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Federal Tax Service Order No. MMV-7-17/527@ of 30 September 2016 approves the updated list of states (jurisdictions) failing to exchange tax information with Russia. The updated list now includes 109 states and 19 jurisdictions.

The following states and jurisdictions were excluded from the list:

- Aruba;
- Bermuda;
- · The Cayman Islands;
- · Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
- Georgia;
- Mauritius;
- Estonia.

South Korea was added to the list.

The Order enters into force on 1 January 2017.

Official Internet Portal for Legal Information

Clarifications from government bodies

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Russian Ministry of Finance Letter No. 03-08-05/59764 of 13 October 2016 sets forth that a Russian company receiving dividends from a Kazakhstani entity shall be entitled to offset the income tax withheld at source in the territory of Kazakhstan provided this company is a "beneficial owner" of said dividends. Furthermore, the Russian Ministry of Finance suggests verifying the beneficiary status when the income is received by a Russian company in order to confirm the right to offset the income tax withheld in the payer's jurisdiction.

In the event of any further payment of dividends to this Russian company's sole shareholder, who is a individual with tax residency in Russia, the assessment and payment of personal income tax will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 23 of the Russian Tax Code.

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Russian Ministry of Finance Letter No. 03-08-05/58952 of 10 October 2016 clarifies that Article 13 of the Double Taxation Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of the Netherlands does not contain any provisions authorising the imposition of taxes on income received from the sale of shares in a company with property that is located in the state in which it is being sold and that accounts for more than 50 percent of said company's assets.

Therefore, the proceeds received by the Dutch company from the sale of the shares in its subsidiary with property located in Russia accounting for more than 50 percent of its assets shall be taxed in the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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We hope you will find the information in this edition interesting and helpful. Our specialists are ready to answer any questions you may have on the issues covered in this edition.

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