

國際稅法新趨勢 – 集團公式分配方法及個別實體方法比較 及 雙支柱的發展進度探討

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Separate Entity Approach vs. Group Approach

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Definition: separate entity approach vs. Group approach

Separate entity approach

Group approach

Legal entity as the independent tax subject

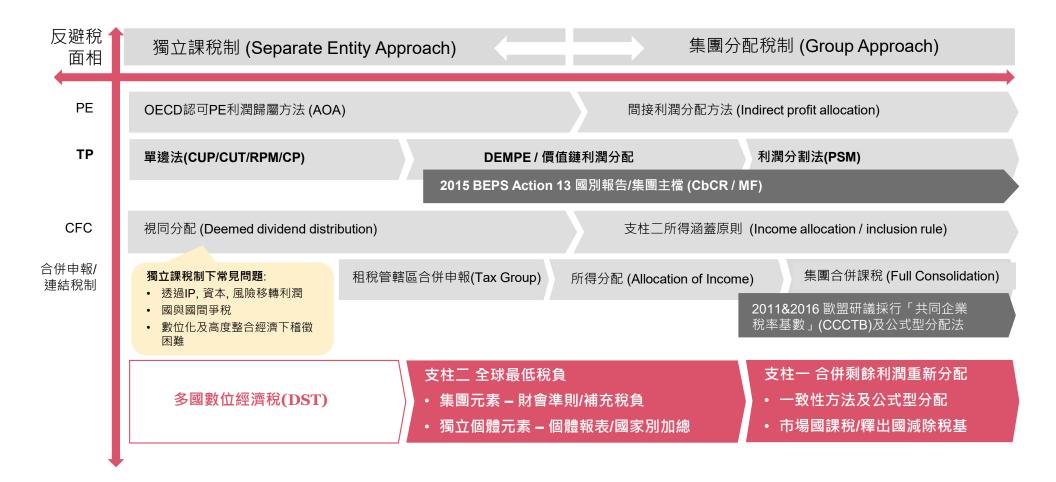
"Piercing the legal veil" = consolidated tax treatment of different legal entities

Special provisions related to qualified shareholding /control





國際反避稅環境的演變



Example 1: Tax groups – different approaches

Separate entity approa	Group approach		
Group contribution and group relief	Profit and loss attribution	Profit and loss attribution and elimination of inter-company results	Full consolidation regimes
no aggregation	aggregate income of	aggregate income of	consolidated income
	a group	a group	of a group

Key elements:

- Requirements to form a tax group
- Determination of the group profit, treatment of intra-group transactions
- Anti-avoidance rules
- Group tax liability
- Cross-border tax groups



Example 2: CFC Rules

Separate entity approach	\leftrightarrow	Group approach	

- Legal consequences: Deemed dividend rule
- Determination of CFC income on stand-alone basis
- Offsetting of losses only allowed within the same CFC

- Legal consequences: income allocation rule
- Determination of CFC income: income allocation under foreign group taxation principles is recognized
- Offsetting of foreign low-taxed losses against foreign low-taxed income possible
- Control requirement: shares held by associated companies considered





Example 3: Transfer pricing rules

Separate entity approach

- Examples:
 - Comparable Uncontrolled Price Method
 - Resale Price Method
 - Cost Plus Method
 - Transactional Profit Split Method
- Determination of income on stand-alone basis
- First choice in almost all countries to determine transfer prices
 - DEMPE (Action items 8-10 BEPS): elements of group taxation approach were transferred into the classical transfer pricing methods

Group approach

- Examples:
 - Comparable Profit Method
 - Global Formulary Apportionment
 - Profit Split Method
 - Dividing the profit of the overall group between the group companies

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Note:

Application of TP rules in some countries only in cross-border situations, in other countries also in domestic situations

Example 4: Interest barrier rules

- Different types: Debt-to-equity rules and EBITDA threshold rules
- Usually: Rules follow a strict separate entity approach
- Exceptions:

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- Application of the rules at the level of a tax group
- Rules contain group-relevant elements
 - Art. 4 para. 5 let B) ATAD: deduction depends on groups's net interest/EBITDA ratio
 - Art. 4 para. 5 let A) ATAD: deduction depends on comparison of the taxpayer's equity over its total assets to the equivalent ratio of the group

