

On 30 December 2016, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") released Rev. Proc. 2017-15, which sets forth the final 2017 qualified intermediary ("QI") agreement (2017 QI Agreement). The 2017 QI Agreement is the next in a series of revised and proposed agreements intended to:

- Coordinate a QI's account documentation, withholding, and reporting requirements with similar requirements under FATCA
- Implement a new governance model that involves appointing a Responsible Officer ("RO") who is required to make periodic compliance certifications to the IRS
- Set out terms for Qualified Derivatives Dealers ("QDDs") and securities lenders regarding transactions that give rise to dividend equivalent payments under Code Section 871(m) and to substitute dividends and interest

Assessing your readiness...

As a QI RO, are you ready to make periodic compliance certifications to the IRS on the following areas?

To certify that a periodic review was conducted for the certification period in accordance with the requirements in the QI agreement

> Periodic review





To certify that the QI maintains effective internal controls over its QI documentation, withholding and reporting obligations

Effective internal controls To certify that there are no material failures, or if there are any material failures, they have been corrected as of the date of certification

> Material failures





How we can help



Periodic review



Internal controls effectiveness assessment



Compliance program design & implementation



Training

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