

#### **INCOME TAX ACT 1970**

#### **INCOME TAX (SINGAPORE) (DOUBLE TAXATION) ORDER 2012**

Approved by Tynwald

20 November 2012

Coming into operation

23 November 2012

The Council of Ministers makes this Order under section 54 of the Income Tax Act 1970.

Title
This Order is the Income Tax (Singapore) (Double Taxation) Order 2012.

#### 2 Commencement

If approved by Tynwald<sup>1</sup>, this Order comes into operation on 23 November 2012.

#### 3 Interpretation

In this Order "applicable arrangements" means the arrangements for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income contained in an agreement between the Government and the Government of the Republic of Singapore signed in London on 21 September 2012 and set out in Schedule 1.

#### 4 Implementation of the agreement

It is declared that -

(a) the applicable arrangements have been made with the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and the tax of a similar character imposed by the laws of Singapore; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As required by section 54(1G) of the Income Tax Act 1970.

(b) it is expedient that those arrangements have effect under section 54 of the Income Tax Act 1970.

#### 5 Modification of the effect of certain provisions of the Income Tax Act 1970

- (1) The effect of the Income Tax Act 1970 is modified for the purpose of implementing or otherwise giving effect to the applicable arrangements as follows.
- (2) In section 105C(5) after "pending appeal" insert "either in the Island or in Singapore".
- (3) In section 105D -
  - (a) in subsection (1) for the words after "the Assessor" substitute "believes it to be necessary for the purpose of responding to a request made by the Government of the Republic of Singapore in accordance with the applicable arrangements"; and
  - (b) in subsection (6)(a) after "such form" insert "and authenticated in such manner".
- (4) In section 105E
  - (a) after subsection (2) insert
    - "(2A) In determining a reference under subsection (2), the Commissioners shall take account of the requirements of the applicable arrangements."; and
  - (b) in subsection (6)(a) for "General Revenue" substitute "the Revenue of the Island or Singapore".
- (5) In section 105F(5)(a) after "such form" insert "and authenticated in such manner".
- (6) In section 105O insert the following definitions alphabetically —

""applicable arrangements" means the arrangements for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income contained in an agreement between the Government and the Government of the Republic of Singapore signed in London on 21 September 2012;

"income tax" includes any tax to which the applicable arrangements relate, and "tax", "liability to income tax" and "liability" shall be construed accordingly;

"Income Tax Acts" includes the laws of the Island or of Singapore that relate to any tax to which the applicable arrangements relate, and "this Act" shall be construed accordingly;

"Singapore" shall be construed in accordance with the applicable arrangements;

"taxpayer" includes a person who is or may be liable to any tax to which the applicable arrangements relate.".

(7) Schedule 2 contains the text of sections 105C to 105O of the Income Tax Act 1970 as modified for the purposes of the applicable arrangements.

MADE 24th October 2012

W Greenhow Chief Secretary

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLE OF MAN AND

# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE FOR

# THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLE OF MAN

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE,

**DESIRING** to conclude an Agreement for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 PERSONS COVERED

This Agreement shall apply to persons who are residents of one or both of the Contracting Parties.

#### **TAXES COVERED**

- 1. This Agreement shall apply to taxes on income imposed on behalf of a Contracting Party or of its political subdivisions or local authorities, irrespective of the manner in which they are levied.
- 2. There shall be regarded as taxes on income all taxes imposed on total income or on elements of income, including taxes on gains from the allenation of movable or immovable property.
- 3. The existing taxes to which the Agreement shall apply are in particular:
  - (a) in Singapore:
    - the income tax

(hereinafter referred to as "Singapore tax");

- (b) In the Isle of Man:
  - taxes on income or profit

(hereinafter referred to as "Manx tax").

4. The Agreement shall apply also to any identical or substantially similar taxes that are imposed after the date of signature of the Agreement in addition to, or in place of, the existing taxes. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall notify each other of any significant changes that have been made in their taxation laws.

#### **GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - the term "Singapore" means the Republic of Singapore and, when used in a geographical sense, includes its land territory, internal waters and territorial sea, as well as any maritime area situated beyond the territorial sea which has been or might in the future be designated under its national law, in accordance with international law, as an area within which Singapore may exercise sovereign rights or jurisdiction with regards to the sea, the sea-bed, the subsoil and the natural resources:
  - (b) the term "Isle of Man" means the island of the Isle of Man, including its territorial sea, in accordance with international law:
  - (c) the term "person" includes an individual, a company and any other body of persons;
  - (d) the term "company" means any body corporate or any entity that is treated as a body corporate for tax purposes;
  - (e) the terms "enterprise of a Contracting Party" and "enterprise of the other Contracting Party" mean respectively an enterprise carried on by a resident of a Contracting Party and an enterprise carried on by a resident of the other Contracting Party;
  - (f) the term "International traffic" means any transport by a ship or alreraft operated by an enterprise of a Contracting Party,

except when the ship or aircraft is operated solely between places in the other Contracting Party;

- (g) the term "competent authority" means:
  - in Singapore, the Minister for Finance or his authorised representative;
  - (II) In the Isle of Man, the Assessor of Income Tax or his delegate;
- (h) the term "national", in relation to a Contracting Party, means:
  - (i) any individual possessing the nationality or citizenship of that Contracting Party; and
  - (ii) any legal person, partnership or association deriving its status as such from the laws in force in that Contracting Party.
- 2. As regards the application of the Agreement at any time by a Contracting Party, any term not defined therein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning that it has at that time under the law of that Party for the purposes of the taxes to which the Agreement applies, any meaning under the applicable tax laws of that Party prevailing over a meaning given to the term under other laws of that Party.

### ARTICLE 4 RESIDENT

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "resident of a Contracting Party" means any person who, under the laws of that Party, is liable to tax therein by reason of his domicile, residence, place of management or any other criterion of a similar nature, and also includes that Party and any political subdivision, local authority or statutory body thereof.
- 2. Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 an individual is a resident of both Contracting Parties, then his status shall be determined as follows:
  - (a) he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party in which he has a permanent home available to him; if he has a permanent home available to him in both Parties, he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party with which his personal and economic relations are closer (centre of vital interests);
  - (b) If the Party in which he has his centre of vital interests cannot be determined, or if he has not a permanent home available to him in either Party, he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party in which he has an habitual abode;
  - (c) If he has an habitual abode in both Parties or in neither of them, he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party of which he is a national;

- (d) In any other case, the competent authorities of the Contracting

  Parties shall settle the question by mutual agreement.
- 3. Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 a person other than an individual is a resident of both Contracting Parties, then it shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party in which its place of effective management is situated. If its place of effective management cannot be determined, the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall settle the question by mutual agreement.

#### PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "permanent establishment" means a fixed place of business through which the business of an enterprise is wholly or partly carried on.
- 2. The term "permanent establishment" includes especially:
  - (a) a place of management;
  - (b) a branch;
  - (c) an office;
  - (d) a factory;
  - (e) a workshop; and
  - (f) a mine, an oil or gas well, a quarry or any other place of extraction of natural resources.
- 3. A building site, a construction, assembly or Installation project or supervisory activities in connection therewith constitute a permanent establishment only if such site, project or activities lasts more than 12 months.
- 4. The furnishing of services, including consultancy services, by an enterprise of a Contracting Party through employees or other personnel engaged by the enterprise for such purpose constitutes a permanent establishment only if activities of that nature continue (for the same or a

connected project) within the other Contracting Party for a period or periods aggregating more than 365 days in any 15-month period.

- 5. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, the term "permanent establishment" shall be deemed not to include:
  - the use of facilities solely for the purpose of storage, display or delivery of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise;
  - (b) the maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandlse belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of storage, display or delivery;
  - (c) the maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of processing by another enterprise;
  - (d) the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of purchasing goods or merchandise or of collecting information, for the enterprise;
  - the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of carrying on, for the enterprise, any other activity of a preparatory or auxillary character;
  - (f) the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for any combination of activities mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e), provided that the overall activity of the fixed place of business resulting from this combination is of a preparatory or auxiliary character.

- 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, where a person other than an agent of an independent status to whom paragraph 7 applies is acting on behalf of an enterprise and has, and habitually exercises, in a Contracting Party an authority to conclude contracts in the name of the enterprise, that enterprise shall be deemed to have a permanent establishment in that Party in respect of any activities which that person undertakes for the enterprise, unless the activities of such person are limited to those mentioned in paragraph 5 which, if exercised through a fixed place of business, would not make this fixed place of business a permanent establishment under the provisions of that paragraph.
- 7. An enterprise shall not be deemed to have a permanent establishment in a Contracting Party merely because it carries on business in that Party through a broker, general commission agent or any other agent of an independent status, provided that such persons are acting in the ordinary course of their business.
- 8. The fact that a company which is a resident of a Contracting Party controls or is controlled by a company which is a resident of the other Contracting Party, or which carries on business in that other Party (whether through a permanent establishment or otherwise), shall not of itself constitute either company a permanent establishment of the other.

#### **INCOME FROM IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

- 1. Income derived by a resident of a Contracting Party from immovable property (including Income from agriculture or forestry) situated in the other Contracting Party may be taxed in that other Party.
- 2. The term "immovable property" shall have the meaning which it has under the law of the Contracting Party in which the property in question is situated. The term shall in any case include property accessory to immovable property, livestock and equipment used in agriculture and forestry, rights to which the provisions of general law respecting landed property apply, usufruct of immovable property and rights to variable or fixed payments as consideration for the working of, or the right to work, mineral deposits, sources and other natural resources; ships and aircraft shall not be regarded as immovable property.
- 3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply to income derived from the direct use, letting, or use in any other form of immovable property.
- 4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 shall also apply to the income from immovable property of an enterprise and to income from immovable property used for the performance of independent personal services.

#### **BUSINESS PROFITS**

- 1. The profits of an enterprise of a Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that Party unless the enterprise carries on business in the other Contracting Party through a permanent establishment situated therein. If the enterprise carries on business as aforesald, the profits of the enterprise may be taxed in the other Party but only so much of them as is attributable to that permanent establishment.
- 2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, where an enterprise of a Contracting Party carries on business in the other Contracting Party through a permanent establishment situated therein, there shall in each Contracting Party be attributed to that permanent establishment the profits which it might be expected to make if it were a distinct and separate enterprise engaged in the same or similar activities under the same or similar conditions and dealing wholly independently with the enterprise of which it is a permanent establishment.
- 3. In determining the profits of a permanent establishment, there shall be allowed as deductions expenses which are incurred for the purposes of the permanent establishment, including executive and general administrative expenses so incurred, whether in the Party in which the permanent establishment is situated or elsewhere.

- 4. No profits shall be attributed to a permanent establishment by reason of the mere purchase by that permanent establishment of goods or merchandise for the enterprise.
- 5. For the purposes of the preceding paragraphs, the profits to be attributed to the permanent establishment shall be determined by the same method year by year unless there is good and sufficient reason to the contrary.
- 6. Where profits include items of income which are dealt with separately in other Articles of this Agreement, then the provisions of those Articles shall not be affected by the provisions of this Article.

#### SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT

- 1. Profits derived by an enterprise of a Contracting Party from the operation of ships or alreaft in international traffic shall be taxable only in that Party.
- 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall also apply to profits from the participation in a pool, a joint business or an international operating agency.
- 3. Interest on funds connected with the operations of ships or aircraft in international traffic shall be regarded as profits derived from the operation of such ships or aircraft, and the provisions of Article 11 shall not apply in relation to such interest.
- 4. For the purposes of this Article, profits from the operation of ships or aircraft in International traffic shall include:
  - (a) profits from the rental on a bareboat basis of ships or aircraft;and
  - (b) profits from the use, maintenance or rental of containers (including trailers and related equipment for the transport of containers), used for the transport of goods or merchandise;

where such rental or such use, maintenance or rental, as the case may be, is incidental to the operation of ships or aircraft in international traffic.

### ARTICLE 9 ASSOCIATED ENTERPRISES

#### 1. Where

- (a) an enterprise of a Contracting Party participates directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of the other Contracting Party, or
- (b) the same persons participate directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of a Contracting Party and an enterprise of the other Contracting Party,

and In either case conditions are made or imposed between the two enterprises in their commercial or financial relations which differ from those which would be made between independent enterprises, then any profits which would, but for those conditions, have accrued to one of the enterprises, but, by reason of those conditions, have not so accrued, may be included in the profits of that enterprise and taxed accordingly.

2. Where a Contracting Party includes, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1, in the profits of an enterprise of that Party - and taxes accordingly - profits on which an enterprise of the other Contracting Party has been charged to tax in that other Party and where the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties agree, upon consultation, that all or part of the profits so included are profits which would have accrued to the enterprise of the first-mentioned Party if the conditions made between the two enterprises had been those which would have been made between independent

enterprises, then that other Party shall make an appropriate adjustment to the amount of the tax charged therein on those agreed profits. In determining such adjustment, due regard shall be had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 10 DIVIDENDS

- 1. Dividends paid by a company which is a resident of a Contracting Party to a resident of the other Contracting Party and which are beneficially owned by that resident shall be taxable only in that other Party. This paragraph shall not affect the taxation of the company in respect of the profits out of which the dividends are paid.
- 2. The term "dividends" as used in this Article means Income from shares, "jouissance" shares or "jouissance" rights, mining shares, founders' shares or other rights, not being debt claims, participating in profits, as well as income from other corporate rights which is subjected to the same taxation treatment as Income from shares by the laws of the Party of which the company making the distribution is a resident.
- 3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the dividends, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party of which the company paying the dividends is a resident, through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other Party independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.

