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## 2 Abbreviations

AML Anti-Money Laundering

BR An FI branch

GIIN Global Intermediary Identification Number

EAG Expanded Affiliate Group FATF Financial Action Task Force

FATCA Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

FATCA ID Six-character code for creating account and logging into FATCA web portal

FFI Foreign Financial Institution

FI Financial Institution

FTIN Foreign TIN ( or functional equivalent)

**HMRC HM Revenue and Customs** IGA Intergovernmental Agreement IRD Inland Revenue Department IRS Internal Revenue Service (US) Know your client (customer) KYC LE Lead Financial Institution ME Member Financial Institution NFFE Non-Financial Foreign Entity

QI Qualified Intermediary

SB Sponsored Subsidiary's Branch

SD Sponsored Entity that is a Sponsored Direct Reporting NFFE

SF Sponsored Entity that is a Sponsored Fund

SL Single Financial Institution

SP Sponsoring Entity

SS Sponsored Entity that is a Sponsored Subsidiary

TIN Taxpayer Identification Number

U.S./US United States

USIRC United States Internal Revenue Code (territory FI)

WFP Withholding Foreign Partnership

WFT Withholding Foreign Trust

## 3 Glossary of Terms

#### With respect to FATCA

**Annuity contract** means a contract where the issuer agrees to make periodic payments for a specific period in relation to the life expectancy of an individual. This contract must also be regarded as an annuity under the laws, practices and regulations of the jurisdiction in which it was issued.

**Branch**- is a unit, office or business which forms part of a financial institution and is treated as a branch under regulations. A branch should be registered as a part of the financial institution and not as a separate entity. (The GIIN of such entity should have BR).

Cash Value Insurance Contract means an insurance contract (other than an indemnity insurance contract) that has a cash value greater than USD 50,000.

**Controlling Person** is a natural person who has control over an entity. This may be the settlor, trustee, protector or beneficiary of a trust. In accordance with **FATF Recommendation 10**, a controlling person should have at least 25% ownership in an entity.

Custodial Accounts contain financial instruments or contracts for investments held for the benefit of others. Such financial instruments include, but are not limited to, shares and stocks of corporations, notes, bonds, debentures, evidence of indebtedness, currency or commodity transactions, credit default swaps, swaps based on non-financial instruments, notional principal contracts, insurance contracts, annuity contracts, and options and derivatives. (Insurance contracts and annuities are not deemed as financial instruments for this purpose.)

**Custodial Institution-** any entity which derives at least 20% of its gross income from holding the financial assets, or performing related financial services, for other entities. The 20% of gross income is calculated using the shorter of: (i) the three-year period ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, or non-calendar year end, prior to the year the determination is being made or (ii) the lifespan of the entity.

**Deemed compliant FFIs** include small, limited scope financial institutions such as: financial institutions with local client base, local banks, financial institutions with only low value accounts, qualified credit card issuers, qualifying investment entities, trustee documented trusts, sponsored investment entities and controlled foreign corporations, sponsored closely held investment vehicles, investment advisors and investment managers, collective investment vehicles. (All of which must meet certain criteria. See Annex II, Section III of IGA).

**Depository Accounts** are maintained by financial institutions in the ordinary course of doing banking or similar business. Such accounts include (i) commercial, chequing, savings, time or thrift accounts (ii) accounts evidenced by a certificate of deposit, thrift certificate, insurance certificate and certificate of indebtedness or similar instruments. (iii) accounts held by an insurance company in relation to a guaranteed investment contract or similar agreement to pay to credit interests.

**Dormant Account/Inactive Accounts-** an account that is deemed a dormant or inactive accordance with all applicable laws or regulations, or the normal operating procedures of the participating financial institution. These stipulations must be consistently applied for all accounts maintained by this institution in a particular jurisdiction. If neither applicable laws or regulations nor the normal operating procedures of the participating financial institution address dormant or inactive accounts, an account will be treated as a dormant account if the account holder:

- a. Has not conducted transaction(s) with regard to any account held by the account holder with the financial institution in the past three (3) years; or
- b. Has not replied to queries from the financial institution with regard to any account held by the account holder with the financial institution in the past six (6) years.

#### An account ceases to be treated as dormant or inactive when the account holder—

- a. Executes a transaction(s) on any account held by the financial institution; or
- b. Replies to any query from the financial institutions regarding any of its accounts; or
- c. Ceases to be treated as a dormant or inactive account, under applicable laws or regulations of the participating financial institution's normal operating procedures.

**Depository Institution-** an entity that accepts deposits in the ordinary course of banking or similar businesses.

**Equity Interests** means capital or profit interests in a partnership; equity interests held by the settlor or beneficiary of a trust, or a natural person with effective control over a trust.

**Established Securities Market** means an exchange that is officially recognised and regulated by a government authority in the market where it is located. The annual value of shares traded in said market must be meaningful.

**Exempt beneficial owner**- includes a government entity (or integral parts, controlled entities or subdivisions of a government entity); a central bank; or an international organization wholly owned, or instrumentality thereof (comprising non U.S. governments, which has a headquarters agreement with Saint Lucia, (income of which does not accrue to private persons), broad participation retirement funds; narrow participation

retirement funds; pension funds of exempt beneficial owner; investment entity wholly owned by an exempt beneficial owner (all of which must meet certain criteria. See Annex II, Section I of IGA).

**Expanded Affiliate Group (EAG)** - one or more chain(s) of members connected through common ownership by a parent entity, if said common parent entity owns stocks or other equity of at least one of the group's members.

**FATCA ID** is used to create and access a financial institution's FATCA account. The FATCA ID is a 6-digit alpha numeric string. In the case of member entities, the FATCA ID has 12 characters, the first six of which mirror the lead entity's FATCA ID. **The FATCA ID is not the same as the GIIN.** 

**Financial Account** includes any maintained account (i) in which equity and debt interests is maintained in a financial institution solely because it is an Investment Entity (except interests which are regularly traded on established securities markets);or (ii) equity and debt interests held in a financial institution (except interests which are regularly traded on established securities markets) which generate US withholdable payments with respect to their assets, and any class of interests designed to avoid reporting; or (iii) any cash value insurance contract or annuity contract issued or maintained by a financial institution [other than a noninvestment linked, non-transferable, immediate life annuity pension or disability benefit] (IGA, Article 1).

(The definition above does not apply to accounts excluded in Annex II of the IGA.)

**Financial Institution** means a custodial institution, depository institution, an investment entity or a specified insurance company (See individual definitions provided in this Glossary of Terms).

**Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)** - is a unique 19 character, alphanumeric identifier issued to financial institutions. The GIIN is used for reporting and identification purposes <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/giin\_composition.pdf">https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/giin\_composition.pdf</a>.

**Insurance Contracts** means a contract where the issuer agrees to pay an amount upon the occurrence of a contingency involving death, accident, liability or property risk. (This does not include an annuity).

**Investment Entity-** an entity which conducts, or is managed by an entity which conducts, the following on behalf of customers: trading in money market instruments; portfolio management (individual or collective); investing, administering or managing funds or money.

**Lead Entity-** is a member of an expanded affiliate group (EAG) responsible for registering and filing for other members of the group. There can be more than one lead entity in a group.

**Member Entity-** is a member of an expanded affiliate group that is registered by a lead entity. The member entity obtains its GIIN and FATCA ID from the lead entity.

**NFFE** (Non-Financial Foreign Entity) - is a non-US entity, which is not a financial institution. These may be active, excepted or passive.

**NFFE (Active)-** For an entity to be deemed an active NFFE, less than 50% of the entity's gross income for the preceding calendar or normal reporting period should be derived from passive income and less than 50% of the assets held by the NFFE should produce passive income. (i) The stock of the NFFE is regularly traded. (ii) The NFFE is in a US territory and all the owners are bona fide residents of that US Territory. (iii) The NFFE is a government or subdivision of a government, (iv) Most of the activities of the NFFE consist of the holding of outstanding stock of, or provision of, financing services to subsidiaries that engage in trades or businesses other than the business of an FI. (v) The NFFE is not operating as yet. (vi) The NFFE was not a financial institution (FI) in the past 5 years and is liquidating assets or is reorganizing to change from being an FI. (Annex I, Section VI, subparagraph 4 of the IGA).

**NFFE Excepted** means the NFFE is excepted under US treasury regulations or (i) is established and operates for religious, charitable, scientific, artistic, cultural, athletic or educational purposes or is established and operated in its jurisdiction of residence as a professional organisation, business league, chamber of commerce, labour organisation, agricultural or horticultural organisation, civic league, or operates solely to promote social welfare or (ii) is exempt from income tax in its jurisdiction of residence; or (iii) has no shareholders or members or (iv) applicable laws or formation documents do not allow income from assets to accrue to individuals or (v) applicable laws or formation documents require that all assets be distributed to a government entity or not for profit organisation upon liquidation or dissolution.

**NFFE (Passive)** - is an NFFE, which is not an active NFFE, a withholding foreign partnership or a withholding foreign trust. In general, passive NFFEs would be required to report substantial US owners or US controlling persons to their Financial Institution(s).

Regularly traded means that there is a meaningful volume of trading, on an ongoing basis.

**Passive Income**-includes dividends, interest, rents, royalties, annuities, and certain other forms of indirect income.

**Qualified Intermediary** means an entity which has entered into a qualified intermediary agreement with the IRS.

**Single Entity**-is an FI which does not have any member FIs. Such an entity can register for FATCA on behalf of itself and its branches.

**Specified Insurance Company**-is an insurance company, or holding company of an insurance company, that issues or makes payments related to Cash Value Insurance Contracts or Annuity Contracts. Cash Value does not include reinsurance contracts between insurance companies.

Specified U.S. Person- is a US person except (i) a corporation with regularly traded stock (ii) a member of an expanded affiliate group as described in 1471 (e) (2) of US Internal Revenue Code [USIRC] (iii) the US or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality thereof (iv) any state of the US or US territory, or political subdivision thereof or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing (v) any tax exempt organisation under 501(a) of USIRC or individual retirement plan under 7701 (a) (37) of USIRC (vi) any bank defined under 581 of USIRC, (vii) any real estate investment trust defined under 856 of USIRC, (viii) any regulated investment company defined under 851 of USIRC or any entity registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (Investment Company Act of 1940), (ix) any common trust fund as defined in 584(a) of USIRC (x) any trust that is tax exempt under 664 (c) of USIRC or that is described in section 4947 (a)(1) of USIRC (xi) a dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including options, contracts, futures, forwards) duly registered under US laws, (xii) a broker as defined in section 6045(c) of USIRC or (xiii) any tax exempt trust under a plan described in 403(b) or section 457(g) of USIRC. (See Agreement, Article 1)

**Sponsoring Entity**- represents one or more entities on the FATCA interface ,oversees registration and filing, conducts due diligence, withholding and reporting for these entities. (A trustee of a trustee documented trust should register as a sponsoring entity if it will be fulfilling the responsibilities above.)

**Sponsored Entity-** is represented by a sponsoring entity. Sponsored entities cannot log into the system but will obtain a GIIN from the sponsoring entity.

**Substantial owner**- means any specified U.S. person who (i) owns more than 10 percent of the stock of a corporation (whether directly or indirectly) (by vote or value), (ii) owns more than 10 percent of the profits, interests or capital interests in a partnership, and (iii) (I) is treated as an owner of any portion of a trust under subpart E of part I of subchapter J of chapter 1, and (II) to the extent provided in regulations or other guidance, holds, directly or indirectly, more than 10 percent of the beneficial interests of a trust. (See USIRC 1473 (2))

**Trustee Documented Trust** means a trust that is a financial institution where the trustee of said trust is a reporting financial institution and reports all the information required with respect of the reportable accounts of the trust. (HMRC Guidance Notes 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015)

#### U.S. Indicia include:

- Identification of the Account Holder as a US Citizen or lawful permanent resident (green card holder)
- > Unambiguous indication of U.S. place of birth (U.S. of U.S. Territory)
- Current U.S. mailing or residence address (including U.S. post box)
- > Current U.S telephone numbers
- > Standing instructions to transfer funds to an account maintained in the U.S
- Person with U.S. address has effective power of attorney or signatory authority
- An 'in care of' or 'hold mail' US address that is the only address on file. Except if the address is for a pre-existing lower value account.

**U.S. Person** means a US citizen or resident individual, a partnership or corporation organised under the laws of the US or any US state, a trust (i) if a US court has authority to render orders and judgements concerning substantially all issues related to its substantial decisions, ii) one or more US persons have authority over substantial decisions in the trust.

**U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number-** this number can take three forms. 1. A Social Security Number (SSN) which is issued to individuals and takes the form XXX-XXXXX. 2. An Employer Identification Number (EIN), which is issued to individuals or entities and takes the form XX-XXXXXXX. 3. An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) which is issued to individuals who are required to have a U.S. taxpayer identification number but who are not eligible to obtain an SSN and takes the format XX-XXXXXXXX.

The U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number may be found on several documents, including tax returns and forms filed with the IRS, and on the social security card issued by the Social Security Administration.

Withholding foreign partner means a foreign partnership that has entered into a withholding agreement with the IRS.

