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Through Executive Decree No. 241 of 16 September 2020, the Executive Branch regulated the annual reporting requirement for companies holding a SEM License ([SEM Companies](#)). SEM Companies are subject to the annual reporting requirement before the Technical Secretary of the Commission of Headquarters Regime License ([Secretary](#)) and must comply before 31 December 2020. The reporting requirement must be fulfilled by presenting an Affidavit following the form available in the Secretary's website and attached hereto for immediate reference.

The Affidavit has two sections: **(i) Section I – General Information; and (ii) Section II – Specific Information related to the Substance Requirements.**

We want to reiterate that SEM Companies must present the Affidavit following these parameters:

1. SEM Companies holding a SEM License issued before 17 October 2017, are only required to complete Section I – General Information.
2. SEM Companies holding a SEM License issued after 17 October 2017, or SEM Companies that added an activity to their SEM License after 17 October 2017, must complete both Section I and Section II, and Appendixes thereto. These SEM Companies are subject to the Substance Requirement from fiscal year 2019, or from the moment a new activity was added.

In addition to presenting the Affidavit, SEM Companies must attach their Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2019. Moreover, SEM Companies must present the Affidavit endorsed by a Certified Public Accountant.

Prior to the presentation of the Affidavit before the Secretary, the document must be send in Word format via email to the following email address: sem@mici.gob.pa. The original version of the Affidavit must be presented before 31 December 2020.

Should you require further information or clarifications, please contact your Manager, Director or Partner from our Tax Services team.

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