



Taxation of cross-border mergers and acquisitions

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Introduction

Thailand's government is a constitutional monarchy. Executive powers are exercised by the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers, legislative powers by Parliament, and judicial powers by a judicial system composed of the Courts of First Instance, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

The principal taxation law of Thailand is the Revenue Code 1938. Royal decrees, ministerial regulations, ministerial notifications and Board of Taxation directives and rulings supplement the Code. The Director-General of Revenue administers the country's tax legislation.

A separate income tax law applies to companies involved in the exploitation of naturally occurring Thai oil and gas assets.

Companies that receive Board of Investment (BOI) promotion may obtain special taxation incentives for a number of years from the commencement of operations.

Recent developments

In a bid to make Thailand more internationally competitive, the corporate income tax rate has been reduced to 20 percent permanently.

Moreover, in January 2016, the government has enacted an emergency decree on tax inspection and assessment that provides a tax exemption for Thai companies having revenue of up to 500 million Thai baht (THB) for accounting periods ended before or on 31 December 2015. The measure aims to encourage small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) to comply with the tax law and commit no action to avoid paying tax in the future (as of 1 January 2016).

To access the tax exemption, the SME must register itself during the period from 16 January 2016 to 15 March 2016.

Asset purchase or share purchase

An acquisition in Thailand generally takes the form of a purchase of the shares of a company, as opposed to acquisition of the target's business and assets.

From a tax perspective, the likely recapture of capital allowances (i.e. taxable gain on sale of assets) is likely to make asset acquisitions less attractive for the seller. However, the benefits of asset acquisitions for the purchaser should not be ignored, particularly given the potential step-up in the tax cost base of the assets to market value and the fact that purchased goodwill is tax-deductible generally over 10 years. Some of the tax considerations relevant to each method are discussed below. The relative advantages are summarized at the end of this report.

Purchase of assets

A purchase of assets usually results in an increase in the tax cost base of those assets to the acquisition cost. In addition, historical tax liabilities generally remain with the company and are not transferred with the assets.

However, the restrictions on foreign investment imposed under the Foreign Business Act may limit the ability to acquire the assets directly without setting up a Thai subsidiary and obtaining the relevant approvals (if available) or acquiring the assets through a majority Thai-owned structure.

Purchase price

For tax purposes, it is necessary to apportion the total consideration among the assets acquired. It is generally advisable for the purchase agreement to specify the allocation, which is normally acceptable for tax purposes provided it is commercially justifiable.

Goodwill

Intangible assets, including goodwill, formulae, trademarks, business licenses, patents, copyright and any other rights are generally depreciable for tax purposes at the rate of 10 percent per year, or if the period of use is limited, 100 percent divided by the years of useful life.

Depreciation

A company is entitled to depreciate capital expenditure by using its acquisition cost base. Depreciation commences from the date of acquisition and must be apportioned if the asset is acquired partway through a fiscal year.

The company may adopt its own depreciation method; however, the useful life of the asset must not be shorter than that prescribed by the Thai Revenue Code.

Generally, the prescribed straight-line depreciation rates are as follows:

- machinery and related equipment — 20 percent
- permanent buildings — 5 percent
- temporary buildings — 100 percent
- depletable natural resources — 5 percent
- goodwill, formulae, trademarks, business licenses, patents, copyrights and any other rights — 10 percent or, if the period of use is limited — 100 percent divided by the years of useful life
- computer software, equipment and hardware — 33.33 percent
- other assets (excluding land or inventory) — 20 percent.

Tax attributes

Tax losses are not transferred on an asset acquisition. They remain with the original company in which they were derived. However, it may be possible for certain tax privileges obtained under Thailand's BOI to be transferred to the acquiring company with the related assets.

Value added tax

Value added tax (VAT) is payable by suppliers of taxable goods and in respect of services rendered in Thailand or performed offshore and used in Thailand.

VAT is currently levied at the standard rate of 7 percent on the taxable base for the goods or services rendered. Certain supplies are exempt from VAT or zero-rated.

Transfer taxes

A number of documents and transactions are subject to stamp duty in Thailand. Stamp duty is capped for certain instruments. Stamp duty is applicable at the following rates, depending on the circumstances:

- lease of land or building — 0.1 percent of the rent
- transfer of share, debenture or bond — 0.1 percent of the greater of the paid-up value of share and the transfer price
- hire of work agreement — 0.1 percent of the contract value
- monetary loan — 0.05 percent of the loan, with a cap at THB10,000.