Withholding foreign trust means a foreign trust, which has entered into a withholding agreement with the IRS.

# 4 FATCA FACT SHEET

The Table below summarises important FATCA information that entities may require

IRD FATCA Portal	https://aeoi.govt.lc
FATCA Due Date	30 <sup>th</sup> June of every year.
Register with the IRS	https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/fatca-foreign-financial-institution-registration-system
IRS Schema	https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/fatca-xml-schemas-and-business-rules-for- form-8966
FATCA Legislation and IGA	http://irdstlucia.gov.lc/index.php/eoi/fatca
Email Queries to	aeoisupport@ird.gov.lc

#### 5 Introduction

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) was enacted by the United States (US) in 2010 and compels certain foreign financial institutions (FFIs) and non-financial entities (NFFEs) to report on applicable financial accounts held by US citizens or by foreign entities in which a specified US person is a controlling person (or holds substantial ownership). This legislation ultimately aims to stop tax evasion and to improve income tax compliance. On November 19th, 2015, Saint Lucia signed a model 1A (reciprocal) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the US with respect to FATCA.

FATCA provides for the automatic withholding of thirty percent (30%) of all payments due from US source income, including the gross proceeds of certain sales, which generate US Source income, to non-compliant FFIs and NFFEs. Every payer to such non-compliant entities is required to report or withhold payments associated with the payments listed in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 Withholdable Payments** 

Interests (including original issue discount)	Dividends
Annuities	Profits and Income
Salaries and wages	Compensation
Remuneration	Rents
Emoluments	Sale or disposition of property that can produce
	dividends and interest.
Sale of stock (on gross proceeds even when there is	Any other fixed or periodical gains, profit or income
no gain)	which stems from sources within the US.
Premiums	

To avoid the automatic withholding penalty, FFIs and NFFEs must provide information on their applicable US account holders. In model 1A jurisdictions, like Saint Lucia, submissions are made through the Competent Authority and FATCA requirements are legislated. Compliant financial institutions are expected to:

- Collect relevant information on all account holders (to identify US indicia);
- Comply with verification and due diligence procedures;
- Report on relevant US accounts;
- Comply with reporting requests.
- Renew FATCA certification as required.

Notwithstanding the above, some categories of FFIs are exempted from FATCA requirements. These include:

- Most government entities;
- Most non-profit organisations;
- Certain small, local financial firms;
- Certain retirement entities.

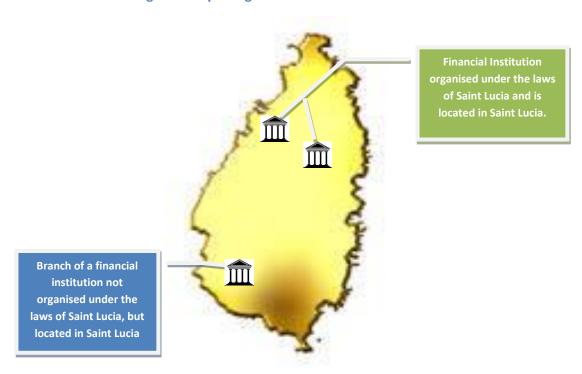
Due diligence rules and reporting requirements, for FATCA, are contained in the IGA. The onus is on financial institutions to ensure that the anti-money laundering (AML) and know your client (KYC) procedures, implemented by the institution, obtain the relevant information to meet these requirements.

In the event that submitted information is deemed incorrect, the reporting financial institutions will be given the opportunity to make the necessary corrections and to resubmit. Notwithstanding, every effort should be made to provide complete and accurate information. Also, all returns must be submitted **on time** to avoid withholding and administrative penalties.

The Minister for Finance is the Competent Authority in Saint Lucia, and this function has been delegated to the Comptroller of Inland Revenue. As such, the IRD is responsible for gathering and disseminating information to with relevant partner jurisdictions; such as the United States for FATCA . IRD will serve as a bridge between the US and reporting Saint Lucia financial institutions and will administer all legislation enabling FATCA. These guidelines highlight some of the issues pertinent to FATCA reporting in Saint Lucia and must be used in conjunction with the FATCA IGA (including the Annexes), IRS guidelines, the relevant laws of Saint Lucia, and any other documents distributed by the IRD and IRS with respect to FATCA.

#### **6** Saint Lucia Financial Institutions

A Saint Lucia Financial Institution is generally any financial institution organised under the laws of Saint Lucia. This definition however excludes the branch of any such financial institution located outside Saint Lucia but includes the branches of a financial institution not organised under the laws of Saint Lucia, but located in Saint Lucia. Diagram 1 below illustrates which entities are deemed Saint Lucia financial institutions.



**Diagram 1 Reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institutions** 

Financial institutions and their branches in Saint Lucia, organised under the laws of Saint Lucia and the branches of financial institutions, organised outside of Saint Lucia, but operating in Saint Lucia are Saint Lucia financial institutions.

#### 6.1 What Entities Should Register with the IRS?

Before signing on with the IRS or onto the Inland Revenue Department's FATCA Portal, financial institutions must first determine if FATCA registration is required. In general, any financial institution or non-financial entity which is not exempted under Annex II of the IGA, should register and report for FATCA. Such entities will report on the relevant financial accounts as stipulated in the IGA. Financial Institutions include depository institutions, custodial institutions, investment entities and specified insurance companies. Excluded financial accounts held by these entities, however, do not need to be reported.

#### 6.2 What Entities are not Required to Register with the IRS?

#### 6.2.1 **Deemed Compliant Small or Limited Scope Financial Institutions**

In accordance with Annex II Section III of the IGA, the following are not required to register for FATCA.

#### 6.2.1.1 A Financial Institution with a Local Client Base

An exempt financial institution with a local client base which:

- Is licensed and regulated as a financial institution under the laws of Saint Lucia.
- Has no fixed place of business outside of Saint Lucia. (If outside the jurisdiction, this place must not be advertised and must be used for support services only.)
- Does not solicit clients from overseas (outside Saint Lucia) especially from the United States, through
  the use of websites, print and radio media (advertising must remain primarily within Saint Lucia). Such
  media must not advertise that these financial accounts can be opened by non-residents and must not
  specifically target US customers or account holders.
- Is required by Saint Lucia's laws to identify resident account holders for information reporting or withholding of tax, or for purposes of satisfying Saint Lucia's AML due diligence requirements.
- Has at least 98% of financial accounts by value, must be held by residents of Saint Lucia.
- Must have policies in place to prevent the institution from opening financial accounts to; nonparticipating financial institutions, a specified US person(s) who is not resident in Saint Lucia; or any

passive non-financial foreign entity with controlling US residents or US citizens not resident in Saint Lucia. If an account as described above exists, the financial institution would need to either report such account with respect to FATCA or close it to remain compliant.

- Reviews all pre-existing accounts with US Indicia using procedures in Annex I or close such accounts.
- Has related entities which are financial institutions, and which are incorporated or organised in Saint Lucia (with the exception of retirement funds).
- Does not have policies and procedures which discriminate against opening or maintaining financial accounts for specified US persons who are residents of Saint Lucia.

#### 6.2.1.2 A Local Bank

A local bank which meets the criteria, stipulated below, is deemed compliant.

#### The local bank:

- Operates solely as a small bank or credit union or similar cooperative credit society that is operated without profit.
- Mainly receives deposits and issues loans to unrelated retail customers/members. In the case of a credit union or cooperative, no member should have more that 5% interest in the entity.
- Does not solicit clients from overseas (outside Saint Lucia) especially from the United States, through
  the use of websites, print and radio media (mainly within Saint Lucia). Such media must not advertise
  that these financial accounts can be opened by non-residents and does not specifically target US
  customers or account holders.
- Does not have assets in excess of USD 175 million on its balance sheet and the institution and its related entities do not have assets in excess of USD 500 million on their consolidated balance sheet.
- Has related entities which are incorporated or organized in Saint Lucia. Such related entities must meet certain criteria.

#### 6.2.1.3 A Saint Lucia Financial Institution with only Low Value Accounts

A Saint Lucia financial institution with only low value accounts is deemed compliant if it:

- Is not an investment entity.
- Does not maintain any account which has values in excess of USD 50,000 (including in aggregate as set out in Annex I)
- Does not have more that USD 50 million in assets on its balance sheet and the financial institution and
  its related entities do not have assets in excess of USD 50 million in aggregate on their consolidated or
  combined balance sheets.

#### 6.2.1.4 Investment Advisors or Investment Managers

Investment advisors or managers established in Saint Lucia which exist solely to give investment advice and manage portfolios on behalf of clients are deemed compliant. The assets must be in client's name and must be associated with a Financial Institution other than a nonparticipating financial institution.

#### 6.2.1.5 Collective Investment Vehicle

Collective investment vehicles are deemed compliant if they are established in Saint Lucia are regulated as collective investment vehicles and have interests which are held by one or more exempt beneficial owner, or active non-financial entity, or persons that are not specified US persons or financial institutions that are participating (Not non-participating).

#### 6.2.1.6 Saint Lucia Qualified Credit Card Issuer

A Saint Lucia Qualified Credit Card Issuer is deemed compliant if the entity:

- Is a financial institution established solely to issue credit cards. This financial institution only accepts deposits in the form of prepayments, and overpayments are not returned.
- Implements policies and procedures to prevent customer deposits in excess of USD 50,000 and refunds deposits in excess of this amount within 60 days. In addition. The institution must use the currency aggregation and conversion rules set out in Annex I of the IGA.

# 6.2.2 Investment Entities That Qualify as Deemed Compliant Foreign Financial Institutions and Other Special Rules

Please review Annex II Section IV of the IGA for further details on the entities listed below.

#### 6.2.2.1 A Trustee Documented Trust

If a US financial institution reports on behalf of the trust, then the entity is deemed compliant.

#### 6.2.2.2 Sponsored Investment Entity

A sponsored investment entity established in Saint Lucia, is deemed compliant, provided that the entity is not a qualified intermediary, withholding foreign partnership or withholding foreign trust or the entity has agreed to be a sponsoring entity for a financial institution.

#### 6.2.2.3 A Sponsored Controlled Foreign Corporation

A sponsored controlled foreign corporation organised under the Laws of Saint Lucia, which is not a qualified intermediary, withholding foreign partnership or withholding foreign trust; the financial institution is wholly owned directly or indirectly by a reporting US financial institution that agrees to act, or requires an affiliate of

the financial institution to act, as a sponsoring entity. Provided that the entity shares the same electronic accounting system as the sponsoring entity which can in turn access all account and customer information maintained by the financial institution.

In addition, the sponsoring entity must:

- Be authorised to act on behalf of the financial institution with respect to FATCA.
- Register as a sponsoring entity for FATCA.
- Have registered the entity for FATCA by December 31st, 2015, if US reportable accounts are identified.
- Agree to perform all due diligence on behalf of the entity as if it were a reporting Saint Lucia financial institution.
- Identify the financial institution and include the identifying number of the financial institution in all reporting completed on the financial institution's behalf.
- Have a sponsor status which is intact (that is not revoked).

#### 6.2.2.4 Sponsored Closely Held Investment Vehicle

A sponsored closely held investment vehicle is deemed compliant provided that the following requirements are met. The financial institution:

- Is solely an investment entity.
- Has a sponsoring entity which is a reporting US entity, reporting foreign financial institution or
  participating financial institution, which performs all due diligence of behalf of the entity as if it were
  a reporting Saint Lucia financial institution.
- Does not serve as an investment vehicle for unrelated parties.
- Has debt and equity interests which are held by twenty individuals or less.

The sponsoring entity should:

- Register the entity for FATCA.
- Agree to perform all due diligence on behalf of the entity as if it were a reporting Saint Lucia financial institution for a period of six (6) years.
- Identify the financial institution in all reports done on its behalf.
- Have a sponsor status which is intact (not revoked).

#### 6.2.3 Exempt Beneficial Owners

#### Annex II Section I of the IGA

#### 6.2.3.1 Government entities

The government or any integral part thereof, controlled entity or political subdivision of the government, or any wholly owned agency of Saint Lucia is exempt from FATCA filing obligations.

An integral part being: any person, organisation, agency, bureau or fund, instrumentality or other body that forms part of the government. The net earnings should be credited to the government account and no portion of such earnings should accrue to private individuals. Persons acting in individual capacities are not deemed integral parts. Based on this definition the government treasury is not required to report.

A controlled entity: is separate from the government but is wholly owned or controlled by one or more governmental entities, or through other government-controlled entities. The net earnings of the entity should be credited to its own account and not go to private individuals. The assets of the entity must be vested in one or more government entities upon dissolution. (The National Conservation Authority is one such entity).

If private individuals are beneficiaries of the income, through social programmes, this is not deemed as income to private individuals as implied above. The programmes associated with these must be available to the general public for the common welfare of individuals or must be related to the administration of some phase of government.

#### 6.2.3.2 International organizations

Any international organization or wholly owned agency or instrumentality of such an organization which is made up of mainly non-US governments and has a headquarters agreement with Saint Lucia. The income of such an international organization must not go to private individuals.

