



Important Notice
The Depository Trust Company

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Date:	December 28, 2017
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	<u>Tax Relief</u> – Country: Netherlands AKZO Nobel NV CUSIP: 010199305 <u>Record Date: 12/11/2017</u> <u>Payable Date: 12/15/2017</u> <u>CA Web Instruction Deadline : 02/09/2018 8:00 P.M.</u>

Participants can use DTC’s Corporate Actions Web (CA Web) service to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate. Participants are urged to consult TaxInfo respectively before certifying their instructions over the CA Web.

Important: Prior to certifying tax withholding instructions, participants are urged to read, understand and comply with the information in the Legal Conditions category found on TaxInfo on the CA Web.

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to GlobeTax 212-747-9100.

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AKZO NOBEL NV has announced a cash dividend. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas acts as the Depository for the company's American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") program.

Participants can use DTC's Corporate Actions Web (CA Web) instructions tab to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate. Use of these instruction methods will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC.

On ADR pay date, all beneficial owners will receive this dividend net of the full Netherlands statutory rate with the possibility to obtain a post-pay date refund as outlined in the below Eligibility Matrix.

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DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS	
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	NETHERLANDS
ISSUE	AKZO NOBEL NV
CUSIP#	010199305
UNDERLYING ISIN	NL0000009132
DEPOSITARY	DEUTSCHE BANK
ADR RECORD DATE	December 11, 2017
ORD PAY DATE	December 7, 2017
ADR PAY DATE	December 15, 2017
RATIO (DR to ORD)	3 ADR : 1 ORD
ORD RATE	EUR 4.0
STATUTORY WITHHOLDING RATE	15%
xBRL™	N/A

IMPORTANT CHANGES: NEW DUTCH BENEFICIAL OWNER REGISTRATION PROCESS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL BENEFICIAL OWNERS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE DUTCH TAX AUTHORITIES (DTA) AND HAVE AN ASSIGNED DUTCH TAX ID # ON FILE WITH GLOBETAX IN ORDER TO BE FILED FOR RECLAIM. ONCE A VALID CLAIM IS RECEIVED, GLOBETAX WILL REQUEST THE DUTCH TAX ID # FROM THE DTA. BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITHOUT A DUTCH TAX ID # WILL EXPERIENCE DELAY IN FILING UNTIL GLOBETAX HAS RECEIVED THE ASSIGNED TAX ID # FROM THE DTA.

QUICK REFUND PROCESS CHANGES

BENEFICIARIES CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE ARE THOSE WITH ASSIGNED DUTCH TAX ID #s BY CLOSE OF THE ESP QUICK REFUND WINDOW. ESP QUICK REFUND DEADLINE WILL NOW BE RD + 1 MONTH. CA WEB QUICK REFUND DEADLINE WILL NOW BE RD + 2 MONTHS. PRIOR TO CA WEB CLOSE DATE, GLOBETAX WILL ADVISE BROKERS WHO SUBMITTED ESP ELECTIONS WHICH BENEFICIARIES WILL BE FILED VIA QUICK REFUND. ALL BENEFICIARIES WHOM THE DTA HAS NOT APPROVED THEIR REGISTRATION BY ESP QUICK REFUND DEADLINE AND HAVE BEEN ELECTED FOR QUICK REFUND WILL BE MOVED TO LONG FORM. BROKERS MUST REVISE THEIR CA WEB ELECTION BY THE CA WEB QUICK REFUND DEADLINE TO REFLECT THE REGISTERED BENEFICIARIES. QUICK REFUND 5000 SHARE MINIMUM STILL STANDS.

NON-US DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT CHANGES

THE BELOW REQUIREMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

NON-US FAVORABLE 10%

- COR REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF FILING
 - TAX YEAR THE SAME AS ORD PD

NON-US EXEMPT 0%

DTT CLAIMS

- COR REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF FILING
 - TAX YEAR THE SAME AS ORD PD
 - MUST STATE EXEMPTION FROM ALL TAXES

DUTCH DOMESTIC LAW CLAIMS

- COR REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF FILING
 - TAX YEAR THE SAME AS ORD PD
 - MUST STATE EXEMPTION FROM ALL TAXES
- RELEVANT DIVIDEND NOTES
 - PENSIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PENSION PLAN AND/OR ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
 - NON-PENSIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND/OR TRUST DEED
- DTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER DOCUMENTS TO PROVE EXEMPTION

FEES & DEADLINES

FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ESP)	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (CA WEB)
QUICK REFUND	PRIMARY LONG FORM BATCH	VIA DTC	UP TO \$0.01 PER ADR	\$0.00	January 11, 2018 (8PM)	February 9, 2018 (8PM)
LONG FORM	POST-CA WEB PROCESS; ONGOING	VIA CHECK OR ACH	UP TO \$0.01 PER ADR	\$0.00	October 31, 2022 (8PM)	N/A