Stamp duty may not be applicable in certain situations, or an exemption may be available. For example, stamp duty is not payable on share transfer documents in respect of securities listed in Thailand. In addition, any transfer executed offshore should not be subject to stamp duty until the transfer document is brought back into Thailand.

In certain circumstances, the liability to remit the stamp duty to the revenue office may rest with the purchaser, such as when a non-resident provides services to a Thai recipient.

The acquisition of land also gives rise to a transfer fee on the transfer of the property (generally split equally between purchaser and seller). The fee is equal to 2 percent of the Land Department's assessed value.

Purchase of shares

There is no mechanism in Thailand's tax legislation for the purchase price of a target company's shares to be pushed down to increase the tax base cost of that company's underlying assets.

Tax indemnities and warranties

In a share acquisition, the purchaser is taking over the target company together with all related liabilities, including contingent liabilities. Therefore, the purchaser normally requires more extensive indemnities and warranties than in the case of an asset acquisition. Where significant sums are at issue, it is customary for the purchaser to initiate a due diligence exercise, which normally incorporates a review of the target's tax affairs.

Tax losses

Tax losses incurred by a legal corporation may be carried forward for a maximum of 5 consecutive accounting periods and set off against profits of any nature (losses cannot be carried back). Tax losses are not foregone on a change in the company's ownership or business; any carried forward losses should survive acquisition.

Thailand has no separate capital gains tax. All losses are of a revenue nature and can be used to offset any type of income earned in the future. A company's brought forward tax losses cannot be used to offset profits of other companies through group relief.

Pre-sale dividend

The seller may prefer to realize part of the value of their investment as income by means of a pre-sale dividend. The rationale here is that the dividend may be partially or fully exempt and would reduce any gain on the disposal, which may be fully assessable.

Transfer taxes

The transfer of shares in a Thai company is subject to stamp duty in Thailand at the rate of 0.1 percent of the greater of the paid-up value of the shares and the nominal value. The transferor has the prima facie liability to pay the stamp

duty, but where the transaction is executed offshore, the liability rests with the first holder of the share transfer document in Thailand.

Choice of acquisition vehicle

The most common form of entity in Thailand is the limited company. In general, foreign companies prefer to operate as limited companies rather than as branch offices in order to limit liabilities. Thailand does not generally recognize flow-through vehicles, such as trusts.

Local holding company

A Thai holding company may be used. However, this option may not be attractive as no grouping rules are available to allow for the offset of any losses in a group with income from other entities.

A Thai holding company may also be relevant where the foreign ownership restrictions would not allow majority foreign ownership. A Thai private limited company may be wholly owned by foreign parties. However, for certain business activities reserved for Thai nationals, foreign participation is generally allowed up to 49 percent.

Dividends paid from the underlying company should be exempt from tax for the holding company, provided it holds at least 25 percent of the voting shares in the company without cross-shareholding and holds the shares for at least 3 months both before and after the payment of the dividend.

Foreign parent company

Because of the restrictions on foreign ownership (particularly land ownership), a foreign company cannot hold assets directly. In certain circumstances, a Thai limited company may be wholly owned by foreign parties. However, as noted previously, certain business activities are reserved for Thai nationals and foreign participation is limited to 49 percent.

Thailand imposes withholding taxes (WHT) on dividends (10 percent on all dividends paid to foreign companies) and interest (10 or 15 percent). In addition, foreign parties may be subject to WHT in Thailand on disposal of any local assets. A Thai purchaser is required to withhold from the sale proceeds an amount equal to 15 percent of the gain derived by the foreign entity on disposal.

Non-resident intermediate holding company

Where the foreign country taxes foreign capital gains and dividends, it is not uncommon for a foreign intermediate holding company to be used to defer WHT. Potential tax benefits may also be attained on disposal; tax treaties with certain countries also provide for an exemption from local WHT on any gain derived on disposal.

Local branch

A company incorporated under foreign laws may establish a branch office to do business in Thailand.

As a condition for approval of an alien business license for a branch of a foreign corporation, minimum capital of THB3 million must be brought into Thailand.

For tax purposes, the branch of the foreign company should constitute part of the same legal entity as its head office. The branch is taxable in Thailand on net profits attributable to its business in Thailand. Any gains derived from the sale of branch assets are prima facie subject to tax in Thailand.

While a foreign corporation is not taxable in Thailand on foreign-sourced income, the same is not always true for a branch. Fees paid by a foreign entity to the branch in respect of work performed by the branch are subject to Thai tax.

