Country-By-Country Reporting Some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Note: These frequently asked questions relate solely to the OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Action 13 requirements for Country-by-Country reporting and the Irish legislation implementing such requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, these FAQs do not and are not intended to address any questions relating to EU Council Directive 2016/881 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation ("**DAC4**").

1. What is the purpose of this document?

The purpose of this document is to address frequently asked questions ("FAQs") in connection with the interpretation of legislation and regulations which implement Country-by-Country ("CbC") Reporting in Ireland.

2. What is CbC Reporting and who does it apply to?

CbC Reporting is part of Action 13 of the OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting ("BEPS") Action Plan.

In October 2015, the OECD/G20 published the Transfer Pricing Documentation and Country-by-Country Reporting Action 13 Final Report¹ (the "BEPS Action 13 Final Report"). The BEPS Action 13 Final Report recognised that enhancing transparency for tax administrations, by providing them with adequate information to conduct transfer pricing risk assessments, is an essential part of tackling the BEPS problem.

CbC Reporting requires large multinational enterprises ("MNE") to file a CbC Report that will provide a breakdown of the amount of revenue, profits, taxes and other indicators of economic activities for each tax jurisdiction in which the MNE group does business. CbC Reporting only applies to MNE groups with annual consolidated group revenue of €750 million² or more in the preceding fiscal year ("MNE Groups").

For the first time, CbC Reporting will give tax administrations a global picture of the operations of MNE Groups. Tax authorities can then use this information to perform high-level transfer pricing risk assessments and to evaluate other BEPS-related risks.

3. What is the OECD/G20 guidance on CbC Reporting?

The BEPS Action 13 Final Report is the primary OECD/G20 guidance on CbC Reporting.

¹ Transfer Pricing Documentation and Country-by-Country Reporting, Action 13 - 2015 Final Report (OECD 2015)

² Or an equivalent amount in a non-euro currency.

4. What is the Irish legislation governing CbC Reporting?

The legislation that implements CbC Reporting in Ireland is contained in:

- A. Section 891H of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 ("TCA 1997") (as inserted by Section 33 of Finance Act 2015) (the "Legislation"); and
- B. Taxes (Country-by-Country Reporting) Regulations (S.I. No. 629 of 2015) (the "Regulations")

(together the "Irish CbC Reporting Legislation").

5. Can the OECD guidance on CbC Reporting be used to interpret the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation?

All countries participating in the BEPS project agreed a CbC Reporting implementation package. This package can be found at page 37 of the BEPS Action 13 Final Report and includes model legislation for the introduction of CbC Reporting requirements (the "OECD Model Legislation"). The purpose of the implementation package, and in particular, the OECD Model Legislation, is to ensure a consistent and standard approach to CbC Reporting across all implementing countries. For this reason, the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation closely mirrors the OECD Model Legislation and relies on it for certain definitions. Therefore, a good understanding of the BEPS Action 13 Final Report is critical to understanding and interpreting the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation and it should be read in conjunction with these FAQs.

It should be noted that there are some differences between the OECD Model Legislation and the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation. Where there is a conflict, the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation takes precedence.

6. How should terms contained in the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation and these FAQs be interpreted?

A number of terms used in these FAQs are defined in the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation, including "country-by-country report", "OECD", "OECD model legislation" and "equivalent country-by-country report". Whilst these FAQs provide further information to assist with the interpretation of some of these terms, the reader is referred to the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation for a full definition of all relevant terms.

In addition, as noted in Q5 above, the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation relies on the OECD Model Legislation for certain definitions, including "fiscal year", "MNE group", "qualifying competent authority agreement", "reporting entity" and "systemic failure". These terms are explained in detail in the OECD Model Legislation and should be interpreted as set out in the OECD Model Legislation.

For ease of reference, definitions of some key terms contained in the OECD Model Legislation / Irish CbC Reporting Legislation (namely "constituent entity", "domestic constituent entity", "surrogate parent entity" and "ultimate parent entity"), which are used frequently in these FAQs, have been reproduced in Appendix I of this document.

7. When do the CbC Reporting requirements come into effect in Ireland?

CbC Reporting requirements apply in Ireland for fiscal years beginning on or after 1 January 2016.

8. Who will be required to file a CbC Report in Ireland?

As noted in Q2, CbC Reporting requirements apply to MNE Groups with consolidated group revenue of €750 million or more in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

The following constituent entities will be required to file CbC Reports in Ireland with effect from 1 January 2016:

- An Irish tax resident ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group; and
- An Irish tax resident surrogate parent entity of an MNE Group. (A surrogate parent entity can only be appointed in specific circumstances refer to Q9 below.)