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – QUICK REFUND/LONG FORM

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	SIGNATURE REQUIRED
UNFAVORABLE 15%	0%	NON-TREATY COUNTRIES	NONE	N/A
FAVORABLE 10% POST PAY DATE	5%	BAHRAIN, CHINA, HONG KONG, INDONESIA, KUWAIT, OMAN, PORTUGAL, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SOUTH AFRICA, TAIWAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, VENEZUELA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A) 2. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (COR) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT 2. N/A
FAVORABLE 10% POST PAY DATE	5%	GHANA, JAPAN, UNITED KINGDOM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A) 2. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (COR) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT 2. N/A
EXEMPT 0% POST PAY DATE	15%	U.S. ARTICLE 36 - CHARITIES under 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), 509(a)(3), 17-(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT
EXEMPT 0% POST PAY DATE	15%	U.S. ARTICLE 35 - PENSIONS and IRAs under 401(a), 401(k), 457(b), 403(b), 408, 408(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT
EXEMPT 0% (FOREIGN TAX EXEMPT) POST PAY DATE	15%	ANY ENTITY DOMICILED IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO TAX ON PROFITS, AS LONG AS THAT STATE HAS AN EXCHANGE OF TAX INFORMATION AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH THE NETHERLANDS, & THAT ENTITY WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO PROFITS TAX IN THE NETHERLANDS IF IT WERE BASED THEREIN.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A) 2. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (COR) 3. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, TRUST DEED, ANNUAL ACCOUNT, AND/OR PENSION PLAN 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT 2. N/A 3. N/A

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION

DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION
APPENDIX A (COVER LETTER)	A listing of the beneficial owner's details, taxpayer id numbers, number of ADRS, and entity type (charity or pension). The cover letter is provided to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas by the participant, either through ESP submission or through traditional hard copy reclaim cover letter.
IRS FORM 6166	https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/form-6166-certification-of-u-s-tax-residency
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	A document specifying the regulations for the operations of a legal entity. The articles of association define the entity's purpose, organizational structure, and how financial records are maintained.

CONTACT DETAILS

PRIMARY CONTACT	GEET CHAWLA
DOMESTIC PHONE (U.S.)	1-800-915-3536
DOMESTIC FAX (U.S.)	1-800-985-3536
INTERNATIONAL PHONE	1-212-747-9100
INTERNATIONAL FAX	1-212-747-0029
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COMPANY	GLOBETAX SERVICES INC.
STREET ADDRESS	ONE NEW YORK PLAZA, 34 TH FLOOR
CITY/STATE/ZIP	NEW YORK, NY 10004
ADDITIONAL CONTACTS	SHERELLE ISAACS

ESP

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Deutsche Bank offers ESP powered by GlobeTax, an electronic withholding tax submission system. This system allows for the secure and simplified transfer of beneficial owner level data from the Participant to Deutsche Bank and creates applicable documentation on the Participants behalf. Submit the data online through the web site below, print out the document on letterhead, sign, and mail to Deutsche Bank / GlobeTax.

These claims should be submitted through the following web site. (Requires a one-time registration)

<https://ESP.GlobeTax.com>

Please contact support@globetax.com at 212-747-9100 if you have any questions about this process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

WILL I RECEIVE A DECLARATION IN LIEU OF DIVIDEND NOTE (“DLD” or “CERT”) FOR MY ARTICLE 35 PENSIONS OR ARTICLE 36 CHARITIES?	NO , ALL DECLARATION IN LIEU OF DIVIDEND NOTES ARE MAINTAINED BY THE DEPOSITARY, TO BE RELEASED ONLY UPON WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE PARTICIPANT.
AM I REQUIRED TO FILE THROUGH ESP?	NO , YOU MAY SUBMIT A TRADITIONAL CLAIM THROUGH STANDARD MAIL IF YOU CANNOT SUBMIT CLIENT DATA THROUGH ESP. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST LOGGING IN TO ESP TO DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED WHEN PREPARING YOUR CLAIM, REGARDLESS OF YOUR ULTIMATE SUBMISSION METHOD.
IS THERE ANY CASE IN WHICH A U.S. RESIDENT 401(a), 401(K), 457(b), 403(b), IRA, ROTH IRA, EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN OR SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR TREATY BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 35 OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION?	YES , FOR INSTANCE, THESE ACCOUNT TYPES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR TREATY BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 35 OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR IF LESS THAN 70% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WITHDRAWALS FROM SUCH U.S. TRUST DURING THAT YEAR IS USED TO PROVIDE PENSION, RETIREMENT OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AS MEANT IN ARTICLE 35 OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TREATY.
WILL DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS ACCEPT CLAIMS FILED DIRECTLY TO THEM BY BENEFICIAL OWNERS?	DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS ONLY ACCEPTS CLAIMS FILED BY THE DTC PARTICIPANT WHO HELD THE SECURITIES THROUGH DTC AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT DTC HAS REPORTED THESE HOLDINGS TO US AS VALID.
IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF AUDIT BY THE LOCAL TAX AUTHORITY?	YES , THE DTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REGARDING SUBMITTED CLAIMS.