Joint venture

Although an unincorporated joint venture is not yet recognized under the Thai Civil and Commercial Code, income from a joint venture is subject to corporate tax under the Thai Revenue Code, which classifies a joint venture as a single tax entity.

Choice of acquisition funding

A purchaser using a Thai acquisition vehicle to carry out an acquisition for cash needs to decide whether to fund the vehicle with debt, equity or a hybrid instrument that combines the characteristics of both. The principles underlying these approaches are discussed below.

Debt

The advantage of debt is the potential tax-deductibility of interest and the ease of repatriating the investment contribution through repayment of debt principal. By contrast, the payment of dividends is not deductible and returns of capital can be administratively difficult and time-consuming.

Because of the lack of grouping rules in Thailand, any debt held at the Thai company level should be held in the company earning the taxable profits to ensure tax-deductibility.

Although there are no debt-to-equity restrictions for income tax purposes, other regulatory requirements may require a certain level of equity (e.g., the BOI rules generally require a 3:1 debt-to-equity ratio).

Deductibility of interest

There is no formal definition of 'interest' in Thai tax law. Interest generally includes interest on bonds, deposits, debentures, bills and secured/unsecured loans.

Generally, interest expenses incurred on funds borrowed for the purpose of the business are deductible and include borrowings to fund share acquisitions and for the payment of dividends. Generally, a company's accounting treatment of interest is followed for tax purposes (i.e. generally on an accruals basis, even where the interest is not actually paid for an extended period of time).

Although Thailand has no thin capitalization provisions, the Thai Revenue Department may apply the transfer pricing rules to restrict interest deductibility where the interest rate charged is higher than an arm's length rate.

Withholding tax on debt and methods to reduce or eliminate it

Interest payments offshore are subject to WHT at the rate of 15 percent of the gross amount. The rate may be reduced to 10 percent under an applicable tax treaty where the interest is paid to a bank or financial institution.

Although a deduction is provided in Thailand for interest on an accruals basis, WHT must be remitted to the Thai Revenue Department on payment. As such, timing benefits may be available where the debt is with an entity resident in a country that would only seek to tax the interest income on a cash basis.

Checklist for debt funding

- Interest payments offshore are subject to WHT at 15 percent of the gross amount.
- Due to the lack of thin capitalization provisions and the 28 percent effective tax rate on the repatriation of profits offshore by payment of dividends, debt funding may reduce the effective tax rate where the level of profits permits.

Equity

A purchaser may use equity to fund its acquisition, and foreign investors may be required to use a certain debt-to-equity ratio in order to obtain certain BOI approvals.

There is no minimum level of capitalization. However, a limited company's capital must be sufficient to accomplish its objectives. In addition, all shares must be subscribed, and at least 25 percent of the shares must be paid-up.

Using only equity funding may not be attractive because dividends are not deductible for Thai tax purposes, and the effective tax rate on the repatriation of profits offshore from Thailand is 28 percent (20 percent corporate tax plus 10 percent WHT). In addition, because of the difficulty in achieving a return of capital, it may be difficult for the investor to recover the funds it has injected.

Despite this lack of flexibility, equity may be more appropriate than debt in certain circumstances, such as where the target is loss-making or where no immediate tax relief is available for interest payments.

Thailand allows for an entire business transfer, under which the business and liabilities of one company are transferred to another company as an asset sale. The Thai Revenue Code allows the transaction to be accounted for at net book value for corporate income tax purposes (i.e. no taxable gain or loss), but the consideration paid can be at market value. Further, the Thai Revenue Code allows the asset transfer to be VAT-free. One of the conditions of the entire business transfer

is that the transferor must start liquidation procedures in the year of the transfer.

Thailand also has an amalgamation process whereby two companies can merge to form a new company. This transaction is free from Thai corporate income tax, but any tax losses in either of the original companies are lost. Both original companies are dissolved as a part of the amalgamation.

Hybrids

Generally, hybrid securities, including redeemable preference shares, are not available.

Discounted securities

The tax treatment of securities issued at a discount to third parties generally follows the accounting treatment (i.e. the discount accrues over the life of the security). The discount should constitute interest for WHT purposes.

Deferred settlement

The tax legislation is not clear on the treatment of deferred settlements. Each case should be considered on its facts.