#### 6.2.3.3 Central Bank

A central bank which is the principal authority circulating currency within a jurisdiction is exempt from FATCA obligations.

# 6.2.4 Funds which qualify as Non-Reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institutions and Exempt Beneficial Owners

Annex II Section II of the IGA.

#### 6.2.4.1 Broad Participation Retirement Fund

A broad participation retirement fund established in Saint Lucia to provide retirement, disability and death benefits to current or former employees, or their designates, for previous services rendered is a non-reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institution and an exempt beneficial owner. The fund must not have a single beneficiary with rights to more than 5% of its assets and must be regulated by the government. The fund must also meet at least one of the following:

- Must be generally exempt from tax on investment income under the Laws of Saint Lucia.
- At least 50% of funds should be received from sponsoring employers.
- Distribution or withdrawals must only be allowed under certain conditions.
- Contributions by employees must be limited to income earned by these employees and may not exceed USD 50,000 annually.

(For example, the National Insurance Corporation pension fund)

#### 6.2.4.2 Narrow Participation Retirement Fund

A narrow participation retirement fund is similar to the broad participation fund except that this fund will have less than 50 participants. These retirement funds also qualify as Non reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institutions and as exempt beneficial owners. The funds must not be sponsored by one or more employers that are investment entities or passive NFFEs. In addition, participants who are not Saint Lucian residents are not entitled to more than 20% of the assets of such a fund.

#### 6.2.4.3 Pension Fund of an Exempt Beneficial Owner

The pension fund of an exempt beneficial owner is a fund established by the government to provide retirement, disability and death benefits to current or former employees in consideration of services performed. The pension fund of an exempt beneficial owner is a Non-Reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institution.

#### 6.2.4.4 Investment Entity Wholly Owned by Exempt Beneficial Owner

An investment entity wholly owned by an exempt beneficial owner is an investment entity where the direct holders of debt or equity are exempt beneficial owners. Such an entity also qualifies as a Non-Reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institution.

## 6.3 What types of accounts are non-reportable?

#### 6.3.1 Accounts Excluded from the Definition of Financial Accounts

#### Please see Annex II Section V.

#### 6.3.1.1 Retirement and Pension Accounts

Such accounts must be maintained in Saint Lucia: must be regulated; must be tax favoured; must be reported annually to the tax authority; withdrawals must be conditional and annual contributions must be limited to USD 50,000 or less; or the maximum lifetime contribution should not exceed USD 1,000,000.

#### 6.3.1.2 Non-Retirement Savings Account

Non-retirement savings accounts are accounts, other than an insurance or annuity contract, which:

- Are subject to regulation as a savings vehicle but not in relation to retirement;
- Are tax favoured;
- Have conditional withdrawals;
- Have annual contributions which are limited to USD 50,000 or less.

#### 6.3.1.3 Certain Term Life Insurance Contracts

These must be maintained in Saint Lucia with coverage that ends before the policy holder(s) turn(s) 90 years provided that: the contracts have set periodic premiums; are payable annually; have no value which can be accessed without terminating the contract; the amount payable (other than in relation to death) on cancellation or termination cannot exceed the aggregate premiums paid less mortality, morbidity fees and expense charges (whether or not imposed) for the period the contract exists; it is not held by a transferee for value.

#### 6.3.1.4 Account Held by Estate

These accounts must be maintained in Saint Lucia and held solely by estate if available documentation includes the will or death certificate of the deceased.

#### 6.3.1.5 Escrow Accounts

These accounts must be maintained in Saint Lucia and be established in connection with:

- (i) a court order or judgement; or
- (ii) a sale, lease or exchange of real personal property which:
  - Is funded solely by a down payment, earnest money and deposit in an account or is funded by a financial asset.
  - Is established to secure the purchase of property, to pay a contingent liability or for the lessor or lessee to pay for damages.
  - Has assets including the income earned which will be paid or distributed for benefit of the purchaser, seller, lessor or lessee.
  - Is not a margin or similar account established in connection with the sale or exchange of financial assets (when sold, exchanged or surrendered or the lease terminates).
  - Is not related to a credit card account.

(iii) a financial institution which is obligated to service a loan secured by real property to set aside a portion of payments to facilitate the payment of taxes or insurance.

(iv) a financial institution, which is obligated solely to facilitate the payment of taxes at a future date.

#### 6.3.1.6 Partner Jurisdiction Accounts

An account maintained in Saint Lucia is excluded from the definition of financial account under an agreement between the US and another partner jurisdiction, in relation to FATCA, provided that the financial institution is subject to requirements and oversight in that partner jurisdiction and is maintained by the partner jurisdiction financial institution, as if it were located in the jurisdiction.

#### 6.4 Registered in Error/Cancellation of Registration

In accordance with Annex II of the Intergovernmental Agreement, certain entities are not required to register or report with respect to FATCA. In the event that such an institution has already obtained a GIIN there are certain steps which may be taken for the entity to cancel this arrangement.

The entity should write to the Comptroller of Inland Revenue/Competent Authority (Delegate) indicating why the initial registration is now deemed invalid. The letter should cite the provisions of Annex II which have been satisfied by the entity and which warrant the cancellation.

Upon review of the information, the Comptroller will either give the go ahead for the entity to cancel registration or conversely ask the entity to remain registered and to continue to report. If an entity is required to cancel registration, the steps on pages 71 to 77 of IRS Publication 5118 <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5118.pdf">https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5118.pdf</a> should be followed.

The steps above should also be employed if changes in an entity's circumstances render the initial registration null and void.

#### 7 What Should Be Reported

#### 7.1 Types of Financial Accounts

Financial institutions should report on **US Reportable Accounts** in accordance with the IGA. A US reportable account is a financial account maintained by a reporting Saint Lucia financial institution which meets FATCA reporting requirements. Financial Institutions should report on equity and debt interests, insurance contracts and annuity contracts.

## 7.2 Due Diligence Procedures

A reporting financial institution must never rely on information that is perceived to be incorrect or unreliable.

#### 7.2.1 Pre-existing Individual Accounts not required to be Reviewed, Identified or Reported

Table 2 below, highlights the category of pre-existing accounts, which will not be deemed as reportable with respect to FATCA. This exclusion is based mainly on account balance.

Table 2 Pre-existing Individual Accounts not required for reviewing, identification or reporting

- 1. Balance or value was under USD 50,000 as of June 30th, 2014.
- 2. Cash value insurance contract or annuity contract had a balance of USD 250,000 or less as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 3. Laws of Saint Lucia prevent the sale of a pre-existing cash value insurance or annuity contract to US residents.
- 4. Depository Account has a balance of USD 50,000 or less.

#### 7.2.2 Lower Value Pre-existing Individual Accounts

Table 3 below shows the steps required for conducting due diligence on pre-existing lower value accounts.

#### **Table 3 Review Procedures for Pre-existing Individual Lower Value Accounts**

- 1. Electronic record search for US Indicia (see Annex I, Section II, subparagraph B (1) of IGA)
- 2. If no US Indicia is found, then no further action is required until US indicia is otherwise associated with the account.
- 3. If US Indicia is found, or if US Indicia is eventually associated with an account, it becomes reportable unless the circumstances listed below exist (see Annex I, Section II, subparagraph B (4) of IGA)
- 4. Account is not reportable (see Annex I, Section II, subparagraph B (4) of IGA):

#### For persons born in the US:

- Self-certification indicates that the individual is not a US citizen or tax resident (W-8 or other IRS forms);
- Non-US passport or other documents of non US citizenship are produced; and
- > Certificate of lost nationality is produced, or reasonable explanation is given.

#### For account holder with US mailing or resident address, or telephone numbers:

- > Self-certification indicates that individual is not a US citizen or tax resident (W-8 or other IRS forms); and
- > Documentary evidence produced shows non-US status (also See Annex I, Section VI paragraph D of IGA).

#### For account with standing instructions to transfer funds:

- > Self-certification indicates that individual is not a US citizen or tax resident (W-8 or other IRS forms): and
- > Documentary evidence produced shows non-US status (also see Annex I, Section VI paragraph D of the IGA).

#### For account with power of attorney or US signatory:

- Self-certification indicates that individual is not a US citizen or tax resident (W-8 or other IRS forms); and
- Documentary evidence produced shows non-US status (also see Annex I, Section VI paragraph D of IGA).

(Balance or value over USD 50,000 or cash value insurance contract or annuity contract over USD 250,000 as of June 2014. **Does not exceed USD 1,000,000**)

The review discussed in Table 3 should have been completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Except in the case of a depository account with a value under USD 50,000, all pre-existing individual accounts which have been identified as reportable shall continue to be treated as such, unless the account holder ceases to be a US specified person. Table 4 below provides the due diligence steps for pre-existing high value accounts.

#### Table 4 Pre-existing Individual High Value Accounts

- 1. Conduct an electronic record search for US Indicia (Annex I, Section II subparagraph B (1))
- 2. Paper Record Search. This includes the most recent documentary evidence collected for the account, most recent opening contract or documentation, most recent AML/KYC documentation, power of attorney or signatory information, standing instructions.

  Only required if electronic search does not have the following (See Annex I, Section II, subparagraph D (3) of IGA):

The account holder's:

- Nationality or residency information
- Residence Address and mailing address
- > Telephone number
- > Standing instructions for transfer
- In care of or hold mail address
- Power of attorney or signatory
- 3. Relationship manager provides actual information on account holder.
- 4. If no US Indicia is found then, no further action is required until US indicia is otherwise associated with the account
- 5. If US Indicia is found, or if US Indicia is eventually associated with an account, it becomes reportable unless circumstances listed below exist. (See Annex I subparagraph A (4) and B (4) of the IGA or table 2, above)
- 6. Additional procedures for applicable High Value accounts can be found in section E of Annex 1

(Balance or Value exceeds USD 1,000,000 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, or December 31<sup>st</sup> of any subsequent year)

Please note that if pre-existing accounts have been documented for other purposes, such as fulfilling obligations under Chapter 61 of Title 26 US code, or to meet requirements as QI, WFP or WFT, then the procedures in Annex I Section II B (1) of the IGA are not required for lower value accounts and those in Annex I Section II) D (1) to D (3) of the IGA are not required for higher value accounts.

#### 7.2.3 New Individual Accounts (opened after July 1st, 2014)

Certain new lower value accounts do not need to be reported. Depository accounts and cash value insurance and annuity contracts with values lower than USD 50,000 fall into this category (See Annex I, Section III, subparagraph A of the IGA). However, self-certification must be obtained for new individual accounts upon their opening or within 90 days after the end of the calendar year in which said status is no longer applicable. Self-certification must include a US TIN.

If a financial institution obtains information to indicate that the circumstances surrounding the original selfcertification have changed, or that the information previously provided is incorrect, a replacement selfcertification must be requested. If this is not obtained, the account must be treated as a reportable account.

#### 7.2.4 Pre-existing Entity Accounts not required for Reviewing, Identifying or Reporting

Pre-existing entity accounts with values which do not exceed USD 250,000 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>2014 do not need to be reviewed, identified or reported, until the value of such accounts exceeds USD 1,000,000. Notwithstanding the above, please review aggregation rules.

#### 7.2.5 **Pre-existing Entity Accounts**

If pre-existing entity accounts have a balance which exceeds USD 250,000 as of June 30th, 2014, or USD 1,000,000 as of the end of 2015, or any subsequent calendar year, such accounts must be reviewed. Only accounts that are held by one or more specified US person or by passive NFFEs in which one or more US citizen is a controlling person shall be deemed reportable. Aggregate payments to non-participating financial institutions will also be deemed reportable.

Table 5 below summarises the review procedures for pre-existing entity accounts.

#### Table 5 Review Procedures for Pre-existing Entity Accounts

- 1. Determine if the Entity is a US specified Person
  - Review information maintained for regulatory or customer relationship purposes.
  - If account holder is a specified US person, treat as reportable unless proven otherwise.
- 2. Determine if the Non-US entity is a Financial Institution
  - > Review information maintained for regulatory customer relationship purposes.
  - > If account holder is an FI with a GIIN, account is not reportable.
- 3. Determine if financial institution is non-participating FI
  - If it is a participating FI, then no need for review.
  - ➤ If it is a non-participating FI, then the account is not reportable but payments to the account holder must be reported (Agreement, Article 4, subparagraph 1(b) of the IGA).
- 4. Determine if the account held by an NFFE is a US Reportable Account
  - ➤ Use procedures in Annex I, Section IV D (4) (Use self-certification or AML/KYC checks)
  - If any controlling person of a passive NFFE is a US citizen or resident the account is a US reportable account

The review of pre-existing entity accounts with balances that exceed USD 250,000 as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 should have been completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Review of pre-existing entity accounts with balances that did not exceed USD 250,000 as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, but exceeded USD 1,000,000 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, should have been completed within 6 months of the last day of the calendar year in which the balance exceeded said amount.

# 7.2.6 New Entity Accounts (opened on or after July 1st 2014) not required to be reviewed, identified or reported

Credit card accounts or revolving credit facility do not need to be reviewed, identified or reported if the FI maintaining these accounts implements policies and procedures that prevent the account balance owed from exceeding USD 50,000.