An Irish tax resident constituent entity of an MNE Group may be required to file under the secondary reporting mechanism. Refer to Q12 – Q16 for more details concerning the secondary reporting mechanism.

9. When can a surrogate parent entity be appointed?

Regulation 5 of the Regulations deals with surrogate parent entities. Regulation 5 provides that a surrogate parent entity can be appointed by an MNE Group to file the CbC Report instead of the ultimate parent entity where <u>each</u> of A, B and C below are satisfied:

A. One or more of the following circumstances applies:

- i. the ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group is not required to provide a CbC Report in its jurisdiction of tax residence;
- ii. the jurisdiction in which the ultimate parent entity of that MNE Group is resident for tax purposes does not have a qualifying competent authority agreement in effect with Ireland (by the due date for filing the CbC Report) that provides for the exchange of CbC Reports; or
- iii. there has been a systemic failure by the jurisdiction of tax residence of the ultimate parent entity of that MNE Group to provide the CbC Reports in its possession and Revenue has notified the Irish tax resident constituent entity that such a failure has occurred; and

B. The jurisdiction in which the surrogate parent entity is resident for tax purposes:

i. requires the filing of CbC reports;

- ii. has a qualifying competent authority agreement in effect with Ireland (by the due date for filing the CbC Report) that provides for the exchange of CbC Reports;
- iii. has not notified Revenue of an event of systemic failure; and
- iv. has been notified of the identity of the surrogate parent entity; and
- C. A notification has been provided to Revenue setting out the name and jurisdiction of tax residence of the surrogate parent entity. Refer to Q26 for more information regarding notifications.

10. What are the obligations of an Irish tax resident constituent entity which has been appointed as a surrogate parent entity?

Where an Irish tax resident constituent entity is appointed as a surrogate parent entity, the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation applies as if that entity were an ultimate parent entity. In particular, Regulation 5(2) of the Regulations provides that an Irish tax resident constituent entity which has been appointed as a surrogate parent entity must provide a CbC report to Revenue on behalf of the entire MNE Group.

11. What information should a CbC Report contain?

A CbC report for an MNE Group must contain the following information in respect each jurisdiction in which the MNE Group operates:

- (a) on an aggregate basis,
 - (i) amount of unrelated party revenue, related party revenue and total revenue;
 - (ii) amount of profit or loss before income tax;
 - (iii) amount of income tax paid;
 - (iv) amount of income tax accrued;
 - (v) amount of stated capital,
 - (vi) amount of accumulated earnings,
 - (vii) number of employees, and
 - (viii) value of tangible assets other than cash or cash equivalents; and
- (b) identification of each constituent entity carrying on a business or tax resident in each jurisdiction and, where different from such jurisdiction of tax residence, the jurisdiction under the laws of which such constituent entity is organised, and the nature of the main business activity or activities of each constituent entity.

In accordance with the CbC Reporting XML Schema: User Guide for Tax Administrations and Taxpayers published by the OECD³ ("the **XML Schema**") the CbC report must also contain the following information:

³ http://www.oecd.org/tax/country-by-country-reporting-xml-schema-user-guide-for-tax-administrations-and-taxpayers.htm

- (i) the tax identifier number ("TIN") of each constituent entity,
- (ii) country of issuer of the TIN for each constituent entity; and
- (iii) the address of each constituent entity.

The XML Schema explains in more detail the specific information to be included on the CbC Report relating to addresses.

Refer to Q21 below for more detail concerning the XML Schema.

12. What is the secondary reporting mechanism?

Regulation 4 of the Regulations deals with the secondary reporting mechanism. In accordance with the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, the secondary reporting mechanism requires a constituent entity of an MNE Group, which is neither an ultimate parent entity nor a surrogate parent entity, to file a CbC Report in certain circumstances.

13. When does the secondary reporting mechanism apply in Ireland?

The secondary reporting mechanism applies where no surrogate parent entity has been appointed and one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- A. the ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group is not required to provide a CbC Report in its jurisdiction of tax residence;
- B. the jurisdiction in which the ultimate parent entity of that MNE Group is resident for tax purposes does not have a qualifying competent authority agreement in effect with Ireland (by the due date for filing the CbC Report) that provides for the exchange of CbC Reports; or
- C. there has been a systemic failure by the jurisdiction of tax residence of the ultimate parent entity of that MNE Group to provide the CbC Reports in its possession and Revenue has notified the Irish tax resident constituent entity that such a failure has occurred.