Other considerations

Concerns of the seller

The seller may prefer to realize part of the value of their investment as income by means of a pre-sale dividend. The rationale here is that the dividend may be partially or fully exempt and would reduce any gain on the disposal, which may be fully assessable.

Where the seller is a non-resident of Thailand, the vendor may prefer to dispose of the shares in a Thai resident company to another non-resident company in order to avoid any potential WHT in Thailand.

Company law and accounting

Under Thai law, there are two types of companies: limited companies and public limited companies. Incorporation and operation of limited companies is governed by the Civil and Commercial Code, while public limited companies are governed by the Public Limited Company Act 1992.

Additionally, the Foreign Business Act 1999 should be considered as the most important law for foreign investors. This legislation specifies the foreign ownership restrictions on certain activities that may require the permission from the authorities prior to engaging in the business.

The basic concept of the limited company is similar to a western corporation. A limited company is a legal person with a registered capital that should be reasonably sufficient to achieve the company's objectives. The minimum number of shareholders required at all times is three. The liability of shareholders is limited to the fully paid-up amount of shares held, but the minimum payment for each share is only 25 percent of par value. In addition, non-voting rights are

not permitted for either common or preference shares. The company may be wholly owned by a foreign party, provided the business is not reserved for Thai nationals by law, in which case foreign participation is only allowed up to 49 percent.

Although the procedure for incorporating a public limited company is not much different than it is for a limited company, the governmental regulatory requirement is more complex because a public limited company is allowed to sell its shares to the public. A limited company can be converted to a public limited company according to the relevant regulations. The advantage is that a public limited company may offer both its shares and debentures to the public. A public limited company wishing to list its shares on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) must obtain the approval from SET and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand.

In Thailand, all new standards issued by the Federation of Accounting Professions are committed to be in line with International Financial Report Standards (IFRS), and discussions are being held for future convergence toward IFRS for companies listed in the Stock Exchange of Thailand. A non-listed company in Thailand can use either Thai Accounting Standards (TAS) or Thai Accounting Standards for Non-Publicly Accountable Entities (NPAE).

Audited financial statements of legal entities (including companies, branches and representative and regional offices) must be certified by an authorized auditor and lodged with the Thai Revenue Department and the Commercial Registrar for each accounting year. Documents may be prepared in any language, provided a Thai translation is attached.

A newly established company should close its accounts within 12 months from the date of registration. The accounting year is generally the calendar year. A company wishing to change its accounting period must obtain a written approval of the Director-General of the Thai Revenue Department.

Group relief/consolidation

Thailand does not provide for group relief or tax consolidation for corporate tax purposes.

Transfer pricing

Thailand has no detailed transfer pricing legislation. However, transfer pricing guidelines were issued by the Thai Revenue Department on 16 May 2002 (Departmental Instruction no. Paw 113/2545). These guidelines do not have the status of legislation but are internal directives that the Thai Revenue Department must follow when conducting tax audits, reviews and investigations.

A key element of the guidelines relates to the Thai Revenue Code's definition of 'market price'. The Revenue Department adopted the concept of an arm's length price under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) transfer pricing guidelines as a guide for establishing the market price. Generally, the guidelines define 'market

price' as the compensation for goods, services or interest that independent contracting parties would determine in good faith (i.e. comparable uncontrolled transaction).

Dual residency

There are no real advantages in seeking to establish a dual resident company.

Foreign investments of a local target company

A Thai legal company is taxed on all foreign income, including foreign dividends, interest and gains derived from foreign investments. Thailand does not impose controlled foreign company or similar provisions that seek to tax the income earned offshore.

In addition, the foreign dividends may be exempt from Thai corporate tax where the Thai company holds at least 25 percent of the voting shares of the foreign company (for a period of at least 6 months prior to receipt of the dividend) and the underlying profits from which the dividends were paid were subject to tax in the foreign country at a rate of at least 15 percent.

Comparison of asset and share purchases

Advantages of asset purchases

- The purchase price of the relevant assets, including goodwill, may be depreciated for tax purposes.
- Liabilities and business risks of the vendor company are not transferred to the purchaser.
- Possible to acquire only parts of the business.
- Interest to fund the acquisition of assets should be tax-deductible.

Disadvantages of asset purchases

- Possibility of taxable gains derived from the assets for the seller.
- Benefits of tax losses remain in the target company.

Advantages of share purchases

- Vendor should not be subject to any taxable gains on the underlying assets.
- Purchaser may benefit from any unused tax losses despite the change in ownership or possible change in the loss company's business.
- Other tax benefits may also be acquired, such as deferred tax assets and tax credits.

