# FATCA and its impact on the Irish Funds Industry





#### Welcome

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## **Agenda**

FATCA – Main Considerations for the Irish Funds Rebecca Maher Industry

**FATCA – Due Diligence, Self-Certifications and Data Protection** 

Ruth Kelly-McEwen

**Automatic Exchange of Information** 

**Brian Boyle** 

**Questions & Discussion** 

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# Main Considerations for the Irish Funds Industry

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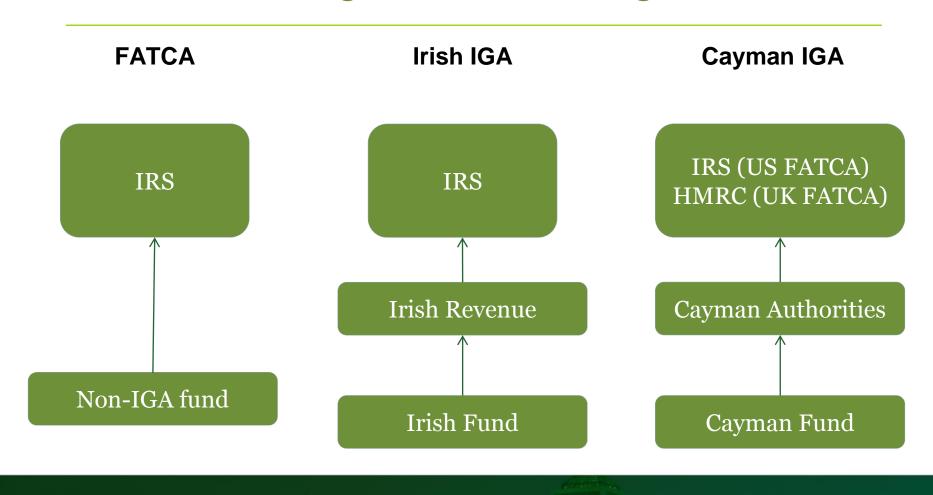


### FATCA – Latest Updates

- 1 July 2014 FATCA is here!
- Irish Regulations published and effective from 1 July 2014
- Updated Irish guidance notes expected in the near future
- Cayman guidance notes published on 22 July 2014
- First FATCA registrations processed and published by IRS on 2 June 2014
- New client on-boarding procedures required since 1 July 2014



### **FATCA** – Intergovernmental Agreements



### FATCA – IGA Tracker

#### http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/tax-policy/treaties/Pages/FATCA-Archive.aspx

IGA signed	39	Austria, Australia, Belgium, BVI, Estonia, Gibraltar, Ireland, Israel, UK, Cayman Islands, Switzerland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey, Bermuda, Mauritius, France, Italy, Japan, Costa Rica, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Mexico, Malta, Spain, Germany, Canada, Chile, Finland, Luxembourg, Hungary, Honduras, Jamaica, Latvia, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, South Africa, Slovenia	
Agreement in substance	62	Algeria, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Croatia, Curacao, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Greenland, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Kosovo, Kuwait, Malaysia, Montenegro, Lithuania, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Korea, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Turks and Caicos Islands, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Hong Kong, Iraq, Nicaragua, Moldova, Paraguay, San Marino, Taiwan	
Total	101		





## **FATCA** – Regulations and Guidance Notes

Local Regulations, Guidance Notes and IGA are of primary importance.

If silent, refer to US Regulations.

US Regulations (543 pages)

Irish Regulations (17 pages) and draft Guidance Notes (87 pages)

Cayman Guidance Notes (209 pages)





## FATCA – Industry Impact

### Reporting Financial Institutions\*

Any entity that holds as a substantial portion of its business, financial assets for the account of others

An entity that primarily conducts as a business, or is managed by an entity that conducts as a business, one or more of the following activities, for or on behalf of a customer:

- trading in transferable securities and financial assets;
- individual and collective portfolio management, or
- otherwise investing, administering or managing funds or money on behalf of others.

Custodial Depository Institution Institution **Specified** Investment Insurance **Entity** Company

Any person that accept deposits in the ordinary course of a banking or similar business

An insurance company is a Specified Insurance Company when the products written by the company are classified as Cash Value Insurance or Annuity Contracts or if payments are made with respect to such contracts.

