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INCOME TAX ACT 1947

INCOME TAX (SINGAPORE — THAILAND) (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT) (MODIFICATIONS TO IMPLEMENT MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT) ORDER 2022

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 49(7) of the Income Tax Act 1947, the Minister for Finance makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Income Tax (Singapore — Thailand) (Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement) (Modifications to Implement Multilateral Instrument) Order 2022 and comes into operation on 1 July 2022.

Purpose

2.—(1) This Order amends the arrangements made between the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand as specified in the Schedule to the Income Tax (Singapore — Thailand) (Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement) Order 2016 (G.N. No. S 66/2016) (called in this Order the Agreement).

(2) The purpose of this Order is to amend the Agreement to give effect to Singapore's obligations under the Multilateral Convention to

Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting done at Paris on 24 November 2016 (as amended from time to time).

Amendment of Agreement

3. The provisions of the Agreement are amended in the manner set out in the Schedule.

Entry into effect

4. The amendments mentioned in paragraph 3 have effect —
- (a) with respect to taxes withheld at source — in respect of amounts paid, deemed paid or liable to be paid (whichever is the earliest), on or after 1 January 2023; and
 - (b) with respect to taxes other than those withheld at source — where the income is derived or received in a basis period beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 3

Replacement of Preamble

1. Replace the Preamble of the Agreement with —

“The Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand,

Intending to eliminate double taxation with respect to the taxes covered by this Agreement without creating opportunities for non-taxation or reduced taxation through tax evasion or avoidance (including through treaty-shopping arrangements aimed at obtaining reliefs provided in this Agreement for the indirect benefit of residents of third jurisdictions),

Have agreed as follows:”.

New Article 26A

2. After Article 26 (Members of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts) of the Agreement, insert —

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

“ARTICLE 26A

PREVENTION OF TREATY ABUSE

Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement, a benefit under this Agreement shall not be granted in respect of an item of income or capital if it is reasonable to conclude, having regard to all relevant facts and circumstances, that obtaining that benefit was one of the principal purposes of any arrangement or transaction that resulted directly or indirectly in that benefit, unless it is established that granting that benefit in these circumstances would be in accordance with the object and purpose of the relevant provisions of this Agreement.”.

Made on 14 June 2022.

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Singapore.*

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