Disadvantages of share purchases

- Purchaser acquires historical tax cost-base. There is no mechanism to reset the tax cost of the assets to market value for tax purposes.

Thailand – Withholding tax rates

All payers of certain types of assessable income are required to deduct tax at source from payments of such income to overseas resident individuals and corporations at the following rates.

Assessable income	WHT rate (%)
Dividends	10
Interest	15 ¹
Royalties	15 ²
Gains from sale of shares within Thailand	15 ³
Distribution of profits	10
Management fees, technical fees and other income subject to withholding under Section 70 of the Revenue Code	15 ⁴

Source: Sections 50 and 70 of the Thai Revenue Code

Notes:

1. A 10 percent rate applies to interest paid to foreign bank or financial institutions (including insurance companies) that are resident in a country having a tax treaty with Thailand.
2. Lower rates of 5, 8 or 10 percent exist for royalties paid for the use of copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work or for the use of industrial, commercial or scientific equipment to residents of certain countries with tax treaties with Thailand.
3. Certain gains are tax-free under the terms of certain treaties.
4. Under Thailand's tax treaties, provided such income is not excluded from the meaning of 'business profits' or not specifically treated as a royalty, entities without a Thai permanent establishment are not subject to Thai tax on such income. Accordingly, they are not subject to Thai WHT.

As of February 2016, Thailand has signed tax treaties with 60 countries. The following WHT rates apply to recipient countries that do not have a PE or fixed base in Thailand.

Source: Revenue Department of Thailand website, February 2016

Country	Dividends (%)	Interest (%)	Royalties (%)
Armenia	10	10/15 ¹	15
Australia	10	10/15 ¹	15
Austria	10	10/15 ¹	15
Bahrain	10	10/15 ¹	15
Bangladesh	10	10/15 ¹	15
Belgium	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ²
Bulgaria	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ¹⁰
Canada	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ³
Chile	10	10/15 ¹	10/15 ¹⁴
China (People's Rep.)	10	10/15 ¹	15
Cyprus	10	10/15 ¹⁸	5/10/15 ¹¹
Czech Republic	10	10/15 ¹	5/10/15 ⁴
Denmark	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ²
Estonia	10	10	8/10 ²³
Finland	10	10/15 ¹	15

Country	Dividends (%)	Interest (%)	Royalties (%)
France	10	3/10/15 ⁵	0/5/15 ⁶
Germany	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ²
Hong Kong	10	10/15 ¹⁹	5/10/15 ⁴
Hungary	10	10/15 ¹	15
India	10	10/15 ¹	15
Indonesia	10	10/15 ¹	15
Ireland	10	10/15 ¹⁹	5/10/15 ²⁴
Israel	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ³
Italy	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ²
Japan	10	10/15 ¹	15
Korea (Rep.)	10	10/15 ¹⁹	5/10/15 ¹³
Kuwait	10	10/15 ¹	15
Laos	10	10/15 ¹	15
Luxembourg	10	10/15 ¹	15
Malaysia	10	10/15 ¹	15
Mauritius	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ¹⁰
Myanmar	10	10	5/10/15 ¹⁵
Nepal	10	10/15 ¹	15
Netherlands	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ²
New Zealand	10	10/15 ¹⁹	10/15 ⁷
Norway	10	10/15 ¹	5/10/15 ¹²
Oman	10	10/15 ¹	15
Pakistan	10	10/15 ¹	0/10/15 ¹⁶
Philippines	10	10/15 ²¹	15
Poland	10	10/15 ¹	0/5/15 ²⁰
Romania	10	10/15 ¹	15
Russia	10	10/15 ¹	15
Seychelles	10	10/15 ¹	15
Singapore	10	10/15 ¹	15
Slovenia	10	10/15 ¹	10/15 ²²
South Africa	10	10/15 ¹	15
Spain	10	10/15 ¹	5/8/15 ⁸
Sri Lanka	10	10/15 ¹	15
Sweden	10	10/15 ¹	15
Switzerland	10	10/15 ¹	5/10/15 ⁴
Taiwan	5/10 ¹⁷	10/15 ¹	10
Tajikistan	10	10	5/10 ²⁵
Turkey	10	10/15 ¹	15
Ukraine	10	10/15 ¹	15
United Arab Emirates	10	10/15 ¹	15
United Kingdom	10	10/15 ¹	5/15 ²
United States	10	10/15 ¹⁹	5/8/15 ⁹
Uzbekistan	10	10/15 ¹	15
Vietnam	10	10/15 ¹	15