- \*Two recent additions to FI definition:
- Relevant Holding Company
- Relevant Treasury Company

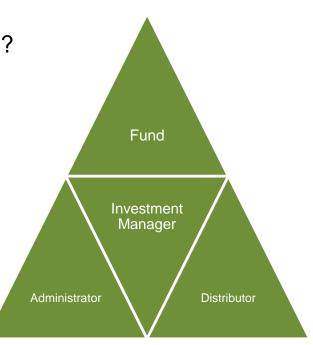
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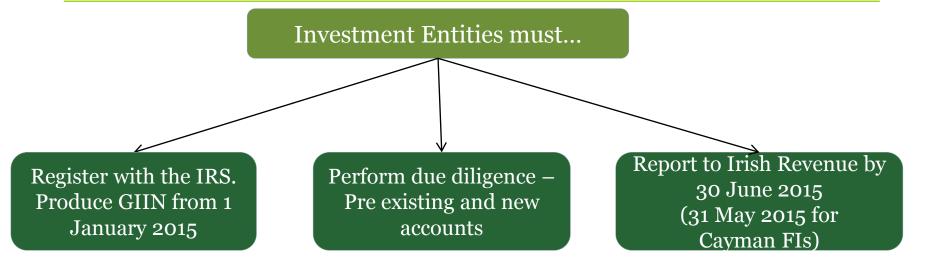


## **FATCA** – Asset management industry

- Broad definition of "investment entity"
- Main impact fund entity: umbrella v sub-fund?
- Outsource compliance?
  - Where is the Transfer Agency function?
  - Likely to make sense to outsource?
- Deemed Compliant status
  - IM where no managed accounts
  - "certain collective investment vehicles"
  - sponsored investment entities
- Investment Limited Partnership / Common Contractual Funds



#### **FATCA** – Actions for Investment Entities



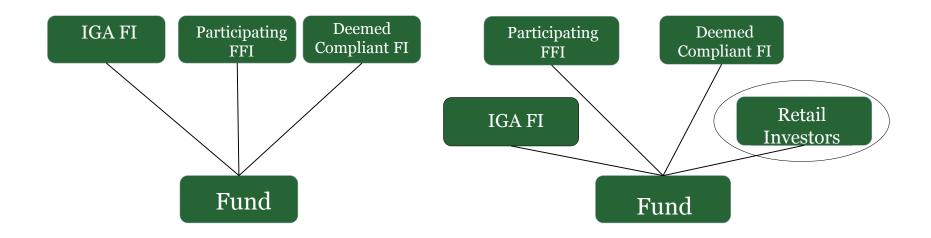
#### Update:

- Service offering documentation / Prospectus
- Client on-boarding procedures
- Distribution agreements
- Review underlying investments





# FATCA – Non-registering Deemed Compliant FIs



- All interests in the fund held by entities other than non-participating FIs
- Fund has **no** registration or reporting obligations
- Some interests in the fund held by entities other than non-participating FIs
- Fund must register and will have reporting obligations in respect of retail investors only





## **FATCA** – Exchange Traded Funds

- Chapter 5, Paragraph 9: securities held through a Central Securities Depository (CSD)
- The members of the CSD are responsible for the FATCA reporting, and not the ETF itself
- The APs and brokers have the required information
- FATCA reporting at AP level



## **FATCA** – Registration

- FATCA Registration Form (Form 8957) 4 Parts to the Form
- IRS Registration Portal has gone live since 1 January 2014
- Receive a Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)
- Irish/Cayman Fls need to produce GIIN from 1 Jan 2015
- To date over 2,000 Irish financial institutions and over 17,000 Cayman Financial Institutions have registered



### **FATCA** – Registration

#### Responsible Officer

#### **US Regulations**

 Required to oversee compliance programme and periodically certify compliance. Subject to US penalties of perjury.

#### **Cayman Islands**

- While the responsible officer title is a feature of the IRS FATCA portal registration process, registration by a financial institution (FI) in a Model 1 IGA jurisdiction does not invoke the US Treasury concept of a Responsible Officer.
- The purpose of the registration process for a Model 1 IGA FI is to apply for a Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN) and to authorise one or more Point of Contacts for the Reporting FI.