4. Where a company which is a resident of a Contracting Party derives profits or income from the other Contracting Party, that other Party may not impose any tax on the dividends paid by the company, except insofar as such dividends are paid to a resident of that other Party or insofar as the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with a permanent establishment or a fixed base situated in that other Party, nor subject the company's undistributed profits to a tax on the company's undistributed profits, even if the dividends paid or the undistributed profits consist wholly or partly of profits or income arising in such other Party.

#### INTEREST

- 1. Interest arising in a Contracting Party and paid to a resident of the other Contracting Party may be taxed in that other Party.
- 2. However, such interest may also be taxed in the Contracting Party in which it arises and according to the laws of that Party, but if the beneficial owner of the interest is a resident of the other Contracting Party, the tax so charged shall not exceed 12 per cent of the gross amount of the interest.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2, interest arising in a Contracting Party and paid to the Government of the other Contracting Party shall be exempt from tax in the first-mentioned Party.
- 4. For the purpose of paragraph 3, the term "Government":
  - (a) in the case of Singapore, means the Government of Singapore and shall include:
    - (i) the Monetary Authority of Singapore;
    - (ii) the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation PteLtd;
    - (iii) a statutory body; and
    - (Iv) any institution wholly or mainly owned by the Government of Singapore as may be agreed from time to

time between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

- (b) In the case of the Isle of Man, means the Government of the Isle of Man and shall include:
  - (i) a statutory body; and
  - (ii) any institution wholly or mainly owned by the Government of the Isle of Man as may be agreed from time to time between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.
- 5. The term "Interest" as used in this Article means income from debtclaims of every kind, whether or not secured by mortgage and whether or not carrying a right to participate in the debtor's profits, and in particular, income from government securities and income from bonds or debentures, including premiums and prizes attaching to such securities, bonds or debentures. Penalty charges for late payment shall not be regarded as interest for the purpose of this Article.
- 6. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the interest, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party in which the interest arises, through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other Party independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the debt-claim in respect of which the interest is paid is effectively connected with

such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.

- 7. Interest shall be deemed to arise in a Contracting Party when the payer is a resident of that Party. Where, however, the person paying the interest, whether he is a resident of a Contracting Party or not, has in a Contracting Party a permanent establishment or a fixed base in connection with which the indebtedness on which the interest is paid was incurred, and such interest is borne by such permanent establishment or fixed base, then such interest shall be deemed to arise in the Party in which the permanent establishment or fixed base is situated.
- 8. Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the interest, having regard to the debt-claim for which it is paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payments shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting Party, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 12 ROYALTIES

- 1. Royalties arising in a Contracting Party and paid to a resident of the other Contracting Party may be taxed in that other Party.
- 2. However, such royalties may also be taxed in the Contracting Party in which they arise and according to the laws of that Party, but if the beneficial owner of the royalties is a resident of the other Contracting Party, the tax so charged shall not exceed 8 per cent of the gross amount of the royalties.
- 3. The term "royalties" as used in this Article means payments of any kind received as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work including cinematograph films, or films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting, any computer software, patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience.
- 4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the royalties, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party in which the royalties arise, through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other Party independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the right or property in respect of which the royalties are paid is effectively

connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case, the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.

- 5. Royalties shall be deemed to arise in a Contracting Party when the payer is a resident of that Party. Where, however, the person paying the royalties, whether he is a resident of a Contracting Party or not, has in a Contracting Party a permanent establishment or a fixed base in connection with which the liability to pay the royalties was incurred, and such royalties are borne by such permanent establishment or fixed base, then such royalties shall be deemed to arise in the Party in which the permanent establishment or fixed base is situated.
- 6. Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the royalties, having regard to the use, right or information for which they are pald, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payments shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting Party, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

#### **CAPITAL GAINS**

- 1. Gains derived by a resident of a Contracting Party from the allenation of immovable property referred to In Article 6 and situated in the other Contracting Party may be taxed in that other Party.
- 2. Gains from the alienation of movable property forming part of the business property of a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting Party has in the other Contracting Party or of movable property pertaining to a fixed base available to a resident of a Contracting Party in the other Contracting Party for the purpose of performing independent personal services, including such gains from the allenation of such a permanent establishment (alone or with the whole enterprise) or of such fixed base, may be taxed in that other Party.
- 3. Gains derived by a resident of a Contracting Party from the alienation of ships or aircraft operated in International traffic, or movable property pertaining to the operation of such ships or aircraft, shall be taxable only in that Party.
- 4. Gains from the allenation of any property other than that referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this Article shall be taxable only in the Contracting Party of which the allenator is a resident.

#### **INDEPENDENT PERSONAL SERVICES**

- 1. Income derived by an individual who is a resident of a Contracting Party in respect of professional services or other activities of an independent character shall be taxable only in that Party except in the following circumstances, when such income may also be taxed in the other Contracting Party:
  - (a) if he has a fixed base regularly available to him in the other

    Contracting Party for the purpose of performing his activities; in
    that case, only so much of the income as is attributable to that
    fixed base may be taxed in that other Contracting Party; or
  - (b) if his stay in the other Contracting Party Is for a period or periods exceeding in the aggregate 365 days in any 15-month period; in that case, only so much of the Income as is derived from his activities performed in that other Party may be taxed in that other Party.
- 2. The term "professional services" includes especially independent scientific, literary, artistic, educational or teaching activities as well as the independent activities of physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, dentists and accountants.

#### **DEPENDENT PERSONAL SERVICES**

- 1. Subject to the provisions of Articles 16, 18 and 19, salaries, wages and other similar remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting Party in respect of an employment shall be taxable only in that Party unless the employment is exercised in the other Contracting Party. If the employment is so exercised, such remuneration as is derived therefrom may be taxed in that other Party.
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting Party in respect of an employment exercised in the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in the first-mentioned Party if:
  - (a) the recipient is present in the other Party for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 183 days in any twelve month period commencing or ending in the fiscal year concerned; and
  - (b) the remuneration is paid by, or on behalf of, an employer who is not a resident of the other Party; and
  - (c) the remuneration is not borne by a permanent establishment or a fixed base which the employer has in the other Party.
- 3. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, remuneration derived in respect of an employment exercised aboard a ship or aircraft operated in international traffic by an enterprise of a Contracting Party shall

be taxable only in that Party. However, if the remuneration is derived by a resident of the other Contracting Party, it may also be taxed in that other Party.