For the fiscal year 2016, an ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group that is not required to file a CbC Report for that year under the laws of its country of residence may, depending on the country of its residence, file a CbC Report on a voluntary basis (referred to as 'parent surrogate filing'). Refer to Q16 for details of when a parent surrogate filing may result in the non-application of the secondary reporting mechanism in Ireland.

14. What are the requirements under the secondary reporting mechanism in Ireland?

The secondary reporting mechanism represents the primary difference between the OECD Model Legislation and the Irish CbC Reporting Legislation. In accordance with the OECD Model Legislation, where the secondary reporting mechanism applies, a constituent entity, which is neither the ultimate parent entity nor the surrogate parent entity, must provide a CbC Report for the full MNE Group.

The Irish CbC Reporting Legislation recognises that an Irish tax resident constituent entity of an MNE Group, which is neither the ultimate parent entity nor the surrogate parent entity, may be limited in its capacity to provide a complete CbC Report with information for the full MNE Group. Therefore, where the secondary reporting mechanism is invoked, an Irish tax resident constituent entity is required to provide an "Equivalent CbC Report".

15. What is an "Equivalent CbC Report" and what information should it contain?

An Equivalent CbC Report is defined in Regulation 3 of the Regulations as "a country-by-country report, but only to the extent the information required to be included in that report is within the custody or possession of the domestic constituent entity or the domestic constituent entity has the power to obtain or acquire the information".

This essentially means that an Irish tax resident constituent entity obliged to file under the secondary reporting mechanism is required to include on the CbC Report (i) all information that is within its custody or possession and (ii) all information, in respect of which it has an enforceable legal right to obtain or acquire from other group entities (with the exception of legally privileged information). It is Revenue's expectation that where the secondary reporting mechanism applies, the Equivalent CbC Report will include *inter alia* information relating to the Irish tax resident constituent entity and its subsidiaries.

The Irish tax resident constituent entity obliged to file under the secondary reporting mechanism may wish to summarise in Table 3 (Additional Information) of the Equivalent CbC Report the approach which it has taken to the completion of the Equivalent CbC Report and to provide an explanation as to the data which it could not obtain and the reasons for same.

It is Revenue's view that an Irish tax resident constituent entity is best placed to determine what information it can provide on the Equivalent CbC Report having regard to the specific facts and circumstances of the Irish tax resident constituent entity. Revenue expects the domestic constituent entity to take a reasonable, practical and consistent approach. The onus is on the domestic constituent entity to ensure that the Equivalent CbC Report is complete and accurate.

16. Will the secondary reporting mechanism apply if an ultimate parent entity of an MNE group files a CbC Report on a voluntary basis in its country of residence in respect of the 2016 fiscal year?

It is acknowledged that some jurisdictions do not have a legal framework in place to require an ultimate parent entity resident in that country to file a CbC Report for a fiscal year commencing on or after 1 January 2016. Following OECD guidance published in August 2016, <u>Guidance on the Implementation of Country-by-Country Reporting</u>, Revenue accepts that where an ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group files a CbC Report for its 2016 fiscal year on a voluntary basis in its country of residence (i.e. parent surrogate filing), and provided a number of conditions are met, constituent entities resident in Ireland will not be required to file an Equivalent CbC Report

under the secondary reporting mechanism for that year. The conditions that must be satisfied are:

- the ultimate parent entity of the MNE Group makes available a CbC Report conforming
 to the requirements of the BEPS Action 13 Final Report to the tax authority of its
 jurisdiction of tax residence by the filing deadline, i.e. 12 months after the last day of the
 2016 fiscal year of the MNE Group; and
- 2. by the first filing deadline of the CbC Report, the jurisdiction of tax residence of the ultimate parent entity must have its laws in place to require CbC Reporting (even if the filing of a CbC Report for the 2016 fiscal year is not required under those laws); and
- 3. by the first filing deadline of the CbC Report for the fiscal year 2016, a qualifying competent authority agreement must be in effect between the jurisdiction of tax residence of the ultimate parent entity and Ireland; and
- 4. the jurisdiction of tax residence of the ultimate parent entity has not notified Revenue of a systemic failure; and
- 5. an Irish tax resident constituent entity of the MNE Group must, by the last day of the fiscal year, notify Revenue of the name and jurisdiction of tax residence of the reporting entity. Refer to Q26 below for further detail on CbC Reporting notifications.

17. Is there any specific guidance on how to complete the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report?

It should be borne in mind that the CBC Report is intended to apply for a multitude of entity types across a broad range of industries. Therefore, it is not practical to draft guidance on the completion of CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports that provides a definitive answer for every type of entity / industry.