#### **Ireland**

Requesting a similar statement to be included in the Irish Guidance Notes.

## **FATCA** – Registration

#### **Expanded Affiliated Group**

#### **US Regulations**

- Identification of >50% owners of Fls corporates: vote & value
  - partnerships: vote
- Register together as Expanded Affiliated Group
- One member fails in its duties? All members tainted

#### **IGA Countries**

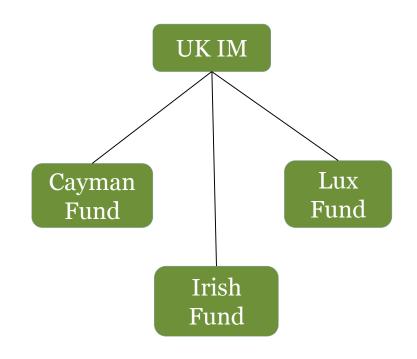
- Relevant for registration only
- Register as Lead FI/Member FI but see comments in IRS Registration FAQs
- No tainting of IGA FIs





## FATCA – Registration Issues Sponsoring Investment Entity

- Centralisation of FATCA compliance / oversight
- Asset management industry
- Sponsored Investment Entities can rely on the GIIN of the Sponsoring Entity
- Individual registration by Sponsored Entities only required where they hold U.S. Reportable Accounts by the later of 31 December 2015 or 90 days after a U.S. Reportable Account is identified.



## FATCA – Information to be reported

Schema released by IRS Reporting likely to be through ROS Reporting phased in over 3 years



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# Due Diligence, Self-Certifications and Data Protection

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## FATCA – Due Diligence Obligations

- If thresholds not applied must review all accounts as follows:
  - Low Value Accounts (<\$1m):</li>
     Electronic search for US indicia
  - High Value Accounts (>\$1m): Electronic search PLUS paper record search PLUS Relationship Manager review
- These reviews must be completed by 30 June 2015 (high value accounts) and 30 June 2016 (low value accounts)
- If thresholds not applied must review all accounts:
  - · Electronic search for US indicia
  - Classify account holders
- These reviews must be completed by 30 June 2016 (accounts >\$250k as of 30/06/2014). Accounts that did not exceed \$250k at 30/06/2014 but exceed \$1m at 31 December in any subsequent year, must be completed by 30 June of the following year.

Pre – Existing Individual Accounts

New Individual Accounts

Pre – Existing Entity Accounts

New Entity Accounts

- Where due-diligence required must carry out the following procedures:
  - Obtain a self certification to determine whether US tax resident: and
  - Confirm reasonableness of self certification based on information the FI obtains during account opening, including AML/KYC documentation.

- No de minimis thresholds <u>all</u> new accounts are subject to review & due diligence procedures on account opening
- Classify Account Holder
  - Reportable accounts Specified US Person, Non-Participating FFI or Passive NFFE (with one or more controlling persons who is a citizen or resident of the US).

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## FATCA – Due Diligence

#### **New Account Opening Obligations**

Reporting Irish Financial Institutions, including in-scope Irish domiciled funds, must implement new account opening procedures for all new accounts that are opened on or after the FATCA effective date of 1 July 2014\*. Obligations include the requirement to:

- Obtain self-certification forms or Forms W8/W9 from all new investors to determine whether the account holder is a U.S Citizen or US resident for tax purposes ("US reportable accounts"), and
- Confirm the reasonableness of the self-certification based on other documentation obtained as part of the account opening process for AML/KYC obligations or by reference to other publicly available information.

<sup>\*</sup> Extension to 1 January 2015 for new entity accounts

## FATCA – Due Diligence

#### **IFIA Self-Certifications**

- The IFIA's FATCA working group have drafted self-certification forms for both individual and entity investors that may be used by Irish Financial Institutions for the purpose of FATCA compliance.
- The forms are available on the IFIA website: http://www.irishfunds.ie/publications/
- IFIA self-certification forms should be used for documenting investors in Irish domiciled funds only.
- Self-certification forms are perfectly acceptable under the Irish Regulations and Guidance Notes for documenting investors for FATCA purposes.
   Future proofing processes for CRS.
- Wording can be used in its entirety as a stand alone form or sections may be added to fund application forms as required.