#### 7.2.7 Other New Entity Accounts

If an account is not a non-reportable account, the financial institution must determine if the account holder is (i) a specified US person, (ii) a financial institution (iii) a participating FFI, deemed compliant FFI or exempt beneficial owner (iv) or an NFFE. The status may be determined based on the account holder's GIIN or other publicly available information. If the financial institution is treated as non-participating, then it is not reportable, but payments made with respect to such entity must be disclosed. (Agreement, Article 4, subparagraph 1(b)).

In all other cases, financial institutions must obtain self-certification from the account holder. The treatment of each type of entity account, based on account holder is presented in Table 6 below.

#### Table 6 Treatment of Account

- 1. If the account holder is a US specified Person, then treat the account as reportable.
- 2. If the account holder is a Passive NFFE
  - ldentify controlling persons and determine status of these persons.
  - ➤ If account holder is a US citizen or resident, then account is reportable.
- 3. If account holder is not a US specified person, or is a participating Saint Lucia financial institution, or is a participating jurisdiction FFI, or is a deemed compliant FFI, or an exempt beneficial owner, or is an NFFE with no US controlling citizen or resident
  - > The account is not reportable.
- 4. If the account holder is a non-participating financial institution
  - Account is not a US reportable account but payments to the account must be reported.

# 7.3 Special Rules

# 7.3.1 **Aggregation Rules**

Table 7 below describes the special aggregation requirements for financial accounts.

Table 7 Account Balance Aggregation

Type of Account	Aggregation Rule
Individual Accounts	Aggregate the balance or value of all accounts held by the financial institution and related entities, to the extent to which such accounts are linked on the computerised system (ID number or client number) and allows values to be aggregated  Each holder of a jointly held financial account shall be attributed the entire balance for the purpose of aggregation.
Entity Accounts	Aggregate the balance or value of all accounts held by the financial institution and related entities, to the extent to which such accounts are linked on the computerised system (ID number or client number) and allows values to be aggregated  Each holder of a jointly held financial account shall be attributed the entire balance for the purpose of aggregation.  The relationship manager must aggregate all accounts known to be directly or indirectly owned, controlled or established by the same person.

#### 7.3.2 Currency Rules

For balances not denominated in US currency, a reporting financial institution must convert the currency using published spot rate determined at the last day of the calendar year preceding the year for which the balance is being calculated.

#### 7.4 Required Information

In accordance with Article 2 of the Agreement, a Saint Lucia financial institution <u>must</u> report the following with respect to US reportable accounts:

- Name;
- Address;
- US TIN of each specified US Person, US TIN of controlling person that is a US specified person in a passive NFFE;
- Account Number (or equivalent);
- Name and identifying number of Reporting Saint Lucia FI;
- Account balance or value, (including cash surrender value on applicable insurance accounts) as of
  the end of the relevant calendar year. For closed accounts use the value of the account as of the
  end of the relevant calendar year, or balance immediately before closure.

#### **Dormant and Closed Accounts**

Reporting Financial Institutions must report dormant accounts if they meet the value thresholds established under FATCA. Dormant accounts should be reviewed using the same AML/KYC and due diligence procedures applicable to active accounts. In the case of a closed account the balance at closing should be reported.

#### Treatment of Accounts Without Self-Certification

In accordance with Annex I, Section V(D) of the Model 1A IGA, if a Reporting Financial Institution is unable to determine, based on AML/KYC procedures, whether an entity account holder is an Active NFFE or a Financial Institution, and is also unable to obtain a valid self-certification, the account must be treated as held by a Passive NFFE.

Consequently, the Financial Institution must identify and report any Controlling Persons who are Specified U.S. Persons. This treatment ensures compliance when account documentation is insufficient or unavailable.

In addition, payments to the following account types must be reported. (Also summarised in Table 8, below).

#### **For Custodial Accounts**

- Total gross interest, dividends and/or other income generated by the asset.
- Total gross proceeds from the sale or redemption of property paid or credited to the account in which the reporting FI was a custodian, broker, nominee or agent for the account holder.

#### **For Depository Accounts**

- Total gross interest paid.
- Total gross amounts credited or paid to the Account Holder with respect to the account

#### Other accounts

• Total gross amounts credited or paid to the Account Holder with respect to the account to which the reporting FI is the obligor or debtor (including aggregate redemption payments).

Table 8 Payments to be reported with respect to various account types

CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT	DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT	OTHER TYPE OF ACCOUNT
Total gross interest, dividends	Total gross interest paid	Total gross amounts credited or
and/or other income generated by		paid
the asset		
Total gross proceeds from the sale	Total gross amounts credited	
or redemption of property paid or	or paid	
credited		

#### 7.4.1 Revised Guidelines Related to Obtaining US TIN

In October 2024, the IRS granted an additional grace period for providing mandatory U.S. TINS for **certain pre-existing accounts**, under Notice 2024-78. The grace period includes 2025, 2026 and 2027. After this period, automatic error messages would be generated if the US TIN is not provided. The FI would then have 120 days to correct the issue. Table 9 below provides the TINS to be used in lieu of the actual TIN; if it is not available. The relief is only obtained when one of the TINS below is used in the filing.

Please note that using these fillers will not remove the obligation for the FI to provide the correct TIN within 120 days. If the situation cannot be rectified, then the IRS will conduct further investigation. For example, the IRS will endeavour to determine if adequate procedures are in place for the FI to obtain the TINS and if reasonable efforts are being made in this regard.

## Table 9 TINS TO USE IN LIEU OF ACTUAL US TIN

CODE	REASON FOR USE
22222222	Pre-existing individual accounts with <b>only</b> US Indicia being a <b>US place of birth</b>
000222111	Preexisting depository individual account with only U.S. indicia being a U.S. place of birth, and the FI must determine that the account holder is a resident of the jurisdiction where the account is maintained for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and tax purposes.
33333333	New individual account that has:  1. US Place of Birth and either  2. a. change of circumstances has caused original self-certification to be incorrect or unreliable and a new self-certification has not been received or  b. account was below the threshold at the time of opening and subsequently exceeded the threshold, but no self-certification has been obtained.
44444444	Pre-existing individual or entity account which has  1. US indicia other than US place of birth and either  2. a. change of circumstances has made the self-certification or documentary evidence incorrect or unreliable and new documentation has not been obtained or b. account was below the threshold at the time of opening and subsequently exceeded the threshold, but no self-certification or documentary evidence has been obtained.
55555555	New individual and entity account has:  1. US Indicia other than a US place of birth and either

	<ol> <li>a. has a change of circumstances causing the self-certification or documentary evidence to be unreliable or         b. account was below the threshold at the time of opening and subsequently exceeded the threshold, but no self-certification or documentary evidence has been obtained.</li> </ol>
666666666	Pre-existing entity account with a balance exceeding 1, 000,000 USD, which is held by a passive NFFE and which had no self-certifications and for which no US indicia has been identified with respect to the controlling person.
99999999	Any account for which the FI cannot obtain a TIN and none of the other TIN codes would be applicable. The use of this code indicates that an FI has completed its review of accounts without U.S. TINs and has in good faith applied TIN codes to records when applicable.

The first six (6) codes are optional and will help the IRS to understand the issues faced by FIs in obtaining the required information. (However, in accordance with Notice 2023-11 and Notice 2024-78 which is described in 7.4.1.1 below, FIs are encouraged to use the codes from 222222222-777777777, in order to benefit from the relief being provided by the IRS.) Please note that the provision of any of the above codes will not prevent the registration of administrative and other Minor Errors. Once contacted, entities will have 120 days to rectify the situation before further investigation occurs.

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#### 7.4.1.1 Foreign Financial Institution Temporary U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number Relief

Please pay careful attention to Notice 2023-11 and Notice 2024-78 which are summarised below:

The IRS has decided to grant relief (no significant non-compliance) to FIs which fail to provide TINs if the reporting FI must use the codes provided by the IRS to explain why the TIN is not available (See Table 9) and the FI also provide the additional information as summarised in Table 10. In other words, the generic

999999999 does not provide enough information to obtain relief as it does not give specifics with regard to a particular account(s). Hence, all FI are encouraged to use the codes, 2222222227777777777, provided in Table 9 above in order to take advantage of the relief being offered. If this format is not adhered to, then the FI may be subject to the withholding of payments.

This relief applies to accounts reported in calendar years 2025 through 2028, covering data for income years 2025, 2026, and 2027. In addition, it applies to new accounts opened by pre-existing account holders, but not to accounts of new customers. Notwithstanding, please note that FIs must now provide additional information as shown in Table 10 below.

The relief also applies to new accounts of pre-existing account holders who have not provided TIN information. But not to new accounts of New Customers.

Detailed outreach logs, client communications, and follow-up efforts should be maintained.

Table 10- Summary of Requirements for TIN Relief 2025-2027

#### **Summary of Requirements**

- 1. Obtain and report the date of birth of each account holder that is an individual and controlling person whose U.S. TIN is not reported;
- 2. Request any missing required U.S. TIN from each account holder ANNUALLY
- 3. Search electronically searchable data maintained by the reporting I for any missing required U.S. TINS ANNUALLY
- 4. Report an accurate TIN Code for each account that is missing a required U.S. TIN; (See Table 9, above).
- 5. If the FFI's electronically searchable account information contains a foreign taxpayer identification number (or functional equivalent) assigned to a taxpayer by its country of residence (FTIN), report an FTIN for each specified U.S. person that is missing a required U.S. TIN; and
- 6. Use the AddressFix element to report the city and country of residence for each specified U.S. person with a missing required U.S. TIN.

7. Reporting FI must make annual requests for missing TIN information using the method of communication that is in the entity's reasonable judgement, most likely to reach the account holder. The communication to the account holder must include the following:

The web address of the State Department's Joint FATCA FAQs as of the publication date of this notice Federal Benefits and Obligations Abroad or

- (i) a copy of the FAQs described in the preceding bullet and
- (ii) either
  - a copy of the relief procedures provided by the IRS for certain former citizens, or
  - the web address for such procedures (as of the publication date of this notice, https://www.irs.gov/individuals/internationaltaxpayers/relief -procedures-for-certain-former-citizens).

Financial Institutions seeking to obtain relief under this notice for the 2025, 2026, and 2027 calendar years must retain records of the policies and procedures adopted to satisfy this The Joint FATCA FAQs which provide information on:

- How to obtain an SSN,
- How to renounce U.S. citizenship,
- Relevant U.S. tax consequences (including a link to the IRS's relief procedures for certain former U.S. citizens).

Additionally, financial institutions may wish to include a direct link for U.S. citizens and residents seeking to obtain a U.S. TIN (as of the publication date of this notice <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/foreign/foreign.htm">https://www.ssa.gov/foreign/foreign.htm</a>.

Financial institutions should also keep documentation related to those policies and procedures which were followed to comply with the relief requirements until the end of calendar year 2031

#### 7.4.2 Treatment of entity account with missing TIN DATA

With respect to entity accounts, if the US TINs for both Account Holder (entity) and Substantial Owner (individual) are available, then both should be provided. However, if only one TIN is available, either for the US individual or entity, then do the following:

- Enter the US TIN in the appropriate field/element (whether for the account holder or substantial owner)
- Enter the foreign TIN but include the Country Code for the other country in the TIN issued by field/element.
- If no foreign TIN is available enter NA in the TIN issued by field/element.

#### **Sample XML Information For Missing TIN DATA**

<ftc:AccountHolder>

<ftc:Individual>
 <sfa:ResCountryCode>CA</sfa:ResCountryCode>
 <sfa:TIN issuedBy="LI">NA</sfa:TIN>
 <sfa:Name>

<ftc:SubstantialOwner>
 <ftc:Individual>
<sfa:TIN issuedBy="US>123456789</sfa:TIN>

# 8 When Should Information Be Reported?

All information on relevant accounts should be submitted to IRD by **June 30**<sup>th</sup> of each year. Information will be validated, by IRD, and in the event that there are any issues, the financial institutions will be informed. Amendments required by IRD must be made before the IRS reporting date of September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. If for any reason an entity cannot meet the deadline date, then an application for an extension must be sent on the entity's letterhead. This application must be sent in at least one week before the June 30<sup>th</sup> due date.

If the IRS has issues with a submission, corrections will be requested. All corrections requested by the IRS must be made and resubmitted within eighteen (18) months so that the FI can avoid being deemed as non-compliant, and ultimately being faced with withholding penalties.

# 9 Reporting and Certification

At present, the IRD FATCA Compliance Solution (system) allows for (i) manual data entry and (ii) uploading of data (which follows the XML schema set by the US. Further information on the XML schema can be obtained at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/fatca-xml-schemas-and-business-rules-for-form-8966">https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/fatca-xml-schemas-and-business-rules-for-form-8966</a>.

## 9.1 Registration on IRS website

In order to report, all relevant entities must first sign on to the IRS website to apply for a FATCA ID and GIIN. Please use this link <a href="https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/fatca-foreign-financial-institution-registration-system">https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/fatca-foreign-financial-institution-registration-system</a> .

It is advisable that entities verify whether or not they actually need to register and report before doing so.