## ARTICLE 16 DIRECTORS' FEES

Directors' fees and other similar payments derived by a resident of a Contracting Party in his capacity as a member of the board of directors of a company which is a resident of the other Contracting Party may be taxed in that other Party.

### ARTICLE 17 ARTISTES AND SPORTSMEN

- 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 14 and 15, income derived by a resident of a Contracting Party as an entertainer, such as a theatre, motion picture, radio or television artiste, or a musician, or as a sportsman, from his personal activities as such exercised in the other Contracting Party, may be taxed in that other Party.
- 2. Where income in respect of or in connection with personal activities exercised by an entertainer or a sportsman accrues not to the entertainer or sportsman himself but to another person, that income may, notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 7, 14 and 15, be taxed in the Contracting Party in which the activities of the entertainer or sportsman are exercised.
- 3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to income derived from activities exercised in a Contracting Party by an entertainer or a sportsman if the visit to that Party is wholly or mainly supported by public funds of one or both of the Contracting Parties or local authorities or statutory bodies thereof. In such case, the income shall be taxable only in the Contracting Party in which the entertainer or the sportsman is a resident.

### ARTICLE 18 PENSIONS

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 19, pensions and other similar remuneration paid to a resident of a Contracting Party in consideration of past employment shall be taxable only in that Party.

#### **GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

- (a) Salaries, wages and other similar remuneration, paid by a
   Contracting Party or a political subdivision, a local authority or a
   statutory body thereof to an individual in respect of services
   rendered to that Party or subdivision, authority or body shall be
   taxable only in that Party.
  - (b) However, such salaries, wages and other similar remuneration shall be taxable only in the other Contracting Party if the services are rendered in that Party and the individual is a resident of that Party who:
    - (i) Is a national of that Party; or
    - (ii) dld not become a resident of that Party solely for the purpose of rendering the services.
- 2. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, pensions and other similar remuneration paid by, or out of funds created by, a Contracting Party or a political subdivision, a local authority or a statutory body thereof to an individual in respect of services rendered to that Party or subdivision, authority or body shall be taxable only in that Party.
  - (b) However, such pension shall be taxable only in the other Contracting Party if the individual is a resident of, and a national of, that Party.

3. The provisions of Articles 15, 16, 17 and 18 shall apply to salaries, wages, pensions and other similar remuneration, in respect of services rendered in connection with a business carried on by a Contracting Party or a political subdivision, a local authority or a statutory body thereof.

### ARTICLE 20 STUDENTS

Payments which a student or business apprentice who is or was immediately before visiting a Contracting Party a resident of the other Contracting Party and who is present in the first-mentioned Party solely for the purpose of his education or training receives for the purpose of his maintenance, education or training shall not be taxed in that Party, provided that such payments arise from sources outside that Party.

## OTHER INCOME

- 1. Items of income of a resident of a Contracting Party, wherever arising, not dealt with in the foregoing Articles of this Agreement shall be taxable only in that Party.
- 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply to Income, other than income from Immovable property as defined in paragraph 2 of Article 6, if the recipient of such income, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party through a permanent establishment situated therein, or performs in that other Party Independent personal services from a fixed base situated therein, and the right or property in respect of which the income is paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such case the provisions of Article 7 or Article 14, as the case may be, shall apply.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, items of Income of a resident of a Contracting Party not dealt with in the foregoing articles of this agreement and arising in the other Contracting Party may also be taxed in that other Party.

# ARTICLE 22 ELIMINATION OF DOUBLE TAXATION

1. In Singapore, double taxation shall be avoided as follows:

Where a resident of Singapore derives income from the Isle of Man which, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, may be taxed in the Isle of Man, Singapore shall, subject to its laws regarding the allowance as a credit against Singapore tax of tax payable in any country other than Singapore, allow the Manx tax paid, whether directly or by deduction, as a credit against the Singapore tax payable on the income of that resident. Where such income is a dividend paid by a company which is a resident of the Isle of Man to a resident of Singapore which is a company owning directly or indirectly not less than 10 per cent of the share capital of the first-mentioned company, the credit shall take into account the Manx tax paid by that company on the portion of its profits out of which the dividend is paid.

- 2. In the Isle of Man, double taxation shall be avoided as follows:
  - (a) When imposing tax on its residents the Isle of Man may include in the basis upon which such taxes are imposed the items of income, which, according to the provisions of this Agreement, may be taxed in Singapore.
  - (b) Where a resident of the Isle of Man derives income which, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, may be taxed in Singapore, the Isle of Man shall allow as a deduction from the tax on the income of that resident, an amount equal to the

income tax paid in Singapore. Such deduction shall not, however, exceed that part of the income tax, as computed before the deduction is given, which is attributable to the income which may be taxed in Singapore.

(c) Where In accordance with any provision of this Agreement income derived by a resident of the Isle of Man is exempt from tax in the Isle of Man, the Isle of Man may nevertheless in calculating the amount of tax on the remaining income of such resident, take into account the exempted income.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION

- 1. Nationals of a Contracting Party shall not be subjected in the other Contracting Party to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith, which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which nationals of that other Party in the same circumstances, in particular with respect to residence, are or may be subjected.
- 2. The taxation on a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting Party has in the other Contracting Party shall not be less favourably levied in that other Party than the taxation levied on enterprises of that other Party carrying on the same activities.
- 3. Nothing in this Article shall be construed as obliging a Contracting Party to grant to:
  - (a) residents of the other Contracting Party any personal allowances, reliefs and reductions for tax purposes which it grants to its own residents; or
  - (b) nationals of the other Contracting Party those personal allowances, reliefs and reductions for tax purposes which it grants to its own nationals who are not residents of that Party or to such other persons as may be specified in the taxation laws of that Party.

- 4. Except where the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 9, paragraph 8 of Article 11, or paragraph 6 of Article 12, apply, interest, royalties and other disbursements paid by an enterprise of a Party to a resident of the other Party shall, for the purpose of determining the taxable profits of such enterprise, be deductible under the same conditions as if they had been paid to a resident of the first-mentioned Party. For the purposes of this paragraph, it is understood that, for the purposes of allowing deduction of an Interest payment to a non-resident, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing a Contracting Party from imposing any obligation to withhold tax from such payment.
- 5. Enterprises of a Contracting Party, the capital of which is wholly or partly owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by one or more residents of the other Contracting Party, shall not be subjected in the first-mentioned Party to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which other similar enterprises of the first-mentioned Party are or may be subjected.
- 6. Where a Contracting Party grants tax incentives to its nationals designed to promote economic or social development in accordance with its national policy and criteria, it shall not be construed as discrimination under this Article.