#### IFIA Self-Certifications and Data Protection

- Under Irish data protection rules, broader information for CRS cannot be gathered until CRS comes into force (see Cayman/UK Self-Cert Forms for example).
- Revenue and the Department of Finance have met the Data Protection Commissioner.
- The industry have spoken informally to the Data Protection Commissioner.
- Proposed solution tax information to be provided on a voluntary basis (as per IFIA Entity Self-Certification) but there is currently no basis to request information from individual investors on a voluntary basis.
- Discussions are on-going.
- Irish legislation for CRS expected to be introduced before the end of 2014.

#### Irish Self-Certification: Individual wording

Section 2: Irish Self-Cert Declaration of U.S Citizenship or U.S Residence for Tax Purpose.

#### Section 2: Declaration of U.S. Citizenship or U.S. Residence for Tax purposes:

Please tick either (a) or (b) and complete as appropriate.

 I confirm that I am a U.S. citizen and/or resident in the U.S. for tax purposes and my U.S. federal taxpayer identifying number

(U.S. TIN) is as follows:

OR

(b) I confirm that I am not a U.S. citizen or resident in the U.S. for tax purposes.

**Section 3**: Declaration and Undertakings (Authorised Signature)



Section 3: Declaration and Undertakings:

I declare that the information provided in this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and complete.

I undertake to advise the recipient promptly and provide an updated Self-Certification form where any change in circumstances occurs which causes any of the information contained in this form to be incorrect.

Authorised Signature:

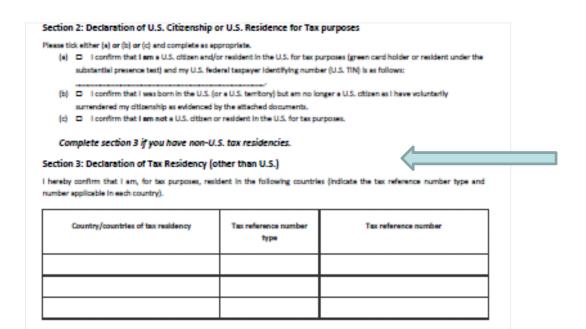
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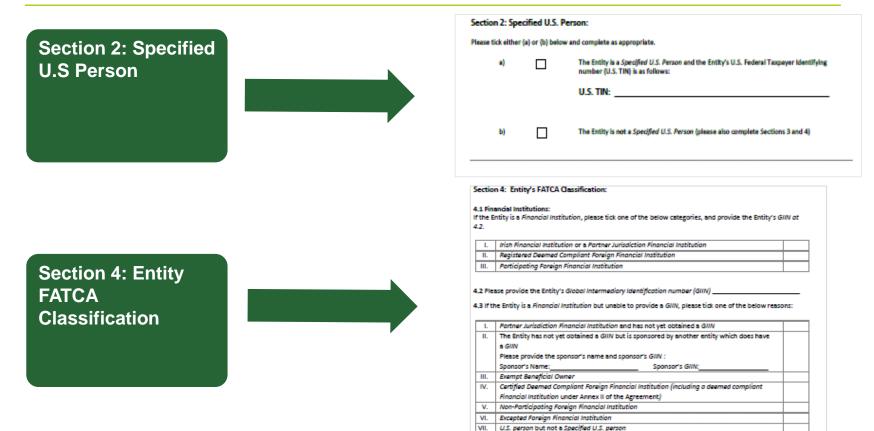
# Cayman Self-Certification: Individual wording (Declaration of Tax residency)



**Declaration of Tax residency (Other than U.S)** This additional question covers the Cayman requirement to comply with both U.S. FATCA and U.K. Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories (CDOT) requirements. It will also help to future proof information for OECD Global FATCA (CRS).

NOTE: Irish funds are currently unable to request this information from an individual investor until legislation is enacted for CRS due to data protection concerns.

#### Irish Self-Certification: Entity wording



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#### Irish Self-Certification: Entity wording contd.