Entities are required to select a registration type which will be needed when filing on the IRD portal. Entities should therefore take a note of their registration details as the IRD may not always be in a position to provide this information (as the Department does not have direct access to the IRS/FATCA portal).

Table 10 below, provides information on the registration details of entities.

**Table 11 Types of Entities** 

TYPE OF ENTITY	DEFINITION
Direct Reporting NFFE	
	Non-financial foreign entity (NFFE) that has elected to report its substantial US owners to the IRS.
Participating FFI	A foreign financial institution which (1) is registering to agree to enter into an FFI agreement (2) is a foreign branch of a USFI that has in effect a QI Agreement and that is also agreeing to the terms of an FFI Agreement, unless such branch is treated as a reporting FI under a Model 1 IGA (see RDCFFI definition below).
Registered Deemed-Compliant FFI	(1) A foreign financial institution which registers to confirm that it meets the requirements to be treated as a local FFI; a non-reporting member FI of a PFFI group, qualified collective investment vehicle, restricted fund, qualified credit card issuer, sponsored investment entity, or sponsored controlled foreign corporation (2) a reporting FI under a Model 1 IGA that is registering to obtain a GIIN, or (3) an FFI that is treated as a Non-

	reporting FI under a Model 1 or 2 IGA and that is registering pursuant to the applicable Model 1 or 2 IGA.
Reporting Financial Institution under a Model 1 IGA	An FI that is treated as a reporting FI under the terms of a Model 1 or Model 2 IGA that is in effect.
U.S. Financial Institution	A financial institution which is a resident of the United States.

Note: Ensure that entity classifications align with current IRS definitions and Saint Lucia's IGA Annex II requirements.

#### 9.2 Certification on IRS Website

Please note that the IRS will occasionally require entities to certify their status on the IRS portal. This process is not managed by the Inland Revenue Department and all entities which receive requests for certification from the IRS should make every effort to log onto the IRS Portal and follow the instructions provided therein. Entities which do not submit certifications by the required due date will not be in compliance with FATCA obligations and run the risk of being deleted from the GIIN list.

Please ensure that all registration is kept current and updated as needed. It is the responsibility of the financial institution to ensure that the following information is always up to date.

- 1. Financial institution FATCA classification. (This is determined by the FI)
- 2. The name and email address of the Responsible Officer and Point of Contact for FATCA.

If an entity has a number of branches, then the certifications only apply to the branches with a certification requirement.

In accordance with FATCA News and Information Bulletin 2024-04, please note that Responsible Officer Certifications for the period ending December 31,2023 are due by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. To this end all entities are required to ensure that their reporting officers sign in and complete the necessary documentation in order to remain compliant with their FATCA obligations. Entities which are non-compliant may have their FATCA status revoked and may be removed from the GIIN list.

# 9.3 Registration with the Inland Revenue Department (IRD)

In order to submit data to IRD, financial institutions need to register on the Automatic Exchange of Information Portal at <a href="https://aeoi.govt.lc">https://aeoi.govt.lc</a>. In Diagram 2 below, the financial group consists of six entities. Although each entity has a GIIN on the IRS system, only sponsoring entities will be required to sign up on the IRD FATCA portal. (See Table 12 below).

Bank 2
(Sponsored Entity)

Bank 1
Sponsoring Entity

Investment Entity 2
(Sponsored Entity)

Insurance
Company 1
Sponsoring Entity

Investment Entity

Investment Entity

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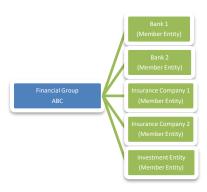
**Diagram 2 Financial Institution XYZ** 

Table 12 Reporting members of financial group XYZ

Entity To Sign Up	Entity Will Report For
Bank 1	Bank 1, Bank 2, Investment Entity 2
Insurance Company 1	Insurance Company 1, Insurance Company 2
Investment Entity 1	Investment Entity 1

In Diagram 3 below, each entity of Financial Group ABC, can sign up on the IRD FATCA Compliance Solution and report individually.

**Diagram 3 Financial Group ABC** 

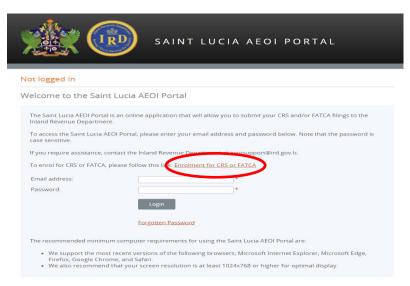


N.B. ONLY THE ENTITIES REPORTING THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION NEED TO CREATE A USER ACCOUNT WITH IRD.

# 9.4 Registration / Enrolment for FATCA

A financial institution is registered on the system when the primary user's application has been submitted and approved. The registration screen can be obtained by selecting **Enrolment for CRS or FATCA** as illustrated in Diagram 4 below.

**Diagram 4 Enrolment for FATCA** 



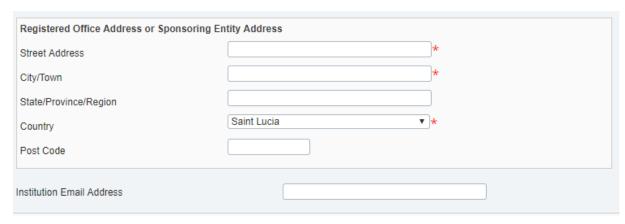
The enrolment page is shown in Diagrams 5 to 7 below. It is broken down into three sections. Information on the **financial institution** is captured first as shown in Diagram 5 below; **Sponsoring Entity** information is captured as shown in Diagram 6 below; lastly, **Primary user information** is captured as shown in Diagram 7 below.

**Diagram 5 Financial Institution Information Requirements** 

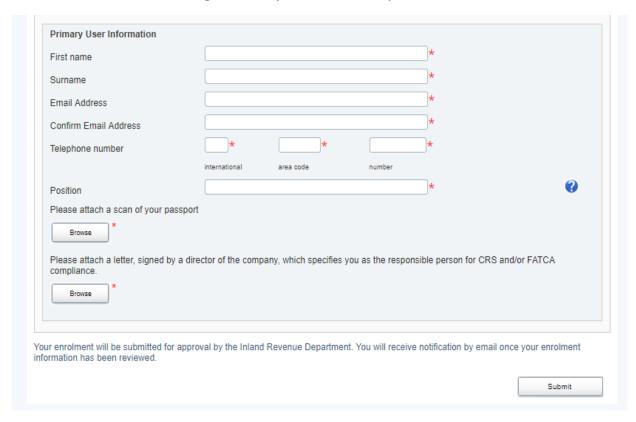
# Enrol for CRS and/or FATCA Please use the form below to enrol for CRS and/or FATCA reporting with the Inland Revenue Department. Financial Institution & Primary User Enrolment In accordance with the OECD's Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement, entered into by this government and participating partner jurisdictions for the purposes of exchanging tax information on an annual basis, all Financial Institutions are required to enrol with the Inland Revenue Department using the form below. If you are enrolling on behalf of a Financial Institution who is also reporting to the IRS for the purposes of FATCA compliance, please also enter your GIIN below. Financial Institution Information Financial Institution Name Institution Type ▼ 😾 Reporting Type Financial Institution GIIN (issued by IRS) Identification Number (Issued by IRD) Fiscal Year End (format: dd/mm)

- 1. Under Reporting Type all entities will be registered under FATCA and CRS.
- 2. Under Identification Number please insert the Company Registration Number as given by the Registry of Companies.

**Diagram 6 Sponsored Entity Information Requirements** 



**Diagram 7 Primary User Information Requirements** 



Please note that an authorization letter from the entity (on company letterhead, with the official stamp and manager's signature) and a valid form of identification are required to complete the registration process.

Each financial institution is required to create an account on the system. The primary user is the point person who accesses the system on behalf of the FI and this individual may create secondary users on the system. An entity may have more than one primary user on the system.

Applications for registration will be approved by the Department and an email will be sent to the user to indicate that registration has been approved. Each user may have access to several FIs using a single email address however different users cannot share an email address.

New users will receive an email and temporary password from <a href="mailto:aeoi@ird.govt.lc">aeoi@ird.govt.lc</a>. If the email is not received within fifteen (15) minutes, please check your junk mail or spam mail; as the email may have been diverted.

#### 9.4.1 Password format for IRD Portal

All passwords on the system must follow the following format:

- Must contain at least one capital letter, one small case letter one number and one special character.
- Must be between 8 and 30 characters long.
- Must not contain spaces.
- Must be new (the password provided cannot be reused.

The new user will also receive an email to indicate which financial institution(s) he/she has access to.

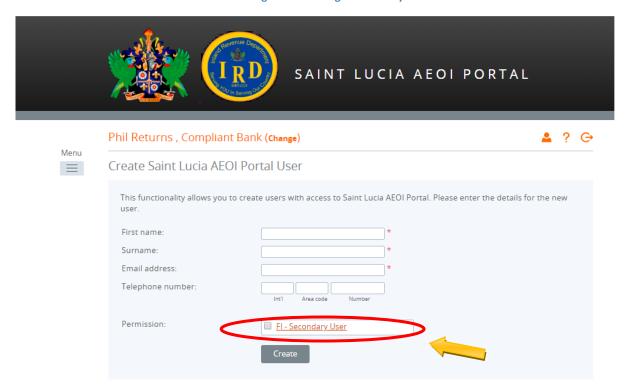
#### 9.4.2 Creating Primary User and Secondary Users

The primary user can **create** other users on the system. This can be achieved by accessing **Manage Users** on the main log in screen. (Please see Diagrams 8 and 9 below).

SAINT LUCIA AEOI PORTAL **△** ? ⊖ Phil Returns, Compliant Bank (Change) Menu Welcome to the Saint Lucia AEOI Portal Home iccessfully logged in. You can now use the Saint Lucia AEOI Portal to complete and submit all required CRS **Draft Filings** CA filings online. Submission filing, follow the steps below: + Create Filing" menu to generate a new filing Manage Filings Draft Filings" menu to enter or upload data Documents Submission" menu to submit your filing once completed (for manual filings) Financial Institution int Lucia AEOI Portal, you are also able to: Profile ur past submissions and download previously uploaded filings using the "Submission History" menu inancial institution using the "Financial Institution Profile" menu Manage Users nts using the "Documents" menu My Details + View/Edit User re assistance, contact the inland Revenue Department at aeoisupport@ird.gov.lc Help Logout

**Diagram 8 Creating a User** 

**Diagram 9 Creating a Secondary User** 



Please be sure to select **FI- Secondary User** for all users who will be deemed as such by your financial institution. Please see Diagram 10 below.

Each user will be able to update his/her details on the system directly or the primary user may make amendments on behalf of a secondary user by accessing Manage User and View/Edit User.

In order to change a primary user on the system the FI must go to Create Filing and select **Primary User Change**Notice as shown in Diagrams 14 and 15 (This change will need to be approved by IRD).

Primary
User Email 1
Secondary
User Email 2
Secondary
User Email 1
Secondary
User Email 1
Secondary
User Email 1

Diagram 10 Users Accounts on the System

# 9.5 Document Type Classifications

#### **NEW DATA**

This option is used for data which is being entered for the first time. (First submission of data).

#### **CORRECTED DATA (FATCA2)**

This option is used for data which has been submitted but which must be corrected due to record level errors.

#### **VOID DATA (FATCA3)**

If a record is sent in error, then the record can be voided. A record may be voided at any time after a valid notification has been received. Please note that all data fields in the voided record must have the same values as the original record.

The following record level errors need to be voided and submitted as new data. The new data should match the original submission.

- No TIN for Account Holder or Substantial US Owner
- Incorrect TIN for Account Holder or Substantial US Owner
- Incorrect Name of Account Holder or Substantial US Owner
- Incorrect Address of Account Holder or Substantial US Owner

#### **AMENDED DATA (FATCA4)**

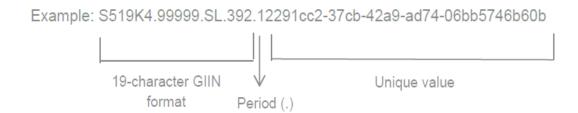
Used if previously filed data needs to be replaced or amended and is not used after an error notification has been received. A record may be amended any time after a valid notification is received.

# 9.6 Document Reference ID (DocRefID)

The document reference ID is a 21 to 200 character string of letters and numbers. It is a unique identifier for a specific record and must be unique across all reporting systems and reporting periods. A unique

DocRefID must be generated for each Nil Report, each FI Report or each Sponsoring Entity report and each Intermediary Report (if any). The DocRefID cannot be reused within the scope of FATCA reporting. Please see the format of the Document Reference ID in Diagram 11 below.

