Switzerland

- 1. Switzerland was reviewed as part of the 2017/2018 and the 2018/2019 peer reviews. This report is supplementary to those previous reports (OECD, 2019[1]) (OECD, 2018[2]).
- 2. The first filing obligation for a CbC report in Switzerland applies to reporting fiscal years commencing on or after 1 January 2018. Switzerland also allows Swiss MNE groups to file a CbC report on a voluntary basis, for reporting fiscal years beginning between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2017.

Summary of key findings

3. Switzerland's implementation of the Action 13 minimum standard meets all applicable terms of reference (OECD, 2017_[3]).

Part A: The domestic legal and administrative framework

- 4. Switzerland has law in place for implementing the BEPS Action 13 minimum standard.
 - (a) Parent entity filing obligation
- 5. No changes were identified.
 - (b) Scope and timing of parent entity filing
- 6. No changes were identified.
 - (c) Limitation on local filing obligation
- 7. No changes were identified.
 - (d) Limitation on local filing in case of surrogate filing
- 8. No changes were identified.
 - (e) Effective implementation
- 9. No changes were identified.

Conclusion

10. Switzerland meets all the terms of reference relating to the domestic legal and administrative framework.

Part B: The exchange of information framework

(a) Exchange of information framework

11. As of 31 March 2020, Switzerland has 63 bilateral relationships activated under the CbC MCAA. Within the context of its international exchange of information agreements that allow automatic exchange of information, Switzerland has taken steps to have QCAAs in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive

Framework that meet the confidentiality, consistency, and appropriate use conditions.¹ Regarding Switzerland's exchange of information framework, no inconsistencies with the terms of reference were identified

- (b) Content of information exchanged
- 12. No changes were identified.
 - (c) Completeness of exchanges
- 13. No changes were identified.
 - (d) Timeliness of exchanges
- 14. No changes were identified.
 - (e) Temporary suspension of exchange or termination of QCAA
- 15. No changes were identified.
 - (f) Consultation with other Competent Authority before determining systemic failure or significant non-compliance
- 16. No changes were identified.
 - (g) Format for information exchange
- 17. No changes were identified.
 - (h) Method for transmission
- 18. No changes were identified.

Conclusion

19. Switzerland meets all the terms of reference regarding the exchange of information.²

Part C: Appropriate use

Appropriate use

20. No changes were identified.

Conclusion

21. Switzerland meets all the terms of reference relating to appropriate use of CbC reports.

Summary of recommendations on the implementation of country-by-country reporting

Aspect of the implementation that should be improved		Recommendation for improvement
Part A	Domestic legal and administrative framework	-
Part B	Exchange of information framework	-
Part C	Appropriate use	-

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Notes

¹ It is noted that a few Qualifying Competent Authority agreements are not in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework that meet the confidentiality condition and have legislation in place: this may be because the partner jurisdictions considered do not have the Convention in effect for the first reporting period, or may not have listed the reviewed jurisdiction in their notifications under Section 8 of the CbC MCAA.

² The CbC Reporting Group will monitor Switzerland to ensure that these processes continue to apply when it starts exchanging reports via the Common Transmission System in 2020.



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