7. The provisions of this Article shall apply to the taxes which are the subject of this Agreement.

## **MUTUAL AGREEMENT PROCEDURE**

- 1. Where a person considers that the actions of one or both of the Contracting Parties result or will result for him in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, he may, irrespective of the remedies provided by the domestic law of those Parties, present his case to the competent authority of the Contracting Party of which he is a resident or, if his case comes under paragraph 1 of Article 23, to that of the Contracting Party of which he is a national. The case must be presented within 3 years from the first notification of the action resulting in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.
- 2. The competent authority shall endeavour, if the objection appears to it to be justified and if it is not itself able to arrive at a satisfactory solution, to resolve the case by mutual agreement with the competent authority of the other Contracting Party, with a view to the avoidance of taxation which is not in accordance with the Agreement. Any agreement reached shall be implemented notwithstanding any time limits in the domestic law of the Contracting Parties.
- 3. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to resolve by mutual agreement any difficulties or doubts arising as to the Interpretation or application of the Agreement. They may also consult

together for the elimination of double taxation in cases not provided for in the Agreement.

4. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may communicate with each other directly for the purpose of reaching an agreement in the sense of the preceding paragraphs.

## **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

- 1. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall exchange such information as is foreseeably relevant for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement or to the administration or enforcement of the domestic laws concerning taxes of every kind and description imposed on behalf of the Contracting Parties, or of their political subdivisions or local authorities, insofar as the taxation thereunder is not contrary to the Agreement. The exchange of information is not restricted by Articles 1 and 2.
- 2. Any information received under paragraph 1 by a Contracting Party shall be treated as secret in the same manner as information obtained under the domestic laws of that Party and shall be disclosed only to persons or authorities (including courts and administrative bodies) concerned with the assessment or collection of, the enforcement or prosecution in respect of, the determination of appeals in relation to the taxes referred to in paragraph 1, or the oversight of the above. Such persons or authorities shall use the information only for such purposes. They may disclose the information in public court proceedings or in judicial decisions.
- 3. In no case shall the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 be construed so as to impose on a Contracting Party the obligation:

- to carry out administrative measures at variance with the laws and administrative practice of that or of the other Contracting Party;
- (b) to supply Information which is not obtainable under the laws or in the normal course of the administration of that or of the other Contracting Party;
- (c) to supply Information which would disclose any trade, business, industrial, commercial or professional secret or trade process, or information the disclosure of which would be contrary to public policy (ordre public).
- 4. If information is requested by a Contracting Party in accordance with this Article, the other Contracting Party shall use its information gathering measures to obtain the requested information, even though that other Party may not need such information for its own tax purposes. The obligation contained in the preceding sentence is subject to the limitations of paragraph 3 but in no case shall such limitations be construed to permit a Contracting Party to decline to supply information solely because it has no domestic Interest in such information.
- 5. In no case shall the provisions of paragraph 3 be construed to permit a Contracting Party to decline to supply information solely because the information is held by a bank, other financial institution, nominee or person

acting in an agency or a fiduciary capacity or because it relates to ownership interests in a person.

# MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the fiscal privileges of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts under the general rules of international law or under the provisions of special agreements.

#### **ENTRY INTO FORCE**

- Each of the Contracting Parties shall notify to the other the completion
  of the procedures required by its law for the bringing into force of this
  Agreement.
- 2. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later of these notifications and its provisions shall have effect:
  - (a) in Singapore:
    - in respect of tax chargeable for any year of assessment beginning on or after 1 January in the second calendar year following the year in which the Agreement enters into force;
    - (ii) in respect of Article 25, to requests for information made on or after the date of entry into force but only in respect of taxable periods beginning on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the date on which the Agreement enters into force; or where there is no taxable period, for all charges to tax arising on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the date on which the Agreement enters into force;
  - (b) in the Isle of Man:
    - (i) in respect of taxes due at source on Income credited or payable on or after 1 January of the calendar year next

- following the year in which the Agreement enters into force;
- (ii) In respect of taxes other than taxes due at source on income of taxable periods beginning on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which the Agreement enters into force;
- (III) in respect of Article 25, to requests for information made on or after the date of entry into force but only in respect of taxable periods beginning on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the date on which the Agreement enters into force; or where there is no taxable period, for all charges to tax arising on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the date on which the Agreement enters into force.

#### **TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by a Contracting Party. Either Contracting Party may terminate the Agreement by giving notice of termination at least six months before the end of any calendar year after the expiration of a period of five years from the date of its entry into force. In such event, the Agreement shall cease to have effect:

# (a) in Singapore:

- (i) in respect of tax chargeable for any year of assessment beginning on or after 1 January in the second calendar year following the year in which the notice is given;
- (ii) in all other cases, after the end of that calendar year in which the notice of termination is given;

# (b) in the Isle of Man:

- (i) In respect of taxes due at source on income credited or payable from 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which the notice of termination is given;
- (ii) in respect of taxes other than taxes due at source on income of taxable periods beginning on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which the notice of termination is given;

(iii) in all other cases, after the end of that calendar year in which the notice of termination is given.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

**DONE** in duplicate at London on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2012 in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLE OF MAN

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

#### **SCHEDULE 2**

#### SECTIONS 105C TO 105O OF THE INCOME TAX ACT 1970 AS MODIFIED

(Modifications are shown in bold italic text)

#### 105C Power to call for documents, etc. of taxpayer

- (1) Subject to this section, the Assessor may by notice in writing require a person-
- (a) to deliver to him such documents as are in the person's possession or power and as (in the Assessor's reasonable opinion) contain, or may contain, information relevant to-
  - (i) any liability to income tax to which the person is or may be subject, or
  - (ii) the amount of any such liability;
- (b) to furnish to him such particulars as the Assessor may reasonably require as being relevant to, or to the amount of, any such liability; or
- (c) to furnish to him such evidence as the Assessor may reasonably require as being relevant to the person's residence status for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) Before a notice is given to a person by the Assessor under this section, the person must have been given a reasonable opportunity to deliver the documents in question, or to furnish the particulars in question.
- (3) When the Assessor gives a notice under subsection (1), he shall also give to the person to whom the notice applies a written summary of his reasons for the giving of the notice.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not require the disclosure of any information which would, or might, identify any person who has provided the Assessor with any information which he took into account in deciding whether to give the notice.
- (5) A notice under subsection (1) does not oblige a person to deliver documents or furnish particulars relating to the conduct of any pending appeal either in the Island or in Singapore by him in respect of tax.
- (6) To comply with a notice under subsection (1), copies of documents may be delivered instead of the originals; but-
  - (a) the copies must be in such form as the Assessor may reasonably require; and
  - (b) if so required by the Assessor in the case of any documents specified in the requirement, the originals must be made available for inspection by the Assessor in accordance with the requirement,

and failure to comply with a requirement under this subsection counts as failure to comply with the notice.