Section 4.4: Entity Classification: Non-Financial Institutions



Section 5: Declaration and Undertakings (Authorised Signature)



#### 4.4 Non-Financial Institutions:

If the Entity is not a Financial Institution, please confirm the Entity's FATCA status below:

- . The Entity is an Active Non-Financial Foreign Entity
- III. The Entity is a Passive Non-Financial Foreign Entity (If the Entity is a Passive Non-Financial Foreign Entity, please provide details of any Controlling Persons (whose percentage of ownership is 23% or greater) which are U.S. citizens or resident in the U.S. for tax purposes. The term Controlling Persons is to be interpreted in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force.
- III. The Entity is an Excepted Non-Financial Foreign Entity

Full Name	Date of Birth	Full Residence Address	Details of Controlling Person's Beneficial Ownership	Tax Reference number

V. The Entity is a U.S. person but not a Specified U.S. person

Section 5: Declarations and Undertakings	
	tity) that the information provided in this form is, to the best ete.
I/We undertake to advise the recipient promptly a circumstance occurs which causes any of the information of	nd provide an updated Self-Certification where any change in mation contained in this form to be incorrect.
Authorised Signature(s):	
Capacity in which declaration is made:	
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy):	

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#### Self-Certification and "Reasonableness Check"

#### What is a "reasonableness check"?

In practice a "reasonableness check" entails confirming that the FATCA status claimed on the FATCA Self-Certification or W8/W9 does not contradict any other documents obtained as part of the account opening or for AML/KYC purposes.

#### Example of a "reasonableness check":

- An investor provides a self-certification confirming that they were not a U.S. resident for tax purposes, but then provides a U.S. address as part of their account opening documentation. This would be unreasonable and therefore fail the reasonableness check.
- In most cases it would be the party that has responsibility for conducting the AML/KYC who would also conduct the reasonableness check as they have access to the AML documentation.





#### Due Diligence - Failure of "Reasonableness Check"

Where the self-certification, W8 or W9 fails the "reasonableness check" the FATCA responsible party should contact the investor to request additional supporting information to correct any discrepancies identified as part of the "reasonableness check".

- This could mean requesting a new self-certification plus supporting information (Guidance Notes provide further details).
- There is no requirement for administrators to validate the classification confirmed by entities, but they must perform a "reasonableness check" against AML documentation.





## Practical Issues for Administrators, Transfer Agents and Investor Documentation

A Transfer Agent **may obtain** one set of FATCA due diligence documentation for an investor to validate the same investor's status in all funds serviced by that Transfer Agent (depending on their existing AML/KYC process).

**Example:** Investor X is a registered investor in three unrelated funds A, B and C, serviced by the same Transfer Agent. For Fund A the investor has completed a form of self-certification confirming their FATCA status. Therefore the Self-Certification document may be used to validate the investor's FATCA status in all three funds, without the Transfer Agent having to go out to the same investor again to request duplicate documentation.





# **FATCA** – Practical Issues for Administrators FATCA Service Providers

- Administrators servicing funds with multiple domiciles, should be mindful of the local FATCA obligations especially when using hybrid self-certification documents or application forms.
- Funds domiciled in Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories ("CDOT") are obliged to request both CDOT and U.S. FATCA investor identification and documentation (to confirm status as U.K. and/or U.S. Specified Person).
- Luxembourg currently has no industry standard self-certification.
- CRS expanded declaration of tax residency question may be requested for funds domiciled in CDOT jurisdictions.
- Irish domiciled funds individual investor: only confirm U.S. FATCA status due to data protection.
- Irish domiciled funds entity investor: no data protection concerns.





# Automatic Exchange of Information

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## **Tax Transparency**

No hiding place for untaxed or illicit monies

Critical element of Ireland's tax credibility

Ambitious global goals





## The Landscape

- Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)
- Common Reporting Standard (CRS)
- EU Savings Directive (EUSD)
- Directive(s) on Administrative Co-operation (DAC 1,2,3)
- Treaty Relief and Compliance Enhancement (TRACE)
- Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes(GFTEI)



## FATCA – Current State of Play

• IGA 2012 – CAA still in draft

• Financial Accounts Reporting (United States of America) Regulations 2014 (w.e.f 1July 2014)