The BEPS Action 13 Final Report (page 31) includes detailed instructions and guidance on how to complete CbC Reports and should be reviewed in full in advance of completing CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports. In addition, these FAQs address some specific questions which may arise when completing CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports.

The reporting entity / domestic constituent entity should adopt a reasonable, practical and consistent approach to completion of CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports. Furthermore, the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity should complete CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports to the best of its ability, taking into account the guidance provided in the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, having regard to the specific facts and circumstances of the MNE Group and the industry in which it operates. The onus is on the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity to ensure that the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is complete and accurate.

A. What should be included in the "revenues" column on Table 1 of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report?

In line with the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, "revenues" should include income from sales of inventory and properties, services, royalties, interest, premiums and any other amounts. Payments received from other constituent entities that are treated as dividends in the payor's tax jurisdiction should be excluded.

The term "revenues" should be interpreted in the broadest possible sense to include all income (both revenue and capital in nature, but excluding payments that are treated as dividends in the payor's tax jurisdiction).

Revenue is of the view that Irish resident constituent entity of an MNE group is best placed to interpret the definition of "revenues", taking into account the guidance provided in the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, having regard to the specific facts and circumstances of the MNE Group and the industry in which it operates. Revenue expects the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity to take a reasonable, practical and consistent approach. The onus is on the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity to ensure that the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is complete and accurate.

B. How should in-country intercompany transactions be reflected in Table 1 of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report?

In accordance with the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, all columns in Table 1 require the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity to include aggregated results on a country by country basis. In particular, for the purposes of completing Table 1, financial results of all intercompany dealings within the same country must be aggregated and not consolidated. Table 3 (Additional Information) of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report can be utilised to explain levels of in-country intercompany dealings, if required.

C. In what circumstances should contractors or employees on secondment be included as employees of a particular constituent entity?

In line with the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, independent contractors participating in the ordinary operating activities of the constituent entity may be reported as employees.

Revenue is of the view that reporting entity / domestic constituent entity is best placed to decide whether contractors participate in the ordinary operating activities of the business and therefore should be included as employees on the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report.

Similarly with regard to employees that have been seconded within an MNE Group, from one group entity to another group entity, again the reporting entity/ domestic constituent entity is best placed to decide in which entity's headcount seconded employees should be included for the purposes of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report.

As noted above, reporting entity / domestic constituent entity should adopt a reasonable, practical and consistent approach to completion of CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports. Furthermore, the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity should complete CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports to the best of their ability, taking into account the guidance provided in the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, having regard to the individual facts and circumstances of the MNE Group and the industry in which it operates. The onus is on the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity to ensure that the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is complete and accurate.

D. What should be included in Table 3 (Additional Information) of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report?

The reporting entity/ domestic constituent entity may wish to include any further brief information or explanation which it considers necessary or that would facilitate the understanding of the compulsory information provided in the CbC Report.

E. How should permanent establishment (including branch) data be reflected on Table 1 of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report?

In line with the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, permanent establishment data should be reported by reference to the tax jurisdiction in which the permanent establishment is situated and not by reference to the tax jurisdiction of residence of the business unit of which the permanent establishment is a part. Residence tax jurisdiction reporting for the business unit of which the permanent establishment is a part should exclude financial data related to the permanent establishment.

The BEPS Action 13 Final Report sets out specific rules with regard to the balance sheet items on Table 1, that is, Stated Capital, Accumulated Earnings and Tangible Assets other than Cash and Cash Equivalents. The specific rules with regard to permanent establishments are as follows:

- Stated Capital: The stated capital of the permanent establishment should be reported by the legal entity of which it is a permanent establishment unless there is a defined capital requirement in the permanent establishment tax jurisdiction for regulatory purposes.
- o **Accumulated Earnings:** Accumulated earnings of the permanent establishment should be reported by the legal entity of which it is a permanent establishment.
- Tangible Assets other than Cash and Cash Equivalents: Assets of the permanent establishment should be reported by reference to the tax jurisdiction in which the permanent establishment is situated.

F. What information should be included in the Income Tax Accrued column on Table 1 of the CbC Report/Equivalent CbC Report?

In accordance with the BEPS Action 13 Final Report this column should contain the sum of the accrued current tax expense or credit recorded on taxable profits or losses. The current tax expense or credit should reflect only operations in the current year and should not include deferred taxes or provisions for uncertain tax liabilities.