#### 105D Power to call for documents relating to taxpayer

- (1) The powers conferred by this section may be used for the purpose of enquiring into the liability to income tax of any person ('the taxpayer') in any case in which the Assessor believes it to be necessary for the purpose of responding to a request made by the Government of the Republic of Singapore in accordance with the applicable arrangements.
- (2) Subject to this section and section 105E, the Assessor may by notice in writing require any person other than the taxpayer to deliver to the Assessor or, if so required by the Assessor, to make available for inspection by the Assessor, such documents as are in his possession or power and as (in the Assessor's reasonable opinion) contain, or may contain, information relevant to-
  - (a) any liability to income tax to which the taxpayer is or may be subject;
  - (b) the amount of any such liability;
  - (c) the taxpayer's residence status for the purposes of this Act.
- (3) Before a notice is given to a person by the Assessor under this section, that person must have been given a reasonable opportunity to deliver or make available the documents in question.
- (3A) Subsection (3C) applies if, on the application of the Assessor, 2 members of the Income Tax Commissioners panel give their written consent that it is to apply.

- (3B) Consent shall not be given under subsection (3A) unless both Commissioners are satisfied that the Assessor has reasonable grounds for suspecting the taxpayer of fraud.
- (3C) When giving a person a reasonable opportunity to deliver or make available documents under subsection (3), the Assessor may direct the person
  - (a) not to inform the taxpayer, or cause or permit the taxpayer to be informed, that the person has been given the opportunity to deliver or make available the documents in question; and
  - (b) not to disclose to any person, or cause or permit to be disclosed to any person (including the taxpayer), any information or matter which is likely to prejudice the inquiry to which the documents in question relate or the performance of the Assessor's functions.
- (4) Subject to section 105E(8) when the Assessor gives a notice under subsection (2), he shall also give to the taxpayer concerned-
  - (a) a copy of the notice; and
  - (b) a written summary of his reasons for the giving of the notice.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not require the disclosure of any information which would, or might, identify any person who has provided the Assessor with any information which he took into account in deciding whether to give the notice.
- (6) As an alternative to delivering documents to comply with a notice under subsection (2), copies of documents may be delivered instead of the originals; but-
  - (a) the copies must be in such form and authenticated in such manner as the Assessor may reasonably require; and
  - (b) if so required by the Assessor in the case of any documents specified in the requirement, the originals must be made available for inspection by the Assessor in accordance with the requirement,

and failure to comply with a requirement under this subsection counts as failure to comply with the notice.

#### 105E Notices under s 105D: further provisions

- (1) A notice under section 105D(2) shall name the taxpayer with whose liability the Assessor is concerned unless the Assessor is satisfied-
  - (a) that the notice relates to a taxpayer whose identity is not known to the Assessor or to a class of taxpayers whose individual identities are not so known;
  - (b) that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the taxpayer or any of the class of taxpayers to whom the notice relates may have failed or may fail to comply with any provision of the Income Tax Acts;
  - (c) that any such failure is likely to have led or to lead to serious prejudice to the proper assessment or collection of tax; and
  - (d) that the information which is likely to be contained in the documents to which the notice relates is not readily available from another source.
- (2) A person to whom a notice under section 105D(2) is given may, if, in accordance with subsection (1), the notice does not name the taxpayer concerned, by notice in writing given to the Assessor within 30 days after the date of the notice under that section, object to that notice on the ground that it would be onerous for him to comply with it, and if the matter is not resolved by agreement, it shall be referred to the Commissioners, who may confirm, vary or cancel that notice.
- (2A) In determining a reference under subsection (2), the Commissioners shall take account of the requirements of the applicable arrangements.
- (3) The Treasury may by order declare that information of a particular description is not to be subject to the obligation imposed by section 105C(3) or 105D(4) if it is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting the taxpayer of fraud or disclosure of information of that description would prejudice the assessment or collection of tax.
  - (4) An order under subsection (3) shall not come into operation unless it is approved by Tynwald.
- (5) A notice under section 105D(2), does not oblige a person to deliver or make available any document the whole of which originates more than 6 years before the date of the notice.

- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply where-
- (a) the Assessor is satisfied that there is reasonable ground for believing that tax has, or may have been, lost to the Revenue of the Island or Singapore owing to the fraud of the taxpayer; and
- (b) the notice is so expressed as to exclude the restrictions of that subsection.
- (7) A notice under section 105D(2) in relation to a taxpayer who has died cannot be given if more than 6 years have elapsed since the death.
- (8) Subject to subsection (9), if, on the application of the Assessor, 2 members of the Income Tax Commissioners panel give their written consent, the copy and summary under section 105D(4) need not be given to the taxpayer to whom they relate.
- (9) Consent shall not be given under subsection (8) unless both Commissioners are satisfied that the Assessor has reasonable grounds for suspecting the taxpayer of fraud.
- (10) A Commissioner who gives a consent under subsection (8) shall not be liable in damages for, or in respect of, the consent nor any act or matter done or omitted to be done in relation to the consent unless the act or matter done or omitted to be done is shown to have been in bad faith.
- (11) Subsection (10) does not apply so as to prevent the award of damages made in respect of an act or omission on the ground that the act or omission was unlawful as a result of section 6(1) of the Human Rights Act 2001.
- (12) Where a consent has been given by the Commissioners under subsection (8), the person to whom the notice is given under section 105D(2) shall not—
  - (a) inform the taxpayer, or cause or permit the taxpayer to be informed, that the notice has been given, or
  - (b) disclose to any person, or cause or permit to be disclosed to any person (including the taxpayer), any information or matter which is likely to prejudice the inquiry to which the notice relates or the performance of the Assessor's functions.
- (13) Subject to the defences in subsection (16), a person who fails to comply with subsection (12) or a direction under section 105D(3C) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to fine not exceeding £5,000 or to custody for a term of 6 months, or to both.
- (14) If an offence under subsection (13) is committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to neglect on the part of, a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or a person who was purporting to act in such a capacity, that person, as well as the body corporate, is guilty of the same offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (15) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members or by agents, subsection (14) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member or an agent in connection with the functions of management as if that person were a director of the body corporate.
- (16) It is a defence in proceedings for an offence under subsection (13) for the person concerned to satisfy the court
  - (a) that all reasonable precautions were taken and all due diligence was exercised to avoid the commission of the offence by the person concerned and by any person under his control, or
  - (b) in the case of an offence in respect of an alleged contravention of subsection (12)(b) or a direction under section 105D(3C)(b), that the person concerned did not know or suspect that the disclosure was likely to be prejudicial to the inquiry or to the performance of the Assessor's functions.

