制的經濟實質要求
Application for Advance Ruling - Economic Substance Requirement of
the Foreign-sourced Income Exemption Regime

資料表格 (IR1297B) 的附註及說明
Notes and Instructions for Data Form (IR1297B)

1. 在 2023 年 1 月 1 日，《2022 年稅務（條訂）（指明外地收入徵稅）條例》生效，該條例修訂在《稅務條例》（第 112 章）下有關外地收入豁免徵稅機制的條文。在修訂後的外地收入豁免徵稅機制下，於香港經營行業、專業或業務的跨國企業實體（附註 2）賺取的若干源自外地的收入會被視作在香港產生或得自香港的收入，該等收入於香港收取時，須被徵收利得稅。不過，就三類指明外地收入（即為**利息、股息及得自出售實體的股權權益的任何收益或利潤（「處置收益」）**），倘若收取收入的實體符合《稅務條例》第 15K 條所訂明的經濟實質要求，該等收入可繼續獲豁免利得稅。
若申請事先裁定的事項只關乎《稅務條例》第 15K 條所訂明的經濟實質要求，申請人無需提供草擬裁定。
On 1 January 2023, the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Taxation on Specified Foreign-sourced Income) Ordinance 2022, which amended the provisions in relation to the Foreign-sourced Income Exemption (“FSIE”) regime under the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) (IRO), came into operation. Under the amended FSIE regime, certain foreign-sourced income accrued to and received in Hong Kong by an **MNE entity (Note 2) carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong** on or after 1 January 2023 is regarded as arising in or derived from Hong Kong and chargeable to profits tax when such income is received in Hong Kong. However, three types of specified foreign-sourced incomes, namely **interest, dividend and gain or profit derived from the sale of equity interests in an entity (“disposal gain”)**, will continue to be exempt from profits tax if the recipient entity meets the economic substance requirement (“ESR”) prescribed in section 15K of the IRO.
If the subject matter of the ruling sought **only** relates to the economic substance requirement specified in section 15K of the IRO, the applicant is not required to provide a draft ruling.
2. 「跨國企業集團」指任何包括至少一個並非位於或設於最終母實體所屬管轄區的實體或常設機構的集團。「跨國企業實體」是某跨國企業集團或其中的實體，或代表某跨國企業集團或其中的實體行事的人。
“MNE group” means a group that includes at least one entity or permanent establishment that is not located or established in the jurisdiction of the ultimate parent entity of the group. “MNE entity” means a person that is, or acts for, an MNE group or an entity included in an MNE group.
3. 「指明外地收入」指在香港以外地區產生或得自香港以外地區的任何利息、股息、處置收益（附註 9）或知識產權收入，但不包括累算歸於：
 - (a) 受規管財務實體（附註 4）；
 - (b) 其應評稅利潤按除第 14A(1)條以外的寬減條文（第 19CA 條所界定者）指明的稅率而予以徵稅的實體；
 - (c) 其應評稅利潤根據《稅務條例》第 20AC、20ACA、20AN 或 20AO 條獲豁免徵稅的實體；或
 - (d) 其豁免款項根據《稅務條例》第 23B(4AA) 條可從賺取或應累算的有關款項中撇除的船舶擁有人，
而又是得自或附帶於：
 - (i) 就上述 (a) 項的實體而言 — 該實體作為受規管財務實體的業務；
 - (ii) 就上述 (b) 及 (c) 項的實體而言 — 產生該等獲寬減或豁免的應評稅利潤的活動；
 - (iii) 就上述 (d) 項的實體而言 — 產生該等豁免款項的活動，
的利息、股息或處置收益。“Specified foreign-sourced income” means any interest, dividend, disposal gain (Note 9) or income from intellectual properties arising in or derived from a territory outside Hong Kong, but does not include any interest, dividend or disposal gain that accrues to:
 - (a) a regulated financial entity (Note 4);
 - (b) an entity the assessable profits of which are chargeable to tax at the rate specified in a concession provision (as defined by section 19CA of the IRO) other than section 14A(1);
 - (c) an entity that is exempt from tax chargeable in respect of its assessable profits under section 20AC, 20ACA, 20AN or 20AO of the IRO; or
 - (d) an entity that is a ship-owner and has any exempt sums excluded under section 23B(4AA) of the IRO from the amount of relevant sums earned or accrued;**and** is derived from, or is incidental to:
 - (i) for an entity in (a) above – the entity’s business as a regulated financial entity;
 - (ii) for an entity in (b) and (c) above – the activity that produces the assessable profits to which the tax concession or exemption applies;
 - (iii) for an entity in (d) above – the activity that produces the exempt sums.