Notes:

- ¹ 10 percent applies to a recipient that is a bank or financial institution (including an insurance company); 15 percent for other interest payments.
- ² 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic, or scientific work; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ³ 5 percent for production or reproduction of any literary, dramatic, musical, or artistic work (but not including royalties in respect of motion picture films and works on film or videotape for use in connection with television broadcasting); 15 percent for other royalties.
- ⁴ 5 percent for alienation or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work excluding cinematograph films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting; 10 percent for alienation of any patent, trademark, design or model plan, secret formula, or process; 15 percent rate for other royalties.
- ⁵ 3 percent for interest paid on loans or credits granted for 4 years or more with the participation of a financing public institution to a statutory body or to an enterprise in relation to the sale of any equipment or to the survey, installation or supply of industrial, commercial or scientific premises, and public works; 10 percent applies to a recipient that is financial institution; 15 percent for other interest payment.
- ⁶ 0 percent for payment in respect of films or tapes (payable to a contracting state or state-owned company); 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ⁷ 10 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright, any industrial, commercial or scientific equipment, any motion picture film or film or videotape or any other recording for use in connection with television, or tape or any other recording in connection with radio broadcasting; the reception of, or the right to receive, visual images or sounds or both and the use in connection with television or radio broadcasting, visual images or sounds, or both, transmitted by satellite or cable, optic fiber or similar technology; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ⁸ 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, dramatic, musical, artistic or scientific work excluding cinematograph films or films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting; 8 percent for the use of or the right to use industrial, commercial or scientific equipment; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ⁹ 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work, including software, and motion pictures and works on film, tapes or other means of reproduction for use in connection with radio or television broadcasting; 8 percent for the use of or the right to use industrial, commercial or scientific equipment; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ¹⁰ 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, dramatic musical, artistic or scientific work excluding cinematograph films or films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ¹¹ 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, dramatic, musical, artistic or scientific work including software, cinematograph films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting; 10 percent for the use of or the right to use industrial, commercial or scientific equipment, or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience; 15 percent for other royalties
- ¹² 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work; 10 percent for the use of industrial, commercial, or scientific equipment; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ¹³ 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work including software, and motion pictures and works on films, tapes or other means of reproduction for use in connection with radio or television broadcasting; 10 percent for the use of or the right to use any patent, trademark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ¹⁴ 10 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific works and any industrial, commercial or scientific equipment; 15 percent for other royalties
- ¹⁵ 5 percent for the use of or right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work; 10 percent rate for the consideration for any services of a managerial or consultancy nature, or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ¹⁶ 0 percent for films or tapes (payable to a contracting state or state-owned company); 10 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work; 15 percent for other royalties.

- ¹⁷ 5 percent for dividend if the beneficial owner directly holds at least 25 percent of the capital of the company paying dividend; 10 percent for other dividend payments.
- ¹⁸ 10 percent for interest received by a financial institution (including an insurance company), or paid by in connection with the sale on credit of any industrial, commercial or scientific equipment or the sale on credit of any merchandise by one enterprise to another enterprise; 15 percent for other interest.
- ¹⁹ 10 percent for interest paid to financial institution (including insurance company) or with respect to indebtedness arising as a consequence of a sale on credit of any equipment, merchandise or services, except where the sale was between persons not dealing with each other at arm's length; 15 percent for other interest.
- ²⁰ 0 percent for payment in respect of films or tapes (payable to a contracting state or state-owned company); 5 percent for the use of or the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work (excluding cinematographic films or tapes for television or broadcasting); 15 percent for other royalties.
- ²¹ 10 percent for interest received by financial institution or in respect of public issues of bonds, debentures or similar obligation; 15 percent for other interest.
- ²² 10 percent for the use of, or the right to use any copyright of literary or artistic work including motion pictures, live broadcasting film, tape or other means of the use of reproduction in connection with radio and television broadcasting or industrial, commercial or scientific equipment; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ²³ 8 percent for the right to use industrial, commercial or scientific equipment ; 10 percent for other royalties.
- ²⁴ 5 percent for the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific, including software, and motion pictures and works on films, tapes and other means of reproduction for use in connection with radio or television broadcasting; 10 percent for right to use industrial, commercial or scientific equipment and patent; 15 percent for other royalties.
- ²⁵ 5 percent for the right to use any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific works; 10 percent for other royalties.

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