

## Iceland

Iceland has met all aspects of the terms of reference (OECD, 2021<sup>[1]</sup>) (ToR) for the calendar year 2022 (year in review), and no recommendations are made.

Iceland can legally issue two types of rulings within the scope of the transparency framework.

In practice, Iceland issued rulings within the scope of the transparency framework as follows:

| Type of ruling   | Number of rulings |
|--|-------------------|
| Past rulings   | 1                 |
| Future rulings in the period 1 April 2016 – 31 December 2016 | 0                 |
| Future rulings in the calendar year 2017                     | 0                 |
| Future rulings in the calendar year 2018                     | 0                 |
| Future rulings in the calendar year 2019                     | 0                 |
| Future rulings in the calendar year 2020                     | 0                 |
| Future rulings in the calendar year 2021                     | 0                 |
| Future rulings in the year in review                         | 0                 |

As no exchanges were required to take place, no peer input was received in respect of the exchanges of information on rulings received from Iceland.

## Information gathering process (ToR I.A)

568. Iceland can legally issue the following two types of rulings within the scope of the transparency framework: (i) permanent establishment rulings and (ii) related party conduit rulings.

569. For Iceland, past rulings are any tax rulings within scope that are issued either: (i) on or after 1 January 2014 but before 1 April 2016; or (ii) on or after 1 January 2010 but before 1 January 2014, provided they were still in effect as at 1 January 2014. Future rulings are any tax rulings within scope that are issued on or after 1 April 2016.

570. In the prior years' peer review reports, it was determined that Iceland's undertakings to identify past and future rulings and all potential exchange jurisdictions were sufficient to meet the minimum standard. In addition, it was determined that Iceland's review and supervision mechanism was sufficient to meet the minimum standard. Iceland's implementation remains unchanged, and therefore continues to meet the minimum standard.

571. Iceland has met all of the ToR for the information gathering process and no recommendations are made.

## Exchange of information (ToR II.B)

572. Iceland has the necessary domestic legal basis to exchange information spontaneously. Iceland notes that there are no legal or practical impediments that prevent the spontaneous exchange of information on rulings as contemplated in the Action 5 minimum standard.

573. Iceland has international agreements permitting spontaneous exchange of information, including: (i) the *Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters: Amended by the 2010 Protocol* (OECD/Council of Europe, 2011<sup>[2]</sup>) ("the Convention"), (ii) the Nordic Convention on Assistance in Tax Matters and (iii) bilateral agreements in force with 40 jurisdictions.<sup>1</sup>

574. During the year in review, no exchanges were required to take place and no data on the timeliness of exchanges is reported.

575. In the prior years' peer review reports, it was determined that Iceland's process for the completion and exchange of templates were sufficient to meet the minimum standard. With respect to past rulings, no further action was required. Iceland's implementation in this regard remains unchanged and therefore continues to meet the minimum standard.

576. Iceland has the necessary legal basis for spontaneous exchange of information, a process for completing the templates in a timely way and has completed all exchanges. Iceland has met all of the ToR for the exchange of information process and no recommendations are made.

## Statistics (ToR IV.D)

577. As no rulings were issued, no statistics can be reported.

## Matters related to intellectual property regimes (ToR I.A.1.3)

578. Iceland does not offer an intellectual property regime for which transparency requirements under the Action 5 Report (OECD, 2015<sup>[3]</sup>) were imposed.

## Summary of recommendations on implementation of the transparency framework

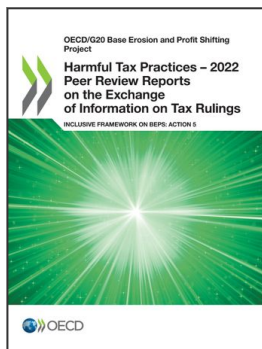
| Aspect of implementation of the transparency framework that should be improved | Recommendation for improvement |
|--|--------------------------------|
|  | No recommendations are made.   |

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- OECD (2015), *Countering Harmful Tax Practices More Effectively, Taking into Account Transparency and Substance, Action 5 - 2015 Final Report*, OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Project, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264241190-en>. [3]
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## Note

<sup>1</sup> Participating jurisdictions to the Convention are available here: [www.oecd.org/tax/exchange-of-tax-information/convention-on-mutual-administrative-assistance-in-tax-matters.htm](http://www.oecd.org/tax/exchange-of-tax-information/convention-on-mutual-administrative-assistance-in-tax-matters.htm). Parties to the Nordic Double Taxation Convention and the Nordic Convention on Assistance in tax matters are Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Iceland also has bilateral agreements with Albania, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, China (People's Republic of), Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Greenland, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Viet Nam.



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