#### 105F S 105D: auditors and tax advisers

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), a notice under section 105D(2)-
- (a) does not oblige a person who has been appointed as an auditor for the purposes of any enactment to deliver or make available documents which are his property and were created by him or on his behalf for or in connection with the performance of his functions under that enactment, and

- (b) does not oblige a tax adviser to deliver or make available documents which are his property and consist of relevant communications.
- (2) In subsection (1)-

'relevant communications' means communications between the tax adviser and-

- (a) a person in relation to whose tax affairs he has been appointed, or
- (b) any other tax adviser of such a person,

the purpose of which is the giving or obtaining of advice about any of those tax affairs.

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), if, in accordance with section 105E(1), a notice does not name the taxpayer concerned, subsection (1) shall not have effect in relation to any document which contains information giving the identity or address of any taxpayer to whom the notice relates or of any person who has acted on behalf of any such person.
  - (4) Subsection (1) is not disapplied by subsection (3) in the case of any document if-
  - (a) the information within subsection (3) is contained in some other document, and
  - (b) either-
    - (i) that other document, or a copy of it, has been delivered to the Assessor, or
    - (ii) that other document has been inspected by the Assessor.
- (5) Where subsection (1) is disapplied by subsection (3) in the case of a document, the person to whom the notice is given either shall deliver the document to the Assessor or make it available for inspection by the Assessor or shall-
  - (a) deliver to the Assessor a copy (in such form and authenticated in such manner as the Assessor may reasonably require) of any parts of the document which contain the information within subsection (3), and
  - (b) if so required by the Assessor, make available such parts of the document as contain that information for inspection by the Assessor in accordance with the requirement;

and failure to comply with any requirement under paragraph (b) above shall constitute a failure to comply with the notice.

#### 105G Ss 105C - 105F: supplementary

- (1) The persons who may be treated as 'the taxpayer' for the purposes of sections 105C to 105E include a company which has ceased to exist and an individual who has died.
  - (2) In sections 105C to 105E references to documents do not include-
  - (a) personal records, or
  - (b) journalistic material, or
  - (c) items subject to legal privilege,

and references to particulars do not include particulars contained in such personal records, journalistic material or items.

- (3) Subject to subsection (2), references in sections 105C to 105F to documents and particulars are to those specified or described in the notice in question; and-
  - (a) the notice shall require documents to be delivered (or delivered or made available), or particulars to be furnished, within such time (which shall not be less than 30 days after the date of the notice) as may be specified in the notice; and
  - (b) the person to whom they are delivered, made available or furnished may take copies of them or of extracts from them.

#### Court orders to deliver documents, etc.

#### 105H Orders for the delivery of taxpayer's documents

(1) The High Court may make an order under this section if satisfied on information on oath given by the Assessor-

- (a) that a notice under section 105C(1) has not been complied with; or
- (b) that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that such a notice will not be complied with.
- (2) An order under this section is an order requiring the person to whom the notice is given to-
- (a) deliver to the Assessor such documents as are in the person's possession or power and as (in the Court's opinion) contain, or may contain, information relevant to-
  - (i) any liability to income tax which the person is or may be subject, or
  - (ii) the amount of any such liability;
- (b) furnish to the Assessor such particulars as the Court may specify as being relevant to, or to the amount of, any such liability; or
- (c) furnish to the Assessor such evidence of residence as the Court may specify.

#### 105I Orders for the delivery of documents relating to taxpayer

- (1) The High Court may make an order under this section if satisfied on information on oath given by the Assessor-
  - (a) that a notice under section 105D(2) has not been complied with; or
  - (b) that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that such a notice will not be complied with; or
  - (c) that the taxpayer concerned may have failed or may fail to comply with any provision of the Income Tax Acts, and that any such failure is likely to have led or to lead to serious prejudice to the proper assessment or collection of tax.
- (2) An order under this section is an order requiring the person who appears to the Court to have in his possession or power the documents specified or described in the order to deliver them to the Assessor.

#### 105J Ss 105H and 105I: supplementary

- (1) An order under section 105H or 105I shall require compliance within-
- (a) 7 days after the day on which notice of the order is served on him, or
- (b) such shorter or longer period as may be specified in the order.
- (2) If a person fails to comply with an order made under section 105H or 105I, he may be dealt with as if he had committed a contempt of the court.
- (3) Where an order under section 105H or 105I applies to a document in electronic or magnetic form, the order shall be taken to require the person to deliver the information recorded in the document in a form in which it is visible and legible.
  - (4) Sections 105H or 105I do not apply to-
  - (a) personal records, or
  - (b) journalistic material, or
  - (c) items subject to legal privilege.

#### 105K Ss 105H and 105I: notices and procedures

- (1) A person is entitled-
- (a) to at least 14 days notice of the intention to apply for an order against him under section 105H or 105I, and
- (b) to appear and be heard at the hearing of the application,

unless the High Court is satisfied that this would seriously prejudice the investigation of the offence.

- (2) A person who has been given notice of intention to apply for an order under section 105H or 105I shall not-
  - (a) conceal, destroy, alter or dispose of any document to which the application relates, or
  - (b) disclose to any person (other than his professional legal adviser or tax adviser) information or any other matter likely to prejudice the investigation of the offence to which the application relates.

- (3) Subsection (2)(a) does not prevent anything being done-
- (a) with the leave of the Court,
- (b) with the written permission of the Assessor authorised for the purpose,
- (c) after the application has been dismissed or abandoned, or
- (d) after any order made on the application has been complied with.
- (4) Subsection (2)(b) does not prevent a professional legal adviser from disclosing any information or other matter-
  - (a) to, or to a representative of, a client of his in connection with the giving by the adviser of legal advice to the client; or
  - (b) to any person-
    - (i) in contemplation of, or in connection with, legal proceedings; and
    - (ii) for the purpose of those proceedings.
- (5) Subsection (2)(b) does not prevent a tax adviser from disclosing any information or other matter to, or to a representative of, a client of his in connection with the giving by the adviser of tax advice to the client
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) do not apply in relation to any information or other matter which is disclosed with a view to furthering a criminal purpose.
- (7) A person who fails to comply with the obligation in subsection (2)(a) or (b) may be dealt with as if he had failed to comply with an order under section 105H or 105I as the case requires.

