



Important Notice
The Depository Trust Company

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Date:	April 4, 2024
To:	All Participants
Category:	Tax Relief, Distributions
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	<u>Tax Relief</u> – Country: Switzerland <u>Security:</u> Swiss RE LTD <u>CUSIP:</u> 870886108 <u>Record Date:</u> 04/17/2024 <u>Payable Date:</u> 04/25/2024 <u>Quick Refund Deadline:</u> 05/02/2024 8:00 P.M. EST

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 GlobeTax 212-747-9100.

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SWISS issuer, **SWISS RE LTD**, has announced a cash dividend. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas acts as the sole depository bank for the company's American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") program.

Participants may use DTC's Corporate Actions Web ("CA Web") instructions tab to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to each applicable withholding tax rate. Use of this instruction method will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC. By making submissions of such certifications the submitter warrants that it has the required authority to make them, that the party for which the submission is made is eligible therefore, and will indemnify, as applicable, Globe Tax Services, Inc., the applicable depository, the applicable custodian, and other acting, directly or indirectly, in reliance thereon, including for any inaccuracy therein.

On ADR Pay Date, all holders will receive this dividend net of the full Swiss statutory withholding tax of 35%. Eligible holders reclaiming Swiss withholding tax will receive a second payment once the reclaim process (through "Quick Refund") is complete.

****NEW FOR 2024: DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNER ACCOUNT NUMBERS, UNIQUE PER LINE ITEM, IS NOW REQUIRED. EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE TRANSPARENT ENTITIES WHERE THE ACCOUNT NUMBER AT THE ENTITY LEVEL MAY BE PROVIDED. THE ACCOUNT NUMBER DISCLOSED ON ESP MUST MATCH EXACTLY HOW IT APPEARS ON THE BENEFICIAL OWNER'S CREDIT SLIP. FURTHER, A SCREENSHOT OF THE CREDIT SLIP MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE SWISS TAX AUTHORITY. FAILURE TO PROVIDE A CREDIT SLIP SCREENSHOT UPON REQUEST WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF A BROKER'S ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RAS/QR PROCESS. PLEASE READ FAQ AND REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.**

CLAIMS MAY POTENTIALLY BE AUDITED. THE SWISS FEDERAL TAX ADMINISTRATION MAY CHOOSE TO ASK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WITHIN 3 YEARS OF A DIVIDEND EVENT. BY FILING FOR A RECLAIM, YOU AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ANY REQUESTS MADE BY THE TAX AUTHORITY. REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: FULL OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE, TRANSACTION HISTORY INCLUDING BORROWING AND LENDING, AND CASH FLOW ANALYSIS OF ANY HEDGING TRANSACTIONS USING FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES.

PLEASE NOTE THE SFTA HAS CONFIRMED THAT IRAs WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO RECLAIM AT THE EXEMPT RATE DUE TO THE DETERMINATION THAT THE "FORM 6166 EXCLUDES BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 10 (3) OF THE SWISS-US DOUBLE TAX TREATY." ALL IRA CLAIMS MUST BE SUBMITTED UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL ENTITY TYPE AND RECLAIM AT THE FAVORABLE RATE.

IF THE BO HAS 32,550 ADRS OR MORE, PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DOCS. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS BASED ON AN APPROXIMATE RATE AND MAY CHANGE UPON ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHF RATE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SWISS FEDERAL TAX ADMINISTRATION HAS DEEMED THE USE OF A P.O. BOX AND/OR C/O ADDRESS NOT VALID FOR ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY IN THE UNITED STATES. NO REFUND CAN BE CLAIMED IF ONLY A P.O. BOX AND/OR C/O ADDRESS IS USED. THE SWISS FEDERAL TAX ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES VERIFY THE RESIDENCE OR REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESSES PROVIDED.

DIVIDEND EVENT MATRIX

ISSUE	CUSIP#	UNDERLYING ISIN	DR RECORD DATE	ORD PAY DATE	DR PAY DATE	RATIO (DR to ORD)	ORD RATE
SWISS RE LTD	870886108	CH0126881561	APRIL 17, 2024	APRIL 18, 2024	APRIL 25,2024	4 : 1	USD 6.8

FEES & DEADLINES

FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	SHARE MINIMUM	CUSTODIAL FEE	DSC FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE
QUICK REFUND	PAYMENT POST-DR PAY DATE	DTCC	NO MINIMUM	NO FEE	UP TO \$0.009375 PER ADR	\$0	MAY 2, 2024 8:00PM EST
LONG FORM	POST-CA WEB PROCESS; ONGOING	CHECK OR ACH	NO MINIMUM	NO FEE	UP TO \$0.0125 PER ADR	\$25.00	DECEMBER 1, 2027

INDEMNIFICATION

I / We certify that to the best of my knowledge the individual beneficial owners are eligible for the preferential rates as stated herein and I declare that I have performed all the necessary due diligence to satisfy myself as to the accuracy of the information submitted to me by these beneficial owners.

In consideration of the services provided by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas contemplated hereby and the assistance provided by the issuer of the shares underlying the ADRs (the "Issuer"), we agree to indemnify, defend, hold and save Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, the Issuer and their respective affiliates, and the respective directors, offices, agents and employees of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, the Issuer and each of their affiliates from and against any and all costs, damages or liabilities (including, without limitation, tax payments, interest charges, penalties or other costs assessed by relevant tax and administrative authorities, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel), and any of them, arising out of or relating to the information provided by the undersigned in, or in connection with, this document.

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

Note: All information related to eligibility and documentation requirements can be found on the [ESP](#) site by visiting the relevant event and viewing the Eligibility Matrix. If you need access to ESP, please complete the [New User Registration](#) form, and our team of market experts would be pleased to help you get set up.

For each Country's general Eligibility Matrix, please see ESP's [Reference Guide](#).

THE U.S LONG FORM PROCEDURE

AS OF PUBLISHING DATE, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE U.S. LONG FORM PROCESS AND THE AT SOURCE PROCESS ARE IDENTICAL WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT, IN THE LONG FORM PROCEDURE, THERE IS NO CA WEB ELECTION PERIOD AND REFUNDS WILL BE PAID TO DTC PARTICIPANTS VIA CHECK OR ACH.

AS DICTATED BY THE SWISS TAX AUTHORITIES, CLAIMS FOR U.S. RESIDENTS ARE FILED ANNUALLY IN A BATCH PROCESS. THE SCHEDULED BATCH FILING DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

POST PAYABLE REFUND U.S. BATCH #1: SEPTEMBER 2024
 POST PAYABLE REFUND U.S. BATCH #2: SEPTEMBER 2025
 POST PAYABLE REFUND U.S. BATCH #3: SEPTEMBER 2026
 POST PAYABLE REFUND U.S. BATCH #4: DECEMBER 2027

PLEASE SEND GLOBETAX ALL CLAIMS BY THE 1ST OF THE BATCH MONTH IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN PROCESSING.

ESP



Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas 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 GlobeTax and creates applicable documentation on the Participants' behalf.

Submit the data online through the web site below, print out the documents on letterhead, sign them, and mail them to GlobeTax, along with the necessary required documents.

These claims should be submitted through the following web site.

<https://ESP.GlobeTax.com>

Please contact us via the [ESP Service Desk](#) at 212-747-9100 if you have any questions about this process.

CONTACT DETAILS

DOMESTIC PHONE (U.S.)	1-800-876-0959
DOMESTIC FAX (U.S.)	1-866-888-1120
INTERNATIONAL PHONE	1-212-747-9100
INTERNATIONAL FAX	1-212-747-0029
GROUP EMAIL	SWITZERLANDESP@GLOBETAX.COM
COMPANY	GLOBETAX SERVICES INC.
STREET ADDRESS	ONE NEW YORK PLAZA - 34TH FLOOR
CITY/STATE/ZIP	NEW YORK, NY 10004

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What information does the beneficiary need to disclose in order to receive favorable tax treatment?	Name, address, country of residence, tax ID number, account number, and share position are required.
Is the beneficial owner required to submit a certificate of residence (Form 6166) to participate in the reclaim process?	Yes, if they are a pension, or if they are a corporation, charity, RIC, or transparent entity holding above a certain threshold (ADR share equivalent of a gross dividend of CHF 50,000 or more). See the Eligibility Matrix for more details.
Can non-U.S. holders be filed through the Relief at Source process?	No, all non-U.S. holders must be filed through the Long Form process. Non-U.S. holders must submit documentation that includes tax forms stamped by the tax authority of the beneficiary's country of residence, a certificate of dividend payment and cover letter. For more details, please see the Eligibility Matrix for more details.
What is the statute of limitations for filing Swiss reclaims?	It is at the end of the year, 3 years from the record date. Please see the Fees & Deadlines matrix for more details on when the submission deadlines are.

<p>What if a pension is looking to reclaim the full 35% refund, but cannot furnish an IRS Form 6166 during the Relief at Source process?</p>	<p>If the pension is holding an ADR share amount less than the threshold, they may file during the Relief at Source process for a 20% reclaim first. They may then file a secondary claim with a valid 6166, through the Long Form process, to recoup the remaining 15% refund. In order to acquire exemption, a 6166 must be provided, stating the pension's law of establishment as 401(a), 457(g), 403(b), 457(b) or 81-100. The 81-100 Attestation is required for 81-100 group trusts.</p>
<p>Why are account numbers being requested?</p>	<p>The SFTA reserves the right to request additional information to support your claim; this includes, but is not limited to, receiving confirmation that the payment was made to the beneficial owner's account which was provided during your ESP Submission.</p> <p>Any broker who does not comply with the request will be blocked from all future RAS/QR Filings.</p>
<p>Can I provide partial account numbers?</p>	<p>No, partial account numbers are not accepted. The SFTA requires the full account number of the beneficial owner. The account number provided on ESP must match exactly to the account provided on the credit slip</p>
<p>Will I be requested to provide credit slips for all of my clients?</p>	<p>No. It will be a small sample size but not less than one.</p>
<p>What is a credit slip?</p>	<p>A credit slip is a screenshot, or file, which validates the payment of the dividend into the beneficial owner's account.</p>

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