G. What factors should be used to classify the main business activity of group entities?

The reporting entity /domestic constituent entity should determine the nature of the main business activity / activities carried on by each of the constituent entities in the MNE Group and should tick one or more of the appropriate boxes on Table 2 of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report. Where the "Other" business activity is selected for one or more constituent entities, the reporting entity/domestic constituent entity should specify the nature of the activity of such constituent entity / entities in Table 3 of the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report.

Revenue is of the view that the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity is best placed to determine which combination of factors should be taken into account when determining the nature of the main business activity / activities carried on by each constituent entity, taking into account the guidance provided in the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, having regard to the specific facts and circumstances of the MNE Group and the industry in which it operates. Revenue expects the reporting entity/ domestic constituent entity to take a reasonable, practical and consistent approach. The onus is on the reporting entity to ensure that the information provided in the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is complete and accurate.

18. What sources of data should be used to complete the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report?

The reporting entity/ domestic constituent entity may choose to use data from its consolidation reporting packages, from separate entity statutory financial statements, regulatory financial statements, or internal management accounts.

Revenue is of the view that the reporting entity/ domestic constituent entity is best placed to decide which approach works best for that particular MNE Group, taking into account the guidance provided in the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, having regard to the specific facts and circumstances of the MNE Group and the industry in which it operates. Revenue expects the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity to take a reasonable, practical and consistent approach. In particular, the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity should consistently use the same sources of data from year to year in completing the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report. The onus is on the reporting entity / domestic constituent entity to ensure that the information provided in the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is complete and accurate.

19. Will Revenue seek to reconcile the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report to the consolidated accounts of an MNE Group?

In accordance with the BEPS Action 13 Final Report, it is not necessary to reconcile the revenue, profit and tax reported in the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report to the consolidated financial statements.

The requirement to disclose aggregated figures, as opposed to consolidated numbers, means that, even where consolidated financial statements are the source of information used in the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report, the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report may not reconcile to the consolidated accounts.

20. How should the CbC Reporting rules be applied to investment funds?

Guidance published by the OECD in August 2016⁴ confirms that the application of CbC Reporting to investment funds will depend on the relevant accounting treatment. The governing principle is to follow the accounting consolidation rules.

If, applying accounting rules, an investment entity does not consolidate investee companies, then those investee companies should not form part of an MNE Group and should not be considered constituent entities. However, if the accounting rules require that the investment entity consolidates with an investee company, the investee company should be part of an MNE Group (where one exists) and should therefore be considered a constituent entity.

21. How should the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report be filed?

It is anticipated that filing of CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports in Ireland will be by electronic means. CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports should be completed in xml format in accordance with the XML Schema (refer to Q11.)

Revenue will issue further guidance on this in due course.

22. When must a CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report be filed with Revenue?

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Regulations, CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports must be filed with Revenue no later than 12 months after the last day of the fiscal year to which the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report relates. For example, a CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2016 must be filed with Revenue no later than 31 December 2017. Refer to Appendix II for a more detailed example.

23. Short accounting periods

Where the accounting period of an MNE Group is less than 12 months the threshold of €750 million (see Q2) should be prorated.

⁴ Guidance on the Implementation of Country-by-Country Reporting

The filing deadline for the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report remains the same i.e. 12 months after the last day of the accounting period.

24. What happens if the ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group changes during a fiscal year?

The ultimate parent entity is always identified by reference to the last day of the fiscal year to which the CbC Report relates. Therefore, for an MNE Group with a fiscal year end of 31 December 2016, the ultimate parent entity is identified by reference to the date of 31 December 2016.

It should be noted that the ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group may change from one fiscal year to the next or part way through a fiscal year as a result of e.g. a takeover. An MNE Group should be cognisant of the impact changing ultimate parent entities may have on CbC Reporting obligations, in particular, where the jurisdiction of tax residence of the ultimate parent entity changes. Where a change in the ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group occurs, the MNE Group should carefully review its obligations with regard to making notifications and filing CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports.

In particular, where an ultimate parent entity of an MNE Group changes part way through a fiscal year Revenue expects the following to apply:

- The parent entity of the acquired MNE Group should file a CbC Report including data for that MNE Group up to the date of takeover.
- The parent entity of the acquirer MNE Group should file a CbC Report as normal for its fiscal year. That CbC Report will include data for the constituent entities of the acquired MNE Group from the date of acquisition until the end of the fiscal year.

25. What penalties apply for the non-filing of a CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report or when the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is incorrect or incomplete?

Section 891H (7) TCA 1997 of the Legislation and Regulation 9 of the Regulations deals with penalties.

The penalty for failure to file a CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is €19,045 plus €2,535 for each day the failure continues. The penalty for filing an incomplete or incorrect CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report is €19,045.