4. 「受規管財務實體」指：
- 根據《保險業條例》(第 41 章)獲授權的保險人(該條例第 2(1)條所界定者)、勞合社或獲認可的承保人組織；
 - 《銀行業條例》(第 155 章)第 2(1)條所界定的認可機構；或
 - 根據《證券及期貨條例》(第 571 章)第 V 部獲發牌經營該條例附表 5 第 1 部所界定的任何受規管活動的實體。
- “Regulated financial entity” means:
- an insurer (as defined by section 2(1) of the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41)) authorized under that Ordinance, Lloyd’s or an approved association of underwriters;
 - an authorized institution as defined by section 2(1) of the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155); or
 - an entity licensed under Part V of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) to carry on a business in any regulated activity as defined by Part 1 of Schedule 5 to that Ordinance.
5. 當指明外地收入按照適用的會計原則計入該跨國企業實體的賬目時，該指明外地收入即被視為累算歸於該實體。
Specified foreign-sourced income is considered as accrued to an MNE entity when it is recognised in the accounts of the entity in accordance with the applicable accounting principles.
6. 第 1 部分填寫的資料必須與「事先裁定申請表」(IR1297)所填寫的相同。
The information provided in Part 1 must be the same as that provided in the form “Application for Advance Ruling” (IR1297).
7. 如申請人的個別申請由代表作出，有關代表必須取得申請人的書面同意。如申請人為自身及其所屬跨國企業集團位於香港的其他成員實體(統稱「相關實體」)所作的組別申請由代表作出，則有關代表必須取得全部相關實體的書面同意。
For an individual application made on behalf of an applicant, the representative must have the written consent of the applicant. For a group application made on behalf of an applicant for itself and other entities of the MNE group it belongs to in Hong Kong (collectively referred to as “Relevant Entities”), the representative must have the written consents of all the Relevant Entities.
8. 作出組別申請的條件如下：
- 申請人及其他相關實體根據同一份服務協議書，外判指明經濟活動(附註 14)予同一外判實體；
 - 申請人或代表已經取得其他相關實體的書面同意，代表其作出組別申請；
 - 在提交本補充表格時需一併提交該服務協議書副本；及
 - 在接獲要求時將同意書提交予局長。
- Conditions for group application are as follows:
- the specified economic activities (Note 14) of the applicant and other Relevant Entities are outsourced to one outsourced entity under a single service agreement (“the Service Agreement”);
 - the applicant or the representative must have the written consents of the other Relevant Entities for the group application;
 - a copy of the Service Agreement should be submitted together with this supplementary form; and
 - the written consents must be supplied to the Commissioner on request.
9. 「處置收益」指得自出售某實體的股權權益(在不屬法人的合夥中的股權權益除外)的任何收益或利潤。
“Disposal gain” means any gain or profit derived from the sale of equity interests (other than equity interest in a partnership that is not a legal person) in an entity.
10. 請選擇指明外地收入的估計每年總款額的範圍。如總款額超過港元 40,000,000，亦請註明有關的款額。
Please select the range of estimated total annual amount of specified foreign-sourced income. If the estimated total annual amount is over \$40,000,000, please also state the relevant amount.
11. 就跨國企業實體的業務性質敘明按政府統計處編訂「香港標準行業分類 2.0 版」的六位數字行業編碼。有關行業編碼索引，請參閱政府統計處網頁(www.censtatd.gov.hk)。如該實體從事多於一項業務，請就其主要業務填寫行業編碼。如該實體屬純股權持有實體(附註 12)，請在行業編碼填寫「642000」。
A 6-digit industry code of the Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification (version 2.0) maintained by the Census and Statistics Department (“C&SD”) should be stated. For the index of industry codes, please refer to C&SD’s website (www.censtatd.gov.hk). If the entity engaged in more than one business activity, please state the industry code with reference to the principal business activity of the MNE entity. If the entity is a pure equity-holding entity (Note 12), please state “642000” as the industry code.

12. 「純股權持有實體」指符合以下說明的實體：
- (a) 該實體僅持有其他實體中的股權權益；及
 - (b) 該實體僅賺取股息、處置收益，及取得、持有或出售上述股權權益所附帶的收入。
- “Pure equity-holding entity” means an entity that:
- (a) only holds equity interests in other entities; and
 - (b) only earns dividends, disposal gains and income incidental to the acquisition, holding or sale of such equity interests.
13. 屬純股權持有實體須遵從以下條例之下每項適用的註冊及存檔規定：
- (a) 《公司（清盤及雜項條文）條例》（第 32 章）；
 - (b) 《有限責任合夥條例》（第 37 章）；
 - (c) 《商業登記條例》（第 310 章）；
 - (d) 《公司條例》（第 622 章）。
- A pure equity-holding entity must comply with every applicable registration and filing requirement under the following Ordinances:
- (a) the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32);
 - (b) the Limited Partnerships Ordinance (Cap. 37);
 - (c) the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310);
 - (d) the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).
14. 「指明經濟活動」指：
- (a) 就屬純股權持有實體（附註 12）的跨國企業實體而言，持有和管理該實體在其他實體中的股權參與；
 - (b) 就不屬純股權持有實體的跨國企業實體而言，就該實體取得、持有或處置的任何資產而作出所需的策略決定；及就上述資產管理及承擔主要風險。
- “Specified economic activities” means:
- (a) in relation to an MNE entity that is a pure equity-holding entity (Note 12) – holding and managing its equity participations in other entities;
 - (b) in relation to an MNE entity that is not a pure equity-holding entity – making necessary strategic decisions in respect of any assets the entity acquires, holds or disposes of; and managing and bearing principal risks in respect of such assets.
15. 如果有關指明經濟活動部分是由該申請人自身進行，部分由外判實體進行，需在第 3 部分第 3.3.6 項的兩個空格內都加上「✓」號。
- If the specified economic activities are carried out partly by the applicant itself and partly by an outsourced entity, put “✓” in both boxes in Item 3.3.6 of Part 3.
16. 屬純股權持有實體及不屬純股權持有實體的總數應與 IR1297B 附表（組別申請）中的相關實體總數相同。
- The aggregate number of pure equity-holding entities and non-pure equity-holding entities should be the same as the total number of Relevant Entities listed in Annex to IR1297B (Group Application).