QUICK REFUND QUESTIONS

ONCE I SUBMIT A QUICK REFUND CLAIM VIA ESP, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO BE PAID?	WE ESTIMATE PAYMENT WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 8 TO 10 WEEKS OF PAY DATE.
WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS?	YES.

<p>DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS?</p>	<p>ARTICLE 35 U.S. PENSION & IRAS AND ARTICLE 36 U.S. CHARITABLE ENTITIES MUST ONLY PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP.</p> <p>NON-U.S. EXEMPT ENTITIES MUST PROVIDE A COVER LETTER, COR, TRUST DEED, ANNUAL ACCOUNT, AND/OR PENSION PLAN.</p> <p>NON-US ENTITIES CLAIMING THE FAVORABLE RATE MUST PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP AND THE COR.</p>
<p>DOES THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION PER BENEFICIAL OWNER REQUIREMENT?</p>	<p>ANY CLAIM FOR BENEFICIAL OWNERS HOLDING LESS THAN 5,000 ADRS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY HELD AND SUBSEQUENTLY FILED VIA THE TRADITIONAL LONG FORM PROCESS. THEY WILL NOT BE PAID VIA DTC.</p>
<p>IS THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS FREE OF CHARGE?</p>	<p>NO. THIS TAX RECLAIM ASSISTANCE SERVICE IS WHOLLY VOLUNTARY AND DISCRETIONARY. QUICK REFUND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED POST DEADLINE WILL BE REJECTED. FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE SERVICE OF UP TO \$0.01 PER ADR, AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, FEES OR EXPENSES PAYABLE BY OR DUE TO DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE TAX AUTHORITIES OR REGULATORS. FEES PAID TO DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS MAY BE SHARED WITH ITS AGENTS.</p>
<p>IS THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS FOR TAX RELIEF OFFERED BY DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AN OPTIONAL PROCESS?</p>	<p>YES, THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY, OPTIONAL SERVICE.</p>
<p>LONG FORM QUESTIONS</p>	
<p>HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR PAYMENT ON LONG FORM CLAIMS?</p>	<p>APPROXIMATELY 4-6 MONTHS.</p>
<p>WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE LONG FORM PROCESS?</p>	<p>NO, YOU WILL BE PAID BY CHECK.</p>
<p>DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS?</p>	<p>ARTICLE 35 U.S. PENSION & IRAS AND ARTICLE 36 U.S. CHARITABLE ENTITIES MUST ONLY PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP.</p> <p>NON-U.S. EXEMPT ENTITIES MUST PROVIDE A COVER LETTER, COR, TRUST DEED,</p>

	<p>ANNUAL ACCOUNT, AND/OR PENSION PLAN.</p> <p>NON-US ENTITIES CLAIMING THE FAVORABLE RATE MUST PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP AND THE COR.</p>
<p>DOES THE LONG FORM PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION REQUIREMENT PER BENEFICIAL OWNER? WHAT WILL THE FEE BE IF A BENEFICIAL OWNER'S CLAIM IS FOR LESS THAN \$50?</p>	<p>NO, ALL CLAIMS WILL BE PROCESSED THOUGH THERE IS A MINIMUM FEE OF \$25 PER BENEFICIAL OWNER. DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS WAIVES THE \$25 MINIMUM ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS IN FAVOR OF A SPLIT OF THE RECLAIMED FUNDS (50/50) FOR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER RECLAIMING LESS THAN \$50.</p>
<p>IS THE LONG FORM PROCESS FREE OF CHARGE?</p>	<p>NO. THIS TAX RECLAIM ASSISTANCE SERVICE IS WHOLLY VOLUNTARY AND DISCRETIONARY. FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE SERVICE OF UP TO \$0.01 PER ADR. RECLAIMS RECEIVED POST DEADLINE CANNOT BE ASSURED AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO A PER BENEFICIARY FEE AS WELL AS OTHER CHARGES, FEES OR EXPENSES PAYABLE BY OR DUE TO DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE TAX AUTHORITIES. IN ADDITION, CHARGES MAY APPLY TO ANY LONG FORM CLAIMS REJECTED OR NOT ACCEPTED BY THE TAX AUTHORITY. FEES PAID TO DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS MAY BE SHARED WITH ITS AGENTS.</p>
<p>IS THIS LONG FORM PROCESS FOR TAX RELIEF OFFERED BY DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AN OPTIONAL PROCESS?</p>	<p>YES, THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY, OPTIONAL SERVICE.</p>

FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

**Double click on respective icon to view attachment.*

APPENDIX A – COVER LETTER

***For Non-ESP users ONLY*



APPENDIX A
fillable.pdf

APPENDIX A – EXCEL BREAKDOWN

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Microsoft Excel
Worksheet