Pillar One & Pillar Two







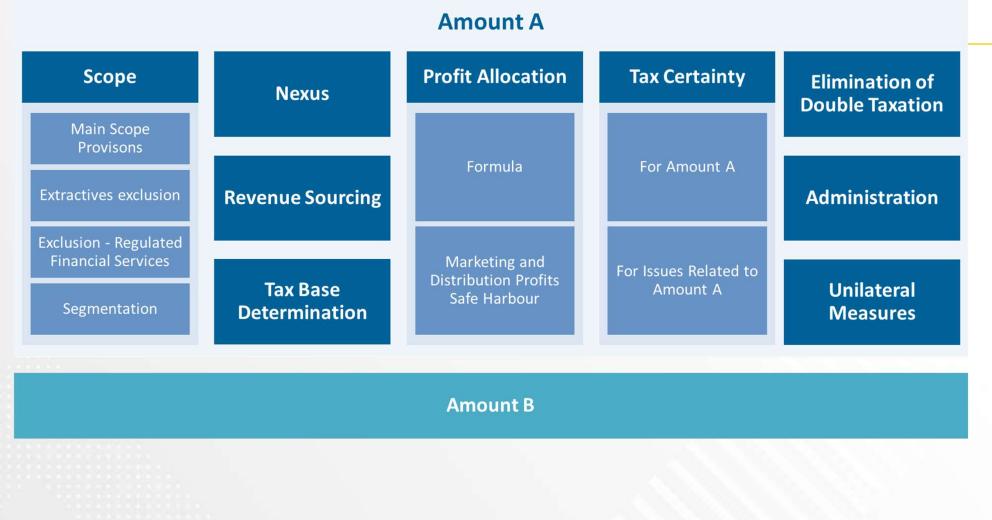
8 October 2021 Statement & Detailed Implementation Framework (Pillar 1)

- For in-scope MNEs, 25% of residual profit defined as profit in excess of 10% of revenue will be allocated to market jurisdictions with nexus using a revenue-based allocation key...
- Amount A will be implemented through a Multilateral Convention (MLC), and where necessary by way of correlative changes to domestic law...
- Following its signature, jurisdictions will be expected to ratify the MLC as soon as possible, with the objective of enabling it to enter into force and effect in 2023 once a critical mass of jurisdictions as defined by the MLC have ratified it...
- The MLC will require all parties to remove all Digital Services Taxes and other relevant similar measures with respect to all companies, and to commit not to introduce such measures in the future.



Overview of Pillar One

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Key themes in public consultation comments Previously released building blocks

- Main scope provisions (Art. 1): Requests for an additional exclusion for domestic oriented businesses
- Extractives exclusions (Art. 1(3), Sch. B): Support for transition phase with request for technical corrections
- **Regulated financial services exclusion (Art. 1(4), Sch. C):** Support for excluding reinsurance and asset management & request for additional simplification measures
- **Revenue sourcing (Art. 4):** Support for (longer) transition phase & request for more specific guidance
- **Tax base determination (Art. 5):** Requests for further alignment of the tax bases

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Key themes in public consultation comments Newly released building blocks

• Segmentation (Art. 1, Sch. D):

Support for limiting segmentation to disclosed segments

• Marketing and Distribution Profits Safe Harbour (Art. 6):

Questions about the RODP-based metric to differentiate routine and non-routine profit Concerns about the offset percentage (Y%) and questions about the relevance of a "de minimis" threshold

Support for taking withholding taxes into account

• Elimination of double taxation (Art. 9):

Questions on the appropriateness of the RODP metric for identifying jurisdictions in which multinationals earn residual profits

Support for the concept of a de minimis rule

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Support for the exemption method to eliminate double taxation

Key themes in public consultation comments Other building blocks

- Need for robust framework for withdrawal and standstill of unilateral measures
- Continued support for work on Amount B

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Where next?

Pillar One

- Release of Administration and Tax Certainty
 Aspects as well as Unilateral Measures
- Stabilisation of Substantive Rule
- Completion of MLC and Signing Ceremony
- Amount B





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Pillar 2

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Group elements

- Starting point : financial consolidated accounts adjusted for tax purposes
- Top-up tax calculated for the entire group

Separate entity elements

 ETR calculation at entity level, blending per jurisdiction

Pillar Two Overview

GloBE rules

- Domestic law provision
- Common approach
- Effective tax rate test, applies on a jurisdictional basis (15%)
- Co-ordination rules

Subject to tax rule

- Treaty provision
- Can be requested by developing countries
- Adjusted nominal tax rate test, applies on a transactional basis (9%)
- Creditable for purposes of the GloBE rules

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Pillar Two: GloBE Rules Six basic building blocks

Scope of application

MNEs with revenues of more than EUR 750 million

Common tax base

The consolidated financial statements in accordance with an acceptable financial accounting standard (e.g. IFRS or GAAP)

Substance carve-outs

Substance-based Income Exclusion on book value of tangible assets and payroll

Co-ordination & rule order

Interaction of the Income Inclusion Rule (IIR) and the Under Taxed Payment Rule (UTPR)

Jurisdictional blending

Determination of the relevant income and the effective tax rate on a jurisdictional basis

Top-up Tax Concept

The top up tax is charged to bring the tax on the income in the jurisdiction up to the minimum rate



Current focus

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Work on the GloBE Implementation Framework across 4 dimensions

Balance between tax policy objectives and implementation effort simplifications including safe harbours