#### 105L Falsification etc. of documents

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), a person is guilty of an offence if he intentionally falsifies, conceals, destroys or otherwise disposes of, or causes or permits the falsification, concealment, destruction or disposal of, a document which-
  - (a) he has been required by a notice under section 105C or 105D or an order under section 105H or 105I,
- (b) he has been given an opportunity in accordance with section 105C(2) or 105D(3), to deliver, or to deliver or make available for inspection.
  - (2) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (1) if he acts-
  - (a) with the written permission of the Assessor authorised for the purpose; or
  - (b) after the document has been delivered or, in a case within section 105C, inspected, or
  - (c) after a copy has been delivered in accordance with section 105C(1) or 105D(2) and the original has been inspected.
- (3) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (1)(a) if he acts after the end of the period of 2 years beginning with the date on which the notice is given or the order is made, unless before the end of that period the Assessor has notified the person in writing that the notice or order has not been complied with to his satisfaction.
- (4) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (1)(b) if he acts after an application for consent to a notice being given in relation to the document has been refused.
  - (5) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) shall be liable-
  - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £5,000;
  - (b) on conviction on information, to custody for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine or to both.

#### 105M Entry with warrant to obtain material

- (1) If a Deemster is satisfied on information on oath given by the Assessor that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that-
  - (a) an offence involving fraud in connection with, or in relation to, income tax is being, has been or is about to be committed; and

- (b) that evidence of it is to be found on premises specified in the information,
- the Deemster may issue a warrant in writing authorising the Assessor to enter the premises, if necessary by force, at any time within 14 days from the time of issue of the warrant, and search them.
- (2) An application for a warrant under this section shall not be approved under subsection (1)(b) unless there are reasonable grounds for believing that use of the procedure under section 105H or 105I (order for production of documents) might seriously prejudice the investigation.
  - (3) The powers conferred by a warrant under this section shall not be exercisable-
  - (a) outside such times of day as may be so specified;
  - (b) if the warrant so provides, otherwise than in the presence of a constable in uniform.
  - (4) When entering the premises under the authority of a warrant under this section the Assessor may-
  - (a) take with him such other persons as appear to him to be necessary;
  - (b) seize and remove any thing whatsoever found there which he has reasonable cause to believe may be required as evidence for the purposes of proceedings in respect of such an offence as is mentioned in subsection (1); and
  - (c) search or cause to be searched any person found on the premises whom he has reasonable cause to believe to be in possession of any such things;

but no person shall be searched except by a person of the same sex.

- (5) In the case of any information contained in a computer stored in any electronic form which is information that-
  - (a) the Assessor has reasonable cause to believe may be required as evidence for the purposes mentioned in subsection (4)(b); and
  - (b) is accessible from the premises,

the power of seizure under that subsection includes a power to require the information to be produced in a form in which it can be taken away and in which it is visible and legible or from which it can readily be produced in a visible and legible form.

- (6) Nothing in subsection (4) authorises the seizure and removal of items subject to legal privilege.
- (7) Items held with the intention of furthering a criminal purpose are not subject to legal privilege.
- (8) A person seeking to exercise the powers conferred by a warrant under this section or, if there is more than one person, that one of them who is in charge of the search-
  - (a) if the occupier of the premises concerned is present at the time the search is to begin, shall supply a copy of the warrant endorsed with his name to the occupier;
  - (b) if at that time the occupier is not present but a person who appears to the Assessor to be in charge of the premises is present, shall supply such a copy to that person; and
  - (c) if neither paragraph (a) nor paragraph (b)applies, shall leave such a copy in a prominent place on the premises.
- (9) Where entry to premises has been made with a warrant under this section, and the person making the entry has seized any things under the authority of the warrant, he shall endorse on or attach to the warrant a list of the things seized.

#### 105N Procedure where documents etc. are removed

- (1) A person who removes anything in the exercise of the power conferred by section 105M shall, if so requested by a person showing himself-
  - (a) to be the occupier of premises from which it was removed, or
- (b) to have had custody or control of it immediately before the removal, provide that person with a record of what has been removed.
  - (2) The record shall be provided within a reasonable time from the making of the request for it.

- (3) Where anything that has been removed by the Assessor as mentioned in subsection (1) is of such a nature that a photograph or copy of it would be sufficient-
  - (a) for use as evidence at a trial for an offence, or
  - (b) for forensic examination or for investigation in connection with an offence,

it shall not be retained longer than is necessary to establish that fact and to obtain the photograph or copy.

- (4) Subject to subsection (8), if a request for permission to be granted access to anything which-
- (a) has been removed, and
- (b) is retained for the purpose of investigating an offence,

is made to the Assessor by a person who had custody or control of the thing immediately before it was so removed, or by someone acting on behalf of any such person, the Assessor shall allow the person who made the request access to it under the supervision of the Assessor.

- (5) Subject to subsection (8), if a request for a photograph or copy of any such thing is made to the Assessor by a person who had custody or control of the thing immediately before it was so removed, or by someone acting on behalf of any such person, the Assessor shall-
  - (a) allow the person who made the request access to it under the supervision of the Assessor for the purpose of photographing it or copying it, or
  - (b) photograph or copy it, or cause it to be photographed or copied.
- (6) Where anything is photographed or copied under subsection (5)(b) the photograph or copy shall be supplied to the person who made the request.
  - (7) The photograph or copy shall be supplied within a reasonable time from the making of the request.
- (8) There is no duty under this section to grant access to, or to supply a photograph or copy of, anything if the Assessor has reasonable grounds for believing that to do so would prejudice-
  - (a) the investigation of an offence for the purposes of which the thing was removed;
  - (b) the investigation of another offence; or
  - (c) any criminal proceedings which may be brought as a result of any investigation mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

#### 105O Interpretation of ss 105C to 105N

In sections 105C to 105N-

"applicable arrangements" means the arrangements for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income contained in an agreement between the Government and the Government of the Republic of Singapore signed in London on 21 September 2012;

'document' means anything in which information of any description is recorded but without prejudice to the definition of that word in the Interpretation Act 1976;

"income tax" includes any tax to which the applicable arrangements relate, and "tax", "liability to income tax" and "liability" shall be construed accordingly;

"Income Tax Acts" includes the laws of the Island or of Singapore that relate to any tax to which the applicable arrangements relate, and "this Act" shall be construed accordingly;

'items subject to legal privilege' has the same meaning as in the Police Powers and Procedures Act 1998;

'journalistic material' has the same meaning as in the Police Powers and Procedures Act 1998;

'personal records' has the same meaning as in the Police Powers and Procedures Act 1998;

"Singapore" shall be construed in accordance with the applicable arrangements;

'tax adviser' means a person who-

(a) in the ordinary course of his business, gives, and holds himself out as giving, advice to others about their tax affairs; and

(b) has been appointed to give such advice either by the person in relation to whose tax affairs he has been appointed or by another tax adviser of that person;

"taxpayer" includes a person who is or may be liable to any tax to which the applicable arrangements relate.

# **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made under section 54 of the Income Tax Act 1970. It implements arrangements negotiated between the Government of the Isle of Man and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.