26. What notifications are required for CbC Reporting purposes in Ireland?

Regulation 6 of the Regulations deals with notification obligations.

In summary, the CbC Reporting notification obligations in Ireland are as follows:

A. Where the ultimate parent entity of the MNE Group is tax resident in Ireland, then the ultimate parent entity must notify Revenue that it is the reporting entity.

- B. Where a surrogate parent entity has been appointed and that surrogate parent entity is tax resident in Ireland, then that surrogate parent entity must notify Revenue that it is the reporting entity.
- C. All domestic constituent entities must notify Revenue of the name and jurisdiction of tax residence of the reporting entity.

Regulation 6 provides that where there is more than one domestic constituent entity, that MNE Group may nominate one such entity to make the notification on behalf of all other domestic constituent entities. It should be noted that this nomination is only possible where the secondary reporting mechanism does not apply. For the purposes of administrative ease, Revenue is prepared to allow an ultimate parent entity or surrogate parent entity tax resident in Ireland to make a CbC Reporting notification on behalf of all its domestic constituent entities and the system has been updated for this functionality (refer to Appendix III).

27. What is the deadline for making CbC Reporting notifications to Revenue?

All notifications must be made no later than the last day of the fiscal year to which the CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report relates. For example, for CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports relating to the fiscal year ended 31 December 2016, notifications must be made to Revenue no later than 31 December 2016. Refer to Appendix II for a more detailed example.

In recognition that there maybe problems identifying the reporting entity for some MNE groups as many other jurisdictions do not have their legislation in place yet, and Qualifying Competent Authority Agreements may also not be in place, Revenue can confirm that, as a transitional arrangement domestic constituent entities, should provide a notification based on a preliminary assessment of the identity and tax residence of the reporting entity. If this proves not to be correct, that entity should submit a second correct notification (refer to Q13) based on new information to Revenue as soon as possible.

28. How should CbC Reporting notifications be made to Revenue?

Notifications required in accordance with Irish CbC Reporting Legislation must be by submitted electronically via ROS. Refer to Appendix III for a Step-by-Step Guide to making CbC Reporting notifications.

29. Is it possible to amend a CbC Reporting notification after it has been submitted?

It is not possible to amend a CbC Reporting notification after it has been submitted to Revenue via ROS. Where an ultimate parent entity/surrogate parent entity/domestic constituent entity detects an error in a notification submitted to Revenue, that entity should submit a second correct notification. In such circumstances, Revenue will disregard the first incorrect notification in its entirety. Therefore, the second complete notification will replace the original notification as opposed to amend it.

30. How will Revenue obtain CbC Reports for Irish subsidiaries / permanent establishments of an MNE Group where the reporting entity is not tax resident in Ireland?

Assuming the secondary reporting mechanism does not apply (refer to Q13), where the reporting entity is not tax resident in Ireland, Revenue will receive the CbC Report from the competent authority in the jurisdiction in which the reporting entity is tax resident under automatic exchange of information provisions.

31. Will Revenue exchange CbC Reports filed in Ireland with other tax authorities?

Section 891H (10) TCA1997 allows Revenue to exchange CbC Reports with the Competent Authorities of other jurisdictions under automatic exchange of information provisions provided, on the basis of the information in the CbC Report, one or more constituent entities of the MNE Group are either resident for tax purposes, or are subject to tax with respect to the business carried out through a permanent establishment. Refer to Q33 for information regarding exchange of Equivalent CbC Reports.

32. What conditions must be satisfied before Revenue automatically exchanges CbC Reports with other tax jurisdictions?

There must a qualifying competent authority agreement in effect by the due date for filing CbC Reports.

A qualifying competent authority agreement is defined in the BEPS Action 13 Final Report as an agreement that is between authorised representatives of those jurisdictions that are party to an International Agreement (i.e. a Double Tax Agreement, Tax Information Exchange Agreement or the Multilateral Convention for Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters) and (ii) that requires the automatic exchange of CbC Reports between the party jurisdictions.

In most cases, exchange of CbC Reports is expected to take place pursuant to the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement ("MCAA") for CbC Reporting. As at October 2016, 44 jurisdictions (including Ireland) have already signed the MCAA and more may sign up at a later date. A list of the jurisdictions that have signed up to the MCAA can be found on the OECD website here.

33. Will Equivalent CbC Reports be exchanged with other tax authorities?

Equivalent CbC Reports are a local filing requirement in Ireland and Revenue is not required to automatically exchange Equivalent CbC Reports with other tax authorities.

34. How will Revenue safeguard the confidentiality of information provided on CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports?