Additional clarifications

Rule co-ordination, dispute avoidance and dispute resolution

Administrative

procedures, exchange

of information,

accounting systems, IT

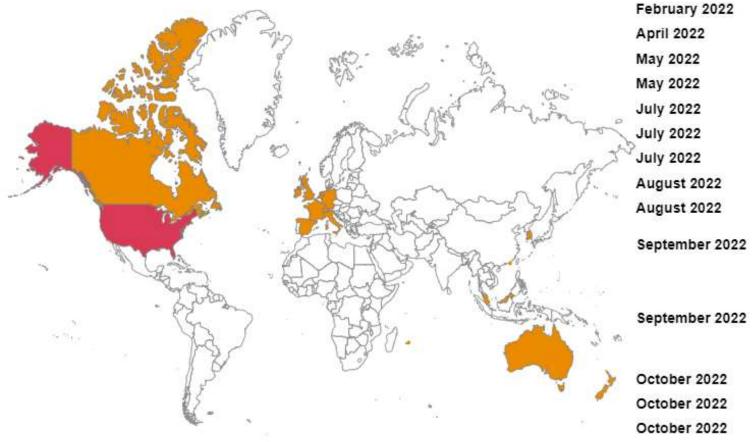
Where next?

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Pillar Two

- GloBE Implementation Framework
- Subject to tax rule
- Implementation process: EU, Canada, Switzerland, UK, etc
- Stabilisation of the system room to remove, revise measures that may no longer be needed?

Getting ready for Pillar Two – Global overview



ruary 2022	Statement to implement	Singapore
il 2022	Public consultation	Canada
2022	Public consultation	Ireland
/ 2022	Public consultation	New Zealand
2022	Draft legislation	UK
2022	Draft legislation	South Korea
2022	Draft legislation	Mauritius
just 2022	Public consultation	Switzerland
just 2022	Statement to implement	Hong Kong
tember 2022	Presidential statement to implement	US (uncertain)
tember 2022	Joint statement to implement	Germany, France, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands + Belgium
ober 2022	Draft legislation	the Netherlands
ober 2022	Public consultation	Australia
ober 2022	Statement to implement	Malaysia

What does the Group approach mean for FDI competition?

Non Tax Factors	 Market size access to raw materials e.g. natural resources, energy supplies Availability and cost of skilled labour Access to infrastructure Transportation costs Access to output markets e.g. high consumer demand in region, Low export costs Political stability Macro-economic stability Financing costs
Tax Factors	 Transparency Stability and certainty in the application of the tax law and in tax administration Tax rates Tax incentives

MENA-OECD Investment Program, Tax Incentives for Investment – A Global Perspective: experiences in MENA and non-MENA countries (2007) page 4

Non tax <u>incentive</u> factors will become more important to attract FDI. With the imminent implementation of the pillar 2 minimum tax, jurisdictional promotional

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authorities are looking to their business friendly eco-systems to attract MNE FDI

Qualified domestic minimum top-up tax

- Any country can introduce a domestic minimum tax to ensure that a company's effective rate is at least equal to the agreed-on minimum rate.
- A country that adopts a QDMTT has priority in taxing rights over the parent company jurisdiction, an
 intermediate holding company jurisdiction, or any country that wants to apply the UTPR.
 - Prevents other countries' applying the UTPR to profits generated in the parent's jurisdiction.



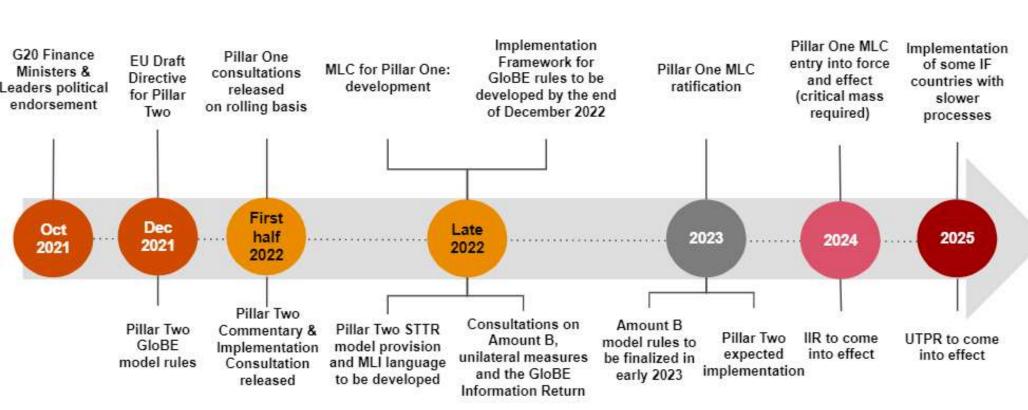
Pillar Two: Subject to tax rule ('STTR')

STTR minimum rate will be 9%

- Applies when the 'adjusted nominal tax rate' is below 9%
- Applies only to defined categories of payments between connected parties – Interest, Royalties, other payments (Franchise fees, Insurance premium, payment for intangibles etc.)
- Gross level taxation

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- Treaty based rule which applies in priority to IIR and UTPR
- Awaited Draft model provision and its commentary; and a public discussion draft on the development of a multilateral instrument



OECD – Official timeline

Interim period where signatory countries will not introduce any <u>newly</u> enacted DSTs



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