

FATCA Newsletter

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Bahrain to implement Model 1 IGA

Manama, 29 August 2013: The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has issued a letter informing all licensees that Bahrain has selected Model 1 Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) for implementing FATCA. This would assist all financial institutions operating in Bahrain to register as registered deemed compliant FFI. Model 1 IGA will also minimize legal issues arising from disclosure of customer information and eliminate the need for withholding on US Source income paid to FIs in Bahrain and other IGA Jurisdictions.

The letter also requires all Licensees to implement changes to processes and systems to comply with FATCA and to submit a plan for FATCA implementation to the CBB by 30 September 2013.

To access the letter from CBB, click on the following link:

http://cbb.complinet.com/cbb/display/display.html?rbid=1820&element_id=4102

Update on FATCA from IRS

FATCA registration

The FATCA portal for registration of financial institution has been opened by IRS on 19 August 2013. The portal will assist FIs to create user IDs, identify Responsible Officer, identify entities within the group requiring registration and to enter other required details for completing the registration with IRS. The information entered in the portal will be saved as draft till 1 January 2014 and formal submissions will be accepted after 1 January 2014.

For further information about FATCA portal and the registration process, please visit IRS website <https://sa2.www4.irs.gov/fatca-rup/login/userLogin.do> or access the video posted by IRS on the registration process <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-Registration>

FATCA reporting

IRS also published draft copy of Form 8966 on 14 August 2013. Form 8966 is to be used by financial institutions for reporting about US persons and recalcitrant account holders on an annual basis: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-dft/f8966--dft.pdf>

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