Section 851A TCA 1997 provides that all taxpayer information is confidential and may only be disclosed in accordance with the law. The information contained on CbC Reports / Equivalent

CbC Reports will be treated in the same manner as all other taxpayer information provided to / received by Revenue.

With regard to information provided to other tax authorities under automatic exchange of information provisions, although the MCAA is multilateral, the exchanges of actual CbC Reports will be bilateral and the MCAA includes a mechanism that allows each jurisdiction to retain control over which jurisdictions they undertake exchanges with.

In addition, the MCAA provides that all information exchanged is subject to the confidentiality rules and other safeguards provided for in the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters.

35. What will the information provided on a CbC Report / Equivalent CbC Report be used for?

The BEPS Action 13 Final Report sets out three permitted uses for information contained in CbC Reports, namely:

- to assess high level transfer pricing risk;
- to assess other BEPS-related risks; and
- for economics and statistical analysis.

Ireland is committed to using information provided on CbC Reports / Equivalent CbC Reports in accordance with the permitted uses. Revenue will not use CbC Reporting data, by itself, to make adjustments to the income of a taxpayer.

APPENDIX I

OECD Model Legislation / Irish CbC Reporting Legislation - Key Terms

"Constituent entity" means (i) any separate business unit of an MNE Group that is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements of the MNE Group for financial reporting purposes or would be so included if equity interests in such business unit were traded on a public securities exchange; (ii) any such business unit that is excluded from the MNE Group's Consolidated Financial Statements solely on size or materiality grounds; and (iii) any permanent establishment of any separate business unit of the MNE Group that is included in (i) or (ii) above provided the business unit prepares a separate financial statement for such permanent establishment for financial reporting, regulatory, tax reporting, or internal management control purposes.

"Domestic constituent entity" means a constituent entity, which is resident for tax purposes in the State, but does not include an ultimate parent entity or a surrogate parent entity.

"Surrogate parent entity" means one constituent entity of the MNE Group that is appointed by such group, as a sole substitute for the ultimate parent entity, to file the CbC report in its jurisdiction of tax residence on behalf of such MNE Group.

"Ultimate parent entity" means a constituent entity of an MNE Group that owns directly or indirectly a sufficient interest in one or more other constituent entities of such MNE Group such that it is required to prepare consolidated financial statements under accounting principles generally applied in its tax residence jurisdiction, or would be so required if its equity interests were traded on a public securities exchange in its tax residence jurisdiction, where there is no other constituent entity of such MNE Group that owns directly or indirectly such an interest in the first constituent entity.

APPENDIX II

Notification / Filing Deadlines - Example

What are the CbC Reporting notification and filing obligations of an Irish tax resident constituent entity which forms part of an MNE Group with a 12-month accounting period ended 31 December 2016?

The notification and filing obligations the Irish tax resident constituent entity will depend on the status of the entity, as follows:

1. Irish tax resident constituent entity is the **ultimate parent entity** or the **surrogate parent entity** of an MNE Group

Notification deadline	31 December 2016
Filing Deadline – CbC Report	31 December 2017

2. The Irish tax resident constituent entity is **neither** the ultimate parent entity nor the surrogate parent entity.

Notification deadline – details of reporting	31 December 2016	
entity		
Filing Deadline – CbC Report	N/a – Revenue will receive CbC Report via	
	automatic exchange of information channels	

3. The Irish tax resident constituent entity is **neither** the ultimate parent entity nor the surrogate parent entity <u>and</u> the **secondary reporting mechanism** applies.

Notification deadline - details of reporting	31 December 2016
entity ⁵	
Filing Deadline – Equivalent CbC Report	31 December 2017

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⁵If it is known by the notification date that the secondary reporting mechanism will apply because any of the circumstances outlined in Q13 are present, Revenue expects to be notified that the domestic constituent entity is the reporting entity

APPENDIX III

Step-by-Step Guide to making Notifications in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Country-by-Country ("CbC") Reporting Regulations

The annual notification obligations of <u>all</u> Irish tax resident entities that are part of an MNE group, to which CbC Reporting applies, are set out in Q26 above. (For the purposes of this Step-by-Step Guide "entity" refers to an Irish ultimate parent entity, surrogate parent entity or domestic constituent entity, unless otherwise specified.)

As noted in Q26, all CbC Reporting notifications must be made online via ROS. Where an entity does not have an Irish tax reference number (e.g. a dormant entity), but is obliged to make a CbC Reporting notification, it can register with Revenue as a "reporting entity" solely for the purposes of making a CbC Reporting notification and filing a CbC Report in due course (where applicable).

