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Ignore your investment entity reporting obligations

Proof that the ostrich strategy doesn't work for CRS.



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Your bank asks you for a GIIN number on your offshore entity, to prove your entity is a non-reportable FI. Then they won't report on you for CRS.

...and then you do zilch after that.

Read this and weep or laugh



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Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands, VG1110

Dear Sirs,

Limited (the "Entity")


The Virgin Islands has implemented Financial Accounts Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") and the Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") by making amendments to the Mutual Legal Assistance (Tax Matters) Act, Revised Edition 2020, as amended (the Act). The Act outlines the obligation for every Virgin Islands Financial Institution ("VIFI") to register in BVIFARs and to file a NIL filing where there are no reportable accounts or a filing containing the reportable accounts held by the Financial Institution.

The Entity is recorded as a FI under the FATCA GIIN List with GIIN number - 99999.SL., which means that the Entity may also be a VIFI for CRS purposes. Section 28(1) of the Act requires all VIFI to register with the Competent Authority, being the International Tax Authority. Registration is accomplished via the British Virgin Islands Financial Accounts Reporting system ("BVIFARs"). A check has been conducted of BVIFARs and it is confirmed that the Entity is not registered.

Please confirm whether the Entity is in fact a VIFI for the purposes of CRS. In your confirmation, please outline the activities of the Entity and provide any supporting documents confirming these activities (e.g. financial statements, business plans etc.).

You are requested to respond within ten (10) days working days of the date of this letter. Responses should be sent via email to compliance@bviia.vg.

Receiving Tax Authority



M. J. G. G. G.


Administrative Officer

International Tax Authority

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I know this person hasno reportable person as equity interest in his PMIE, but thought he did not have to register and submit a nil report in BVI.

Despite popular misconception, ostriches do not stick their heads in the sand. This myth originated in ancient Rome and is so pervasive that it's used as a common metaphor for someone avoiding their problems. It's thought that this belief began after observing ostriches nesting and being stalked by predators.


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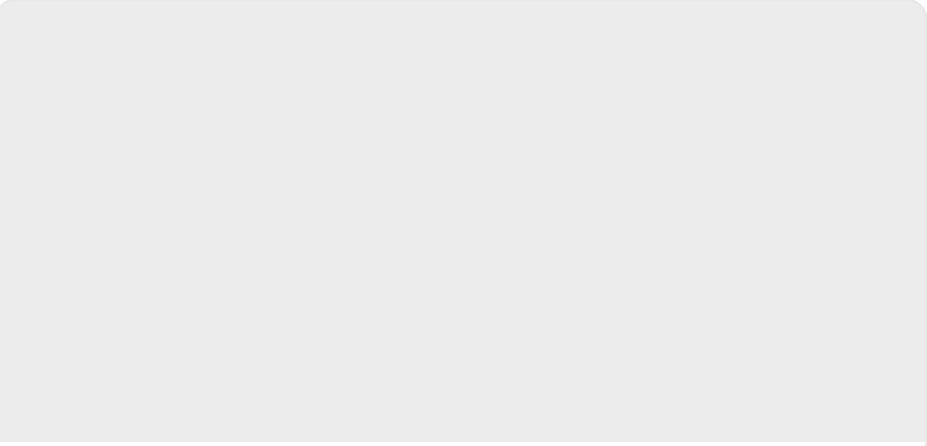
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