Diagram 11 Format of Document Reference ID (DocRefID)



# 9.7 Preparing for data submission

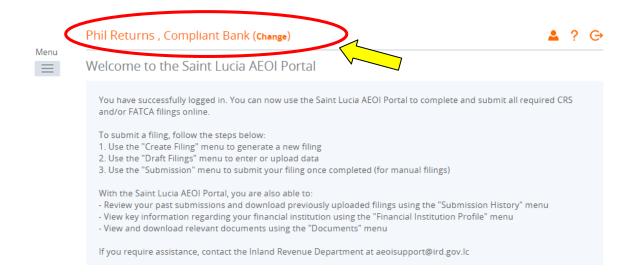
To begin the filing process, the user must log in and select the financial institution he/she will be filing for using the drop-down menu, as shown in Diagram 12. For individuals with more than one financial institution on their profile, it is imperative that the correct FI is selected before going further. The FI being represented will always appear at the top of your screen, therefore, please ensure that you are filing on behalf of the correct entity.

If the wrong entity name appears at the top of the screen, then the individual can select **(change)** next to the name of the institution and proceed to select the correct entity, as shown in Diagram 13.

**Diagram 12 Selection of Financial Institution** 

# Select financial institution You have access to more than one financial institution. To choose an financial institution to work with, please select the financial institution name from the list below. Financial Institution name: Please select a financial institution \* Login

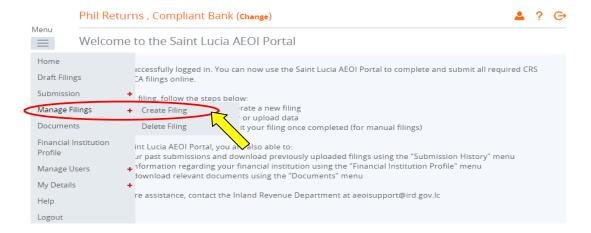
Diagram 13 View of Company and User



# 9.8 Create a Filing

After the FI has been verified, the user should go to **Manage Filings** then select **Create Filing** as shown in Diagrams 14 and 15 below.

Diagram 14 Create a Filing 1



Once **Create Filing** has been selected, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Give the filing a name;
- 2. Select a filing type;
- 3. Select the period end date.

Please note that the end date will always be December 31<sup>st</sup> of whichever period is being reported. For example, the period end date for the 2019 submission will be **31/12/2019**.

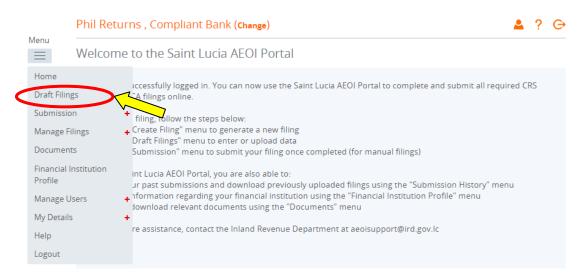
Phil Returns, Compliant Bank (Change) ♣ ? G Menu Create Filing  $\equiv$ We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below. The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st in the case of FATCA and CRS filings. Filing name: Filing type: CRS Filing Summary CRS Manual Entry Filing CRS XML U Primary User Change Notice US FATCA Manual Entry Filing US FATCA XML Upload Filing Period end date (dd/mm/yyyy):

Diagram 15 Select the Type of filing

# 9.9 Selecting File for Data Entry

Once a filing has been created the user can then proceed to **Draft Filings** in order to make a submission. Please ensure that the correct file is selected. Click on the file name to make your submission. Please see Diagrams 16 and 17 below.

**Diagram 16 Go to Draft Filings** 



On the **Draft Filings** screen, the user can select the required file. Further details on the types of filing are presented in the next sections.

**Diagram 17 Selecting a Draft Filing** 



# 9.10 Deleting a Filing

In the event that a financial institution needs to delete a filing the following steps should be taken.

- 1. Go to Manage Filings.
- 2. Click Delete Filings

2016

2014

FF00067

FF00043

0.1

0.1

Waiting

Waiting

n/a

n/a

Ready to Submit

In Draft

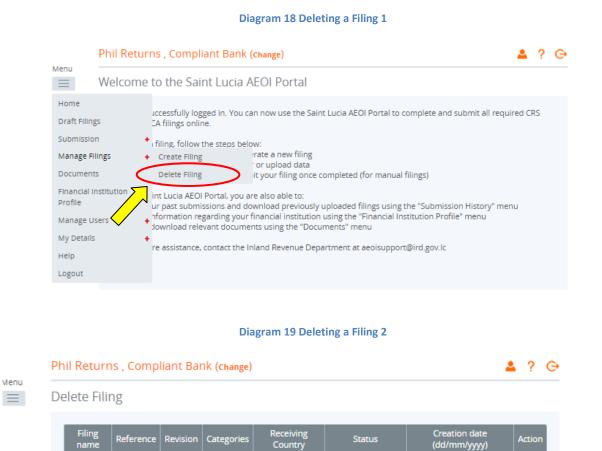
19/03/2019 14:04:51

06/02/2019 15:13:30

Delete

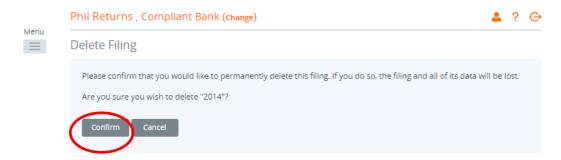
Delete

3. Select the file that you wish to delete from the table. Entities should ensure that the correct filing is deleted, as previously entered data will be lost. See diagrams 18 to 20 below.



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Diagram 20 Deleting a Filing 3

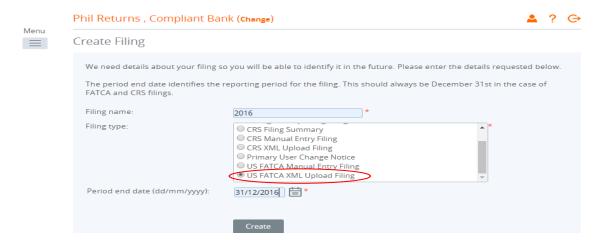


Please note that once a filing has been successfully submitted it cannot be edited further and as such it cannot be deleted. The first submission could be voided, and a corrected data file created.

# 9.11 US FATCA XML Upload Filing

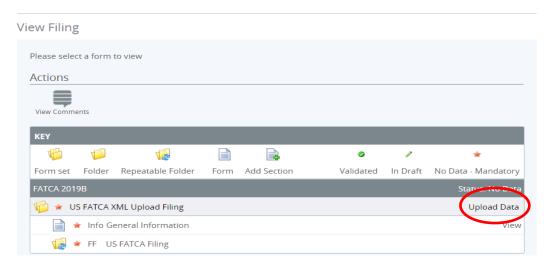
ALL data to be uploaded using this option must follow the latest version of the XML schema stipulated by the IRS (<u>not Microsoft Excel</u>). First the user must create a filing as shown in Diagram 21 below. Please ensure that **US FATCA XML Upload Filing** is selected.

Diagram 21 Create a US FATCA XML Upload Filing



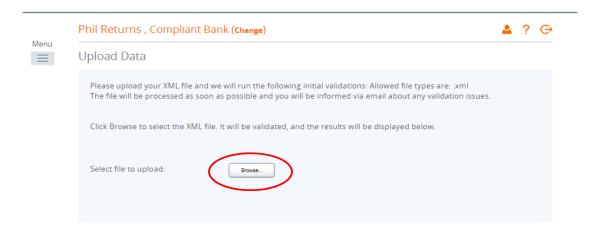
The user must then select **Upload Data** as shown in Diagram 22 below.

Diagram 22 Uploading an FATCA XML Upload Filing 1



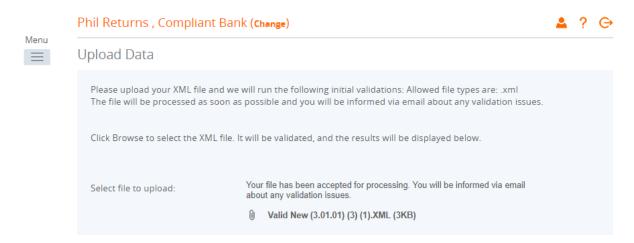
In order to upload the file, the user must select **Browse** and search for the document on his/her computer. See Diagram 23 below.

Diagram 23 Uploading an FATCA XML Upload Filing 2



The user should then select the appropriate XML file and select **Open**.

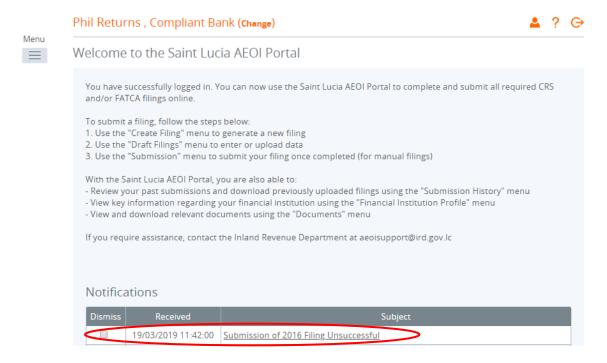
Diagram 24 Uploading an FATCA XML Upload Filing 3



The system will then validate the file and send an email regarding the submission. See Diagram 24 above.

The status of a submission can be viewed in **Notifications** at the bottom of the home screen as shown in Diagram 25 below. In the event that the submission is successful, no further action is required. However, if there are errors, the user will be notified via email and will be required to review the errors associated with the submission.

**Diagram 25 View Report Status** 



In order to perform a comprehensive review of the errors in the FATCA XML Upload Filing, please go to **Draft Filing**. Next select **View Upload History** as shown in Diagram 26 below. On the table which appears select the errors as shown in Diagrams 27 and 28 below. An error report will be generated as shown in Diagram 28. The FI should endeavour to address each issue.

Diagram 26 View Upload History of FATCA XML Upload Filing

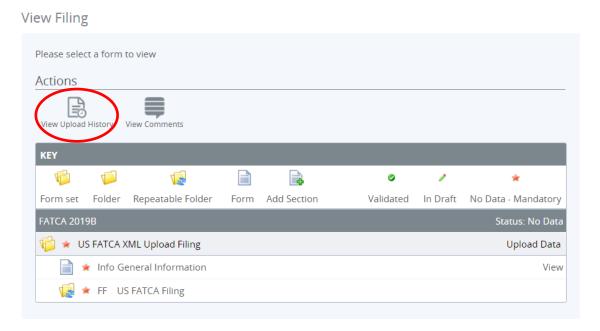
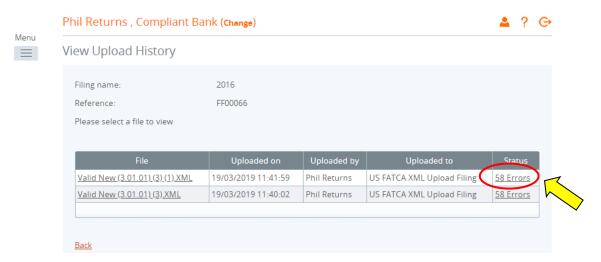


Diagram 27 Reviewing Errors is US FATCA XML Upload Filing



**Diagram 28 Sample Summary of File Upload Issues** 



# 9.12 Correcting US FATCA XML Upload

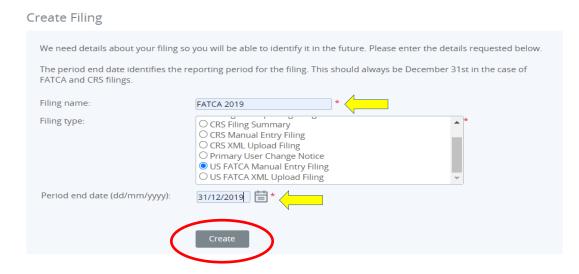
Depending on the type of error being rectified, an FI will need to decide whether to correct, void or amend an XML submission. Please see page 44 for further details on the options mentioned above. The revised XML file can be created and uploaded as depicted in Diagrams 21 to 25 above.

The FI should ensure that the correct type of file is created to address the errors.

# 9.13 US FATCA Manual Entry Filing

Create a filing as per the instructions in Diagrams 13 above and Diagram 29 below.

**Diagram 29 Create a US FATCA Manual Filing** 



Once the file has been created go to Draft Filings as shown in Diagrams 16 and 17.

Please follow the steps below to commence your manual filing:

Under Info, please select General Information as shown in Diagram 30 below.

Diagram 30 Draft Filing 1

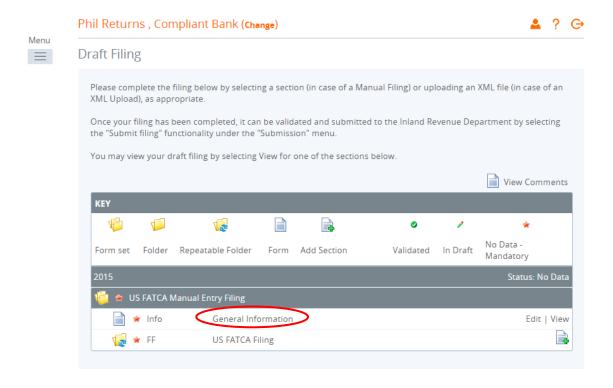


Diagram 31 Draft Filing 2



Under the <u>General Information</u> Screen, please ensure that the Document Type portrayed correctly reflects the type of data that will be filed, as shown in Diagram 31 above. Please review section 9.5 for more information on document types. If you are finished with the information in this section, please select **Validate and Save**. If you need to review information and return to your submission, please select **Save as Draft**.