As noted in Q26 above, it is possible for one entity (ultimate parent entity, surrogate parent entity or domestic constituent entity) to make the CbC Reporting notification on behalf of all Irish entities in an MNE Group. Therefore, it is possible for an entity which already has a tax reference number and is registered for ROS to make the CbC Reporting notification(s) on behalf of all Irish entities in that MNE Group including any unregistered/dormant entities.

When making CbC Reporting notifications online, users will see references to an "EU Designated Entity". An "EU Designated Entity" is a concept introduced by DAC 4. "DAC4" refers to EU Council Directive 2016/881 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation. DAC 4 was announced as part of the EU Commission's Anti Tax Avoidance Package and its aim is to transpose the OECD BEPS recommendations for CbC Reporting into EU legislation. DAC 4 entered into force on 3 June 2016 and must be transposed into Irish law by 4 June 2017. Therefore, the ROS system includes such terms as "DAC4" and "EU Designated Entity" at this stage to ensure that the system is fit for purpose into the future.

AS THE PROVISIONS OF DAC4 ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENACTED IN IRISH LEGISLATION, USERS SHOULD NOT SELECT "EU DESIGNATED ENTITY" AS THE REPORTING ENTITY TYPE (explained in more detail below).

These guidance notes will be updated following any amendments to Irish legislation to take account of DAC4.

CbC Reporting Notifications Process – Summary

All CbC Reporting notifications must be submitted online via ROS.

The following steps are involved:

- **Step 1:** Register as a reporting entity and register for ROS (this step only applies where an entity is not already registered for tax and does not have a tax reference number/cannot access ROS, but is obliged to submit a CbC Reporting notification).
- **Step 2:** Register a CbC Reporting Obligation.
- Step 3: Complete and submit the CbC Reporting Notification Form.

Steps 1 and 2 vary slightly depending on whether the user of the system is an entity or an agent. Step 3 is the same for all users of the system regardless of whether the user is an entity or an agent.

- Refer to **Section 1** where the user of the system is an **entity**.
- Refer to **Section 2** where the user of the system is an **agent**.
- Section 3 applies to both entities and agents.

REVENUE CONTACT DETAILS

For queries relating to any aspect of the CbC Reporting notification procedure, please contact:

Email: AEOI_TechnicalSupport@revenue.ie

Phone: 042 935 3337

SECTION 1: ENTITIES SUBMITTING CBC REPORTING NOTIFICATIONS

This section is only relevant where the user of the system is an entity, that is, the ultimate parent entity, surrogate parent entity or domestic constituent entity. If the user of the system is an agent, please refer to Section 2 below.

1.1 Register as a reporting entity and register for ROS

As noted in Q26 above, it is possible for one entity (ultimate parent entity, surrogate parent entity or domestic constituent entity) to make the CbC Reporting notification on behalf of all Irish entities in an MNE Group. Therefore, it is possible for an entity which already has a tax reference number and is registered for ROS to make the CbC Reporting notification(s) on behalf of all Irish entities in that MNE Group including any unregistered/dormant entities.

If the Irish entities in an MNE Group wish to avail of this option go to step 1.2 below.

1.1.1 Register as a reporting entity

This step is only relevant if the entity does not have a tax reference number, that is, it is not registered for tax. If the entity has a tax reference number go step 1.1.2 below.

If the entity does not have a tax reference number and is not registered for ROS, but is obliged to make a CbC Reporting notification, the entity must register with Revenue as a 'reporting entity'. This process should not be confused with a tax registration. Where an entity registers as a reporting entity, it will only be able to fulfil its CbC Reporting obligations, that is, it will not be possible to use this number to register for any taxes (e.g. corporation tax / VAT).⁶

In order to register as a reporting entity, the entity must contact Revenue's VIMA (VIES, Intrastat and Mutual Assistance) office – see contact details on page 20. The entity will be issued with a reporting entity registration number, which will be in the format of 7 digits followed by 2 letters (e.g. 1234567AA).

1.1.2 Register for ROS

This step is only relevant if the entity is not already registered for ROS. If the entity is registered for ROS go to step 1.2 below.

The entity must register for ROS using the reporting entity registration number provided by Revenue. If the entity already has a tax reference number, but is not registered for ROS, the entity must register for ROS using its tax reference number; the entity should NOT request a separate reporting entity registration number.

⁶ If an entity (e.g. a dormant entity) registers as a reporting entity for the purposes of fulfilling its CbC Reporting obligations and subsequently requires to register for tax (e.g. if the entity commences to trade), the entity should de-register as a reporting entity on ROS and re-register on ROS for the appropriate tax.