Guidance Notes in draft

Reporting in June 2015 – Exchange in September 2015

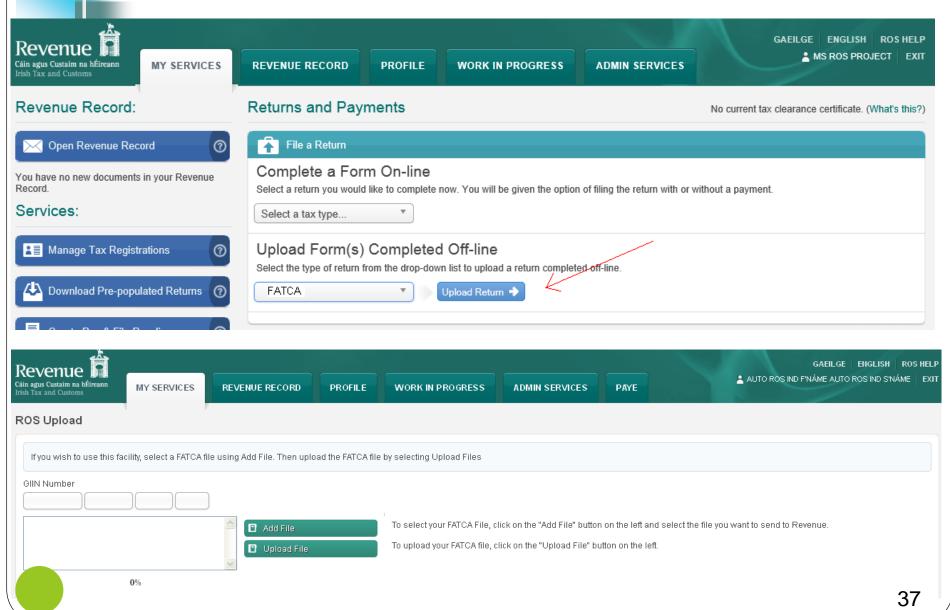


## **FATCA Compliance**

#### Registration

- FIs in Model 1 countries IGA must register with the IRS by <u>31 Dec</u> <u>2014</u>.
- IRS published first list of registered FIs in June 2014 (2007)
- Reporting
  - 30 June 2015 in respect of the 2014 accounting year
  - ROS Upload (Similar to iXBRL/P35) of FATCA Schema
  - Processing and Exchange by VIMA Dundalk
  - IRS Follow-Up with Competent Authority
  - Enforcement under S.891E TCA

# ROS FATCA Screens (Prototype)



# Common Reporting Standard

- The Global Standard
- CRS builds on FATCA but there are some key differences:
  - Place of tax residence v. U.S. Persons

No thresholds

No "frequently traded exemption"

• Fewer Exempt entities

Potential Multiple Residence Indicia



# **CRS - Current State of Play**

- Common Reporting Standard developed by WP10
- Package Approved by OECD Council 18 July 2014
  - Standard, Commentary, IT Modalities
- Legality under Multi-Lateral Convention/DAC/Treaty
- Competent Authority Agreements
- G5 (48) Early Adopter Group
- Data Protection Issues



## CRS - Next Steps

### G48 Early Adopter Group

- Competent Authority Agreements (October 2014)
- Due Diligence from January 2016
- Reporting for 2016 in June 2017 and Exchange in Sept.

#### Revenue

- Legislation in Finance Act 2014 and Regulations in 2015
- Industry Consultation
- IT Reception/Transmission (Similar to FATCA)
- Risk Analysis Systems



## **DAC - Current State of Play**

(2011/16/EC)

- DAC1 Exchange of information on 5 categories:
  - income from employment;
  - Director's fees;
  - life insurance products;
  - pensions;
  - immovable property
- S.I. no. 549 of 2012
- Reporting from 1 Jan 2015 for 2014 Tax Year
- DAC 2 Account data (CRS and elements of commentary)
- DAC 3 2017? (Extension to DAC1)



## **Other AEOI Developments**

## Global Forum on Tax Transparency

- CRS to 120+ countries
- New challenges

## EU Savings Directive

- New Directive adopted March 2014
- Interaction with DAC and CRS

#### **TRACE**

Cashflow benefits for customers and FIs



## **Revenue Priorities**

- Visible commitment to transparency
- Convergence on single standard
- Maximising tax compliance dividend
- Consultative & Co-operative approach to implementation

## **FATCA**





## Thank You for attending

You can find the Irish Revenue FATCA website here:

http://www.revenue.ie/en/business/aeoi/index.html

You can find the IFIA FATCA Self-Certification Forms here:

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