The Message Reference and Document Reference ID numbers are extremely important identification numbers on the system. Please ensure that they are not altered or deleted. In addition, you may need to copy and paste the reference number based on your type of submission.

Once the <u>General Information</u> has been validated and saved, the icon next to the word Info will become a green tick as shown in Diagram 32 below.

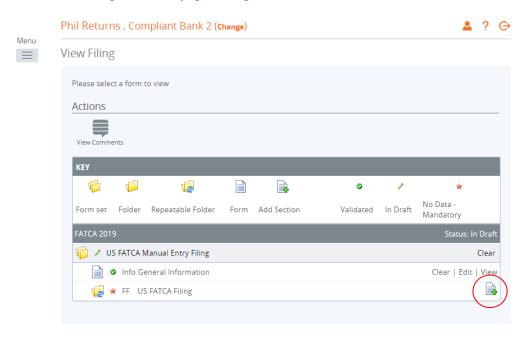
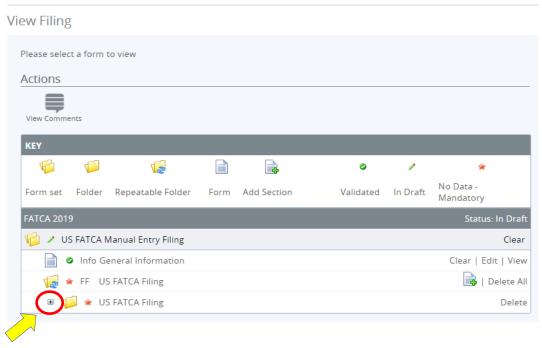


Diagram 32 Verifying/Inserting Financial Institution Information

Select the icor

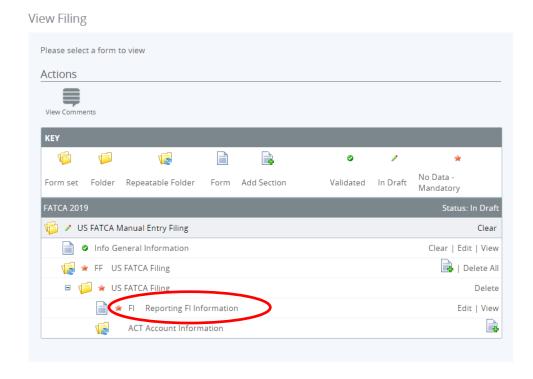
in the US FATCA Filing row.

Diagram 33 Entering Manual Data 1



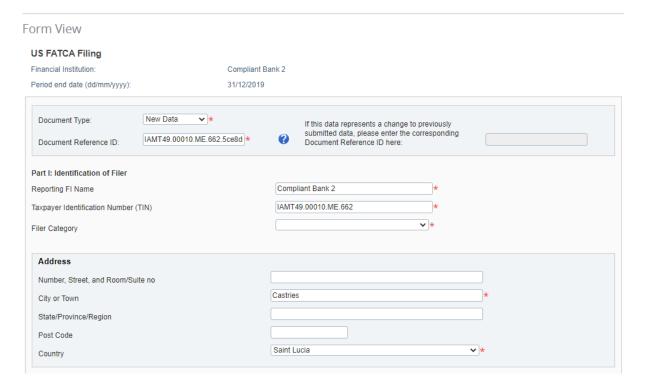
Select the + plus sign next to US FATCA Filing. Select <u>Reporting FI Information</u> in the new row, which appears. See Diagram 33 above.

Diagram 34 Entering Manual Data 2



Review FI information including GIIN, address, Filer Category. See Diagrams 34 above and 35 to 36 below.

Diagram 35 Verifying Repoting FI Information 1



**Diagram 36 Verifying Reporting FI Information 2** 



## If you are filing a Nil Report, proceed to section 10.1.

# If you are filing as a Sponsoring Entity, Proceed to section 10.2.

If you are finished with the information in this section process, select **Validate and Save**. If you need to review information and return to your submission, please select **Save as Draft**.

Each row should have a green tick on the left side before you proceed further.

Select the in the row with <u>Account Information</u> to start inputting data on relevant accounts as shown in Diagram 37 below.

**Draft Filing**  $\equiv$ Please complete the filing below by selecting a section (in case of a Manual Filing) or uploading an XML file (in case of an XML Upload), as appropriate. Once your filing has been completed, it can be validated and submitted to the Inland Revenue Department by selecting the "Submit filing" functionality under the "Submission" menu. You may view your draft filing by selecting View for one of the sections below. View Comments 0 No Data -Repeatable Folder Add Section Validated In Draft Mandatory Status: Ready to Submit Info General Information Clear | Edit | View US FATCA Filing 違 | Delete All | Clear All US FATCA Filing Clear | Delete FI Reporting FI Information Clear | Edit Account Information ACT

**Diagram 37 Entering Account Information** 

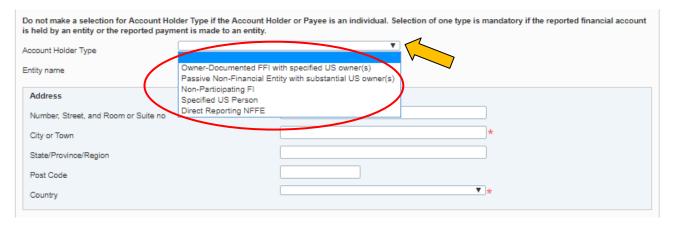
#### 9.13.1 Entering Manual Data

Data on all relevant accounts and joint accounts should be entered here. Please see Diagrams 38 to 39 below. Only individual information is required in the section shown in Diagram 38. If you are filing an entity account, please refer to Diagram 39 and select an appropriate account holder type.

**Diagram 38 Information Required for Individual Accounts** 



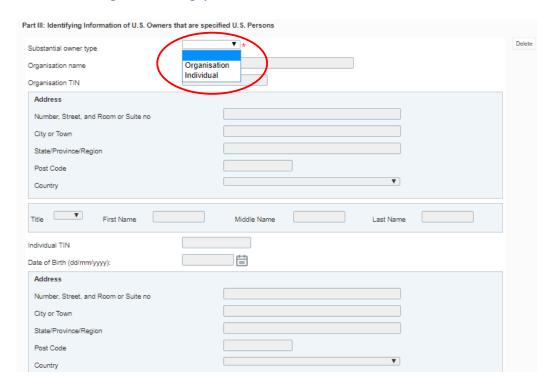
**Diagram 39 Entering Entity Account Information** 



## 9.13.2 Reporting Substantial Owners

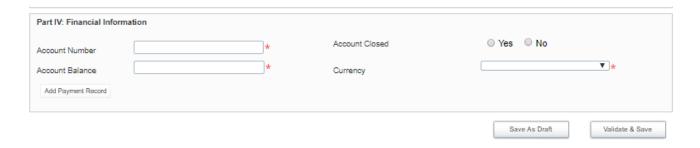
In order to report the substantial owners of a Passive Non-financial entity, who is a US specified person, please review Diagram 40. Substantial US owners being individuals with more than 10% interest in a company. (Please see the Glossary of Terms for more information).

Diagram 40 Entering Specified US Person information for a Passive NFFE Account



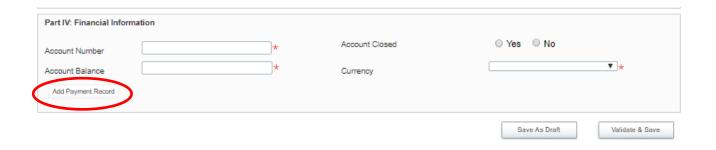
Once all relevant fields have been filled in proceed to provide account information as shown in Diagram 41 below.

**Diagram 40 Entering Financial Account Number and Balance** 

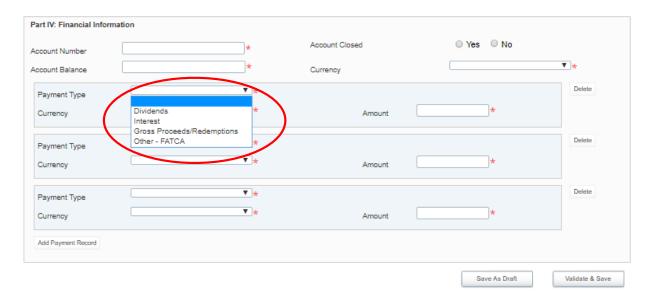


Payment information can be entered as shown in Diagrams 42 and 43 below.

**Diagram 41 Entering Payments Made to an Account** 



**Diagram 42 Entering Payment type** 



To add additional accounts, repeat steps shown in Diagrams 37 to 43 as shown above.

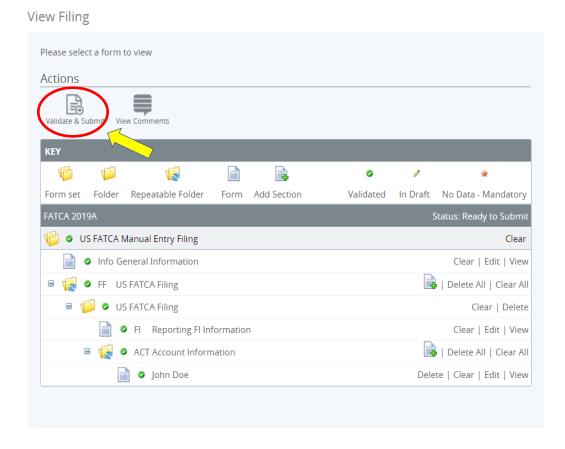
#### 9.13.3 Submitting a US FATCA Manual Report

There are two ways to submit a filing (Option 1 and Option 2). These are presented below.

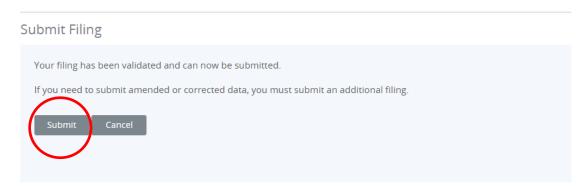
#### **Option 1 Submitting a US FATCA Manual Report**

Once all account information has been entered; the filing can be submitted.

Select Validate and Submit in the draft filings section as shown in Diagrams 44 and 45 below.



**Diagram 43 FATCA Manual Submission Option 1A** 



## **Option 2 Submitting a US FATCA Manual Report**

Go to Submission and Submit Filing as shown in Diagram 46 below.

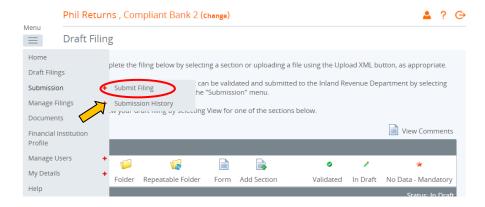
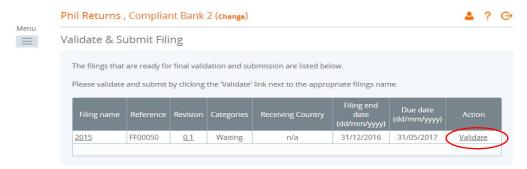


Diagram 45 US FATCA Manual Submission 1

Find the file which needs to be submitted and select Validate as shown in Diagram 47 below.

### Diagram 46 US FATCA Manual Submission 2



Once validation is accepted the message in Diagram 48, below will appear. The submission status can also be reviewed by going to Submission and Submission History as shown in Diagrams 49 and 50.

**Diagram 47 US FATCA Manual Submission 3** 



Repeatable Folder

Folder

Form Add Section

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Financial Institution Profile Manage Users

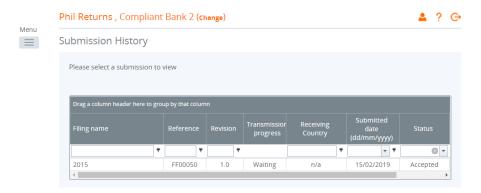
My Details

Help

View Comments

Validated In Draft No Data - Mandatory

**Diagram 49 US FATCA Manual Submission 5** 



# 9.14 Correcting a US FATCA Manual Filing

- 1. Create a FATCA filing as shown in Diagram 15.
- 2. Go to draft filings as shown in Diagrams 16 and 51 below and select the original file.
- Go to Draft Filings and open the filing which needs to be corrected. Go to General Information.
   Copy the first Message Reference as shown in Diagram 52 below. Paste the number in Microsoft Word or another programme for use later.
- 4. Go to **Reporting FI Information.** Copy the **Document Reference ID** of the file being corrected as shown in Diagram 53. Paste this number as well.

### Diagram 50 Select Original File to be Corrected

## **Draft Filings**

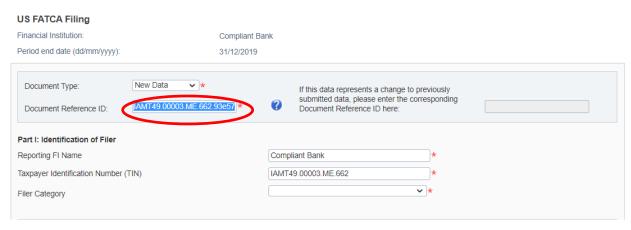


### **Diagram 51 Copy Message Reference**



**Diagram 52 Copy Document Reference ID** 

Form View



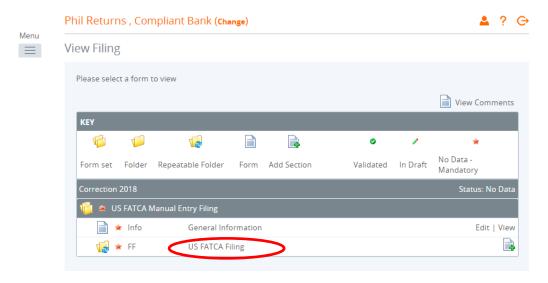
5. Return to Draft Filings. Select the correction file that was created as shown in Diagram 54 below.

**Diagram 53 Selecting the Correction File** 



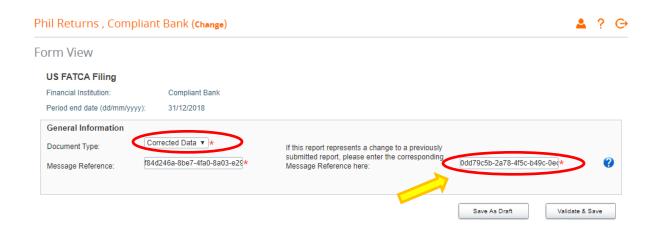
Open General information as shown in Diagram 55 below.

Diagram 54 Correcting US FATCA Manual Submission 1



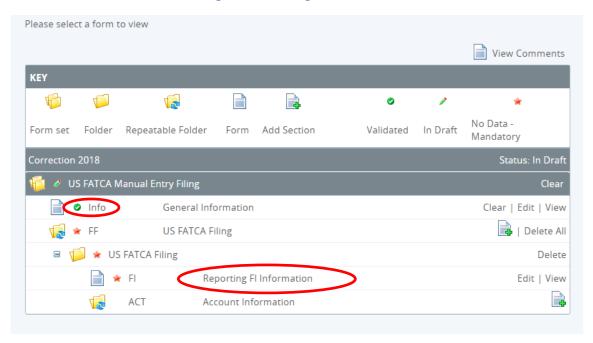
7. In the drop-down menu select "Corrected Data and paste the initial Message Reference into the field on the right as shown in Diagram 56 below.

**Diagram 55 Correcting US FATCA Manual Submission 2** 



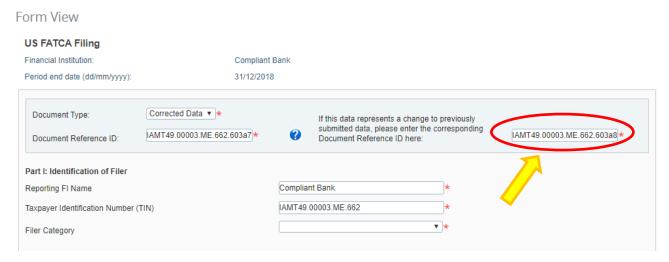
- 8. Validate and Save. There should be a green tick next to General Information now.
- 9. Select next to **US FATCA Filing.**
- 10. Select Reporting FI Information as shown in Diagram 57 below.

**Diagram 56 Correcting US FATCA Manual Submission 3** 



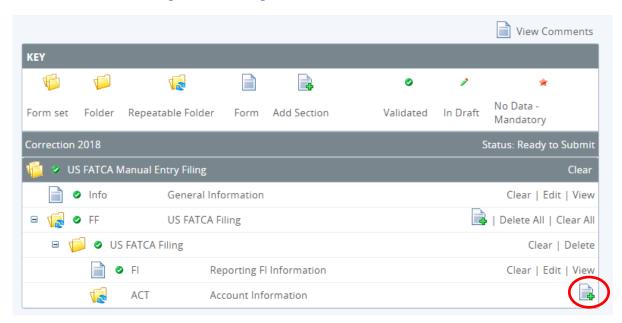
- 11. Paste in the old **Document Reference ID as** shown in Diagram 58 below.
- 12. Validate and Save.

**Diagram 57 Correcting US FATCA Manual Submission 4** 



13. Select Account Information as shown in Diagram 59 below.

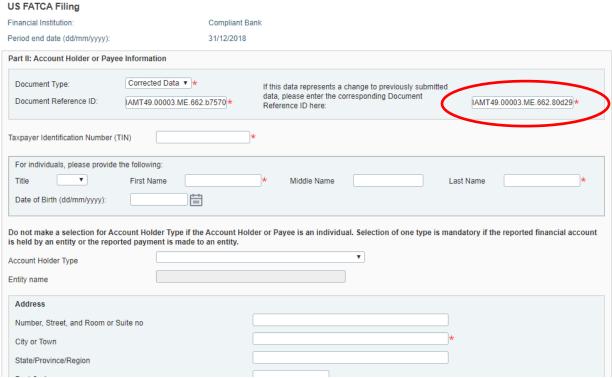
**Diagram 58 Correcting US FATCA Manual Submission 5** 



14. Paste in the Document Reference ID in the top right field and proceed to fill in corrected information for the account in question, as shown in Diagram 60 below.

**Diagram 59 Correcting US FATCA Manual Submission 6** 

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- 15. Validate and Save.
- 16. Repeat the process (from Diagrams 58-59) for each account that needs to be corrected. When the process is complete submit the filing using Diagrams 44 and 45.

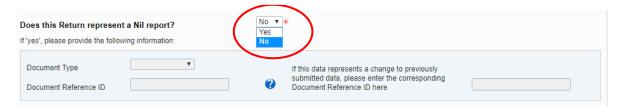
# **10 Special Reporting**

# 10.1 Nil Reporting

In accordance with Subsection 11 (4) of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (Saint Lucia and the United States), Cap. 19.26, all entities registered with the IRS are required to file. Nil reports are mandatory for all entities that do not have financial accounts to report for any given year.

- 1. Follow steps in Diagram 14 to 17.
- 2. Select **Yes** on the drop-down menu as seen in Diagram 61 below.

Diagram 60 Filing a Nil Report 1



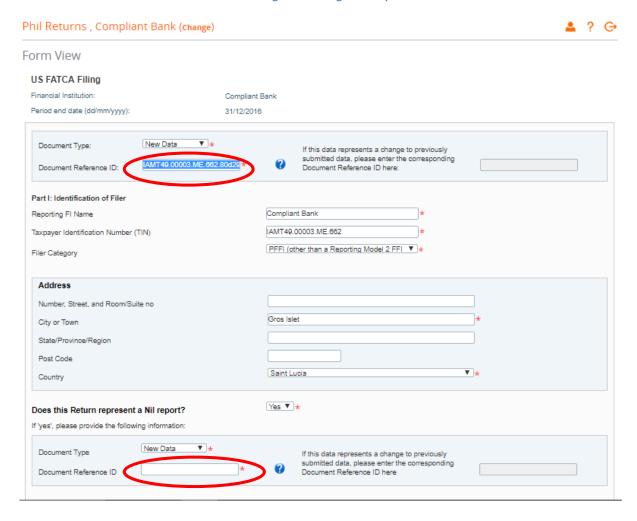
3. Select the appropriate **Document Type** from the drop-down menu as seen in Diagram 62 below.

Diagram 61 Filing a Nil Report 2



4. Double click in the Document Reference ID column at the top of the screen. The entire field should turn blue. Copy the information in the field and paste it into the Document Reference ID field in the Section for NIL reports. Please see Diagram 63 below.

Diagram 62 Filing a NIL Report 3



The copied Document Reference ID looks like this:

### IAMT49.00003.ME.662.80d29c25-8231-4245-afe0-e8d93d174311

For more information on the Document Reference ID please go to section 8.5.

5. Go to the end of the pasted reference number.

Delete the last character and replace it with the next in the sequence. In the example above we will replace 1 with the number 2.

(if the Document Reference ends in a letter, use the next letter of the alphabet)

## IAMT49.00003.ME.662.80d29c25-8231-4245-afe0-e8d93d174312

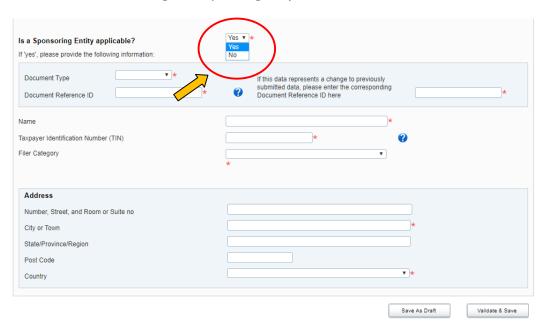
6. If you are finished with the information in this section, please select **Validate and Save**. If you need to review information or to return to your submission later, please select **Save as Draft**.

Once completed, please proceed to submit the filing. See 9.11.3.

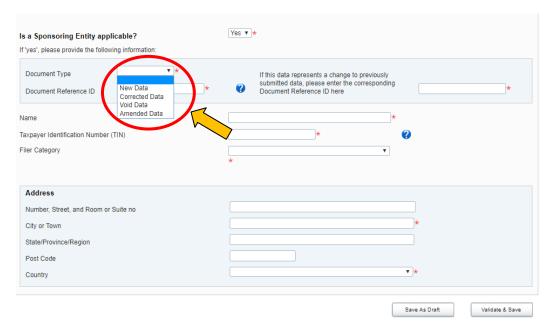
# 10.2 Sponsoring Entity Report

A sponsoring entity may file on behalf of a financial institution provided that this institution agrees to take responsibility for all the due diligence requirements of the sponsored entity. Only the sponsoring entity is required to create an account on the portal. The sponsoring entity will fill out its details as shown in the Diagrams 64 and 65 below.

Diagram 63 Sponsoring Entity 1



**Diagram 64 Sponsoring Entity 2** 



Sponsoring entities require a **Document Reference ID.** 

 Double click in the Document Reference Column at the top of the screen. The entire field should turn blue. Copy the information in the field and paste it into the Document Reference ID field in the Section for NIL reports.

The copied Document Reference ID looks like this:

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For more information on the Document Reference ID please go to section 8.5.

2. Go to the end of the pasted reference number.

Delete the last character and replace it with the next in the sequence. In the example above we will replace 1 with the number 2. (In like manner, if the Document Reference ID end in a letter of the alphabet, please replace with the next letter to create a new number string. For example, replace a with b)

IAMT49.00003.ME.662.80d29c25-8231-4245-afe0-e8d93d174312

Please note that if you are filing a NIL report the second number/letter in the sequence should be used, as the Nil report also requires a unique Document Reference ID. Please see below.

IAMT49.00003.ME.662.80d29c25-8231-4245-afe0-e8d93d174313

Once finished, please select Validate and Save. If you need to review information or to return to your submission later, please select Save as Draft.

## 10.3 Non-Participating Financial Institutions

Saint Lucia Financial Institutions are required to report, for income years 2015 and 2016, the names of all non-participating financial institutions to which payments were made and the aggregate sums paid to each account in this category (Article 4 1 b).

In addition, a Saint Lucia Financial Institution which is not a qualified intermediary, withholding agent, or foreign trust, (in accordance with IRS codes 1441 and 1471) and makes payments of or acts as an intermediary

for the payment of US Source income to non-participating financial institutions, must provide the immediate payor with information required for withholding and reporting.

# 11 Report Status

Once a report has been successfully submitted, the user will receive an email to this effect. The user can also view submission history to review the status of the information which has been submitted.

# **12 Legal Requirements**

The Inter-Governmental Agreement (Saint Lucia and the United States of America) Act, Cap. 19.26 is the piece of legislation which gives the IGA the force of law in Saint Lucia. This Act is available at the following link: <a href="http://irdstlucia.gov.lc/index.php/eoi/fatca">http://irdstlucia.gov.lc/index.php/eoi/fatca</a>

Please note that in accordance with the Inter-Governmental Agreement (Saint Lucia and the United States of America) (Amendment) Act, #9 of 2021, the Competent Authority may monitor compliance with the FATCA requirements. Therefore, notice may be given to reporting Saint Lucia financial institutions to provide information including, but not limited to, procedures and policies. Entities are encouraged to comply fully.

#### 12.1 Penalties

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (Saint Lucia and the United States of America) Act, penalties will be levied on institutions that fail to comply with the reporting requirements of FATCA.

"16.— (1) A Reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institution who fails to make a return as and when required under this Act is liable to pay a penalty of five thousand dollars for such failure and a penalty of two thousand dollars for each month or part of the month that the failure continues.

(2) A Reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institution who makes a false statement or omission in respect of any information required to be included on a return, under this Act is liable to a penalty of fifty thousand dollars for each such failure, unless in the case of information required in respect of another person, a reasonable effort was made by the person to obtain the information from the other person.

(3) A Reporting Saint Lucia Financial Institution who does not comply with the requirement of the Competent Authority in the exercise or performance of the Competent Authority's powers or duties under this Act is liable to a penalty of fifty thousand dollars for each such failure."

All Saint Lucia financial institutions should make every effort to adhere to the Laws of Saint Lucia to avoid penalties and sanctions.

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