



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Depository Trust Company

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<b>Date:</b>	February 18, 2026
<b>To:</b>	All Participants
<b>Category:</b>	Tax Relief, Distributions
<b>From:</b>	International Services
<b>Attention:</b>	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
<b>Subject:</b>	<p><b><u>Tax Relief Country:</u></b> NORWAY</p> <p><b><u>Security:</u></b> EQUINOR ASA <b><u>CUSIP:</u></b> 29446M102</p> <p><b><u>Record Date:</u></b> 02/17/2026 <b><u>Payable Date:</u></b> 02/27/2026</p> <p><b><u>CA Web Instruction Deadline:</u></b> 02/19/2026 8:00 PM ET</p> <p><b><u>CA Web Quick Refund Deadline:</u></b> 03/13/2026 8:00 PM ET</p>

**\*\*\*Revised Important Notice\*\*\***

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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**EQUINOR ASA** has announced a cash dividend and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. acts as the Depository for the Depository Receipt ("DR") program.

A participant can use DTC's Corporate Actions Web ("CA Web") instructions tab to certify that all or a portion of his/her position is subject to the applicable withholding tax rate. Use of these instruction methods will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC. By making submissions of such certification, the submitter represents and warrants that it has the required authority to make; that the party for which the submission is made is eligible therefore, and that the submitter will indemnify, as applicable, Globe Tax Services, Inc., the relevant Depository custodian, and any other person acting, directly or indirectly, in reliance thereon, including for any loss, liability or expense which may arise in connection with any such representation and submission, including for any inaccuracy therein.

On ADR Pay Date, all eligible holders will have the opportunity to receive their full treaty benefits as outlined in the "Eligibility Matrix." Holders not certified at the favorable or exempt withholding rates through CA Web will receive the dividend net of the full Norwegian statutory withholding tax rate of 25.00000% with the possibility to reclaim through the quick refund or long form process.

**INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING 744 DRs OR MORE THROUGH RELIEF AT SOURCE/QUICK REFUND MUST PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (COR).**

**CORS MUST BE CERTIFIED FOR A TAX YEAR WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE YEAR OF ORD PAY DATE.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCANS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR ALL DOCUMENTS AND MAY BE SENT TO [NorwayESP@globetax.com](mailto:NorwayESP@globetax.com)**

### DIVIDEND EVENT MATRIX

ISSUE	CUSIP#	UNDERLYING ISIN	DR RECORD DATE	ORD PAY DATE	DR PAY DATE	RATIO (DR to ORD)	ORD RATE
EQUINOR ASA	29446M102	NO0010096985	Feb 17, 2026	Feb 27, 2026	Feb 27, 2026	1 : 1	USD 0.37000

### FEES & DEADLINES

FILING METHOD	PAYMENT METHOD	CUSTODIAL FEE (USD)	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE
RELIEF AT SOURCE	DTCC	N/A	UP TO \$ 0.00550 PER DR	N/A	<u>CA WEB / ESP ELECTION DEADLINE:</u> Feb 19, 2026 <u>ORIGINAL DOCUMENT DEADLINE:</u> Feb 19, 2026
QUICK REFUND	DTCC	N/A	UP TO \$ 0.00550 PER DR	N/A	<u>CA WEB / ESP ELECTION DEADLINE:</u> Mar 13, 2026 <u>ORIGINAL DOCUMENT DEADLINE:</u> Mar 13, 2026
LONG FORM	CHECK OR ACH	UP TO 240.00	UP TO \$ 0.01050 PER DR	\$ 125.00000	Oct 31, 2031 5:00 PM ET

**MINIMUM SHARE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO FILE A CLAIM**  
 (CLAIMS RECEIVED BELOW THE FILING MINIMUM WILL BE REJECTED)

FILING METHOD	WITHHOLDING RATE	RECLAIM RATE	MINIMUM # OF DRs REQUIRED TO FILE (BASED OFF AN APPROX. EXCHANGE RATE OF 1.000000 USD PER USD)
LONG FORM	0.00000%	25.00000%	2,703 DRs
LONG FORM	15.00000%	10.00000%	6,757 DRs

**Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification from Participants and Beneficial Owners**

The undersigned hereby indemnifies J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("J.P. Morgan"), and its affiliates, agents, directors or employees acting in their capacities as such (each an "Indemnified Party"), for any losses or liabilities suffered by an Indemnified Party on account of (i) a failure to secure a refund; or (ii) funds erroneously received by J.P. Morgan or the undersigned or their clients; or (iii) funds claimed as a refund by J.P. Morgan or the undersigned or their clients, including any tax charges, penalties, interests that is or becomes payable by an Indemnified Party in respect thereon, (iv) funds claimed by any statutory or government authority or administrative department or tax authority as charges, penalties, interests or otherwise in respect of a tax reclaim by the undersigned, and agree that such amounts shall be promptly remitted by the undersigned to J. P. Morgan on request. This indemnity shall survive any termination of the letter. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the above, J. P. Morgan shall be entitled to require a prompt remittance by the undersigned of any amounts claimed by any statutory or government authority or administrative department or tax authority as charges, penalties, interests or otherwise in respect of a tax reclaim by the undersigned. J.P. Morgan is not liable for failure to secure a refund or for any charges, penalties, interests or otherwise payable or paid in respect of a tax reclaim by the undersigned. Any funds erroneously claimed or received shall be immediately returned to J.P. Morgan, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties or charges in respect thereon. Nothing herein constitutes tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor prior to engaging our services.

**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 ESPs [Reference Guide](#).

# ESP



J.P. MORGAN CHASE 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 necessary required documents.

These claims should be submitted through the following website.

<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

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### AT SOURCE / QUICK REFUND

**How is the threshold determined for each Norwegian event?**

The threshold is based on an annual dividend distribution of NOK 10,000 per beneficial owner per security. However, if a Norwegian issuing company expects to pay more than one dividend a year, the equivalent share threshold will be divided by the number of events.

To convert the threshold to shares:

- If the local dividend pays in NOK the share threshold is determined based on the expected gross dividend.
- If the local dividend pays in USD, the gross dividend will be determined using the rate on DR announcement date posted by the Norwegian Central Bank.

**May Norwegian residents benefit from the favorable rate?**

**No.** Norwegian citizens and foreign citizens who are a tax resident of in Norway cannot benefit from quick refund.

**How do I know if I have proof of prior payment?**

Please contact [NorwayESP@GlobeTax.com](mailto:NorwayESP@GlobeTax.com) to determine if proof of payment is on file. Otherwise, pre-approval is required.

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### AT SOURCE / QUICK REFUND

<p>Why must charities, pensions, multi-owner trust funds, and similar entities elect at the unfavorable rate?</p>	<p>The NTA no longer recognizes these entities as “residents” under the U.S. – Norway Double Taxation Agreement. As a result, the Administration is rejecting any withholding tax reclaims filed for U.S. tax-exempt entities.</p> <p>Some investors disagree with the NTA’s interpretation and wish to continue submitting tax reclaims. GlobeTax will support these investors and continue to file tax reclaims for the impacted entities. However, all Depositary Service Charges and custodial fees (if applicable) must be paid upfront and are not contingent upon any particular outcome.</p>
<p>Is the Relief at Source/Quick Refund process free of charge?</p>	<p><b>No</b>, this tax reclaim assistance service is wholly voluntary and discretionary and outside the terms and conditions of any applicable deposit agreement. undertakes no duty or obligation to provide this service, and may reject or decline any or all proposed electing participants or holders in its sole discretion. Fees will be charged for this service of up to \$0.0055 per depositary receipt with no minimum, and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. or its agents, including the custodian or to tax authorities or regulators. Fees paid to may be shared with its agents and affiliates.</p>
<p>Are U.S. Investment Funds eligible for Relief at Source/Quick Refund?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b>, U.S. Investment Funds are eligible for Relief at Source/Quick Refund. A Pre-Approval letter is required for submission. This letter confirms the dividend recipient’s entitlement. Please refer to the “Documentation requirements for corporate shareholders” section of this <a href="#">link</a> for more information on the application process.</p>

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### LONG FORM

<p><b>Does the process have a minimum position requirement per beneficial owner?</b></p>	<p><b>No.</b> There is a minimum fee of \$125.00 per beneficial owner for standard Long Form claims which may be waived on an exceptional basis for clients reclaiming less than \$250.00. In such instances a fee of 50% of the reclaimed amount will be applied.</p>
<p><b>Is this process free of charge?</b></p>	<p><b>No.</b> This tax relief assistance service is wholly voluntary and discretionary and outside the terms and conditions of any applicable deposit agreement. J.P. MORGAN CHASE undertakes no duty or obligation to provide this service and may reject or decline any or all proposed electing participants or holders in its sole discretion. Fees will be charged for this service of up to \$0.0105 per DR with a \$125.00 minimum, and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to J.P. MORGAN CHASE or its agents, including the custodian or to tax authorities or regulators. Fees paid to J.P. MORGAN CHASE may be shared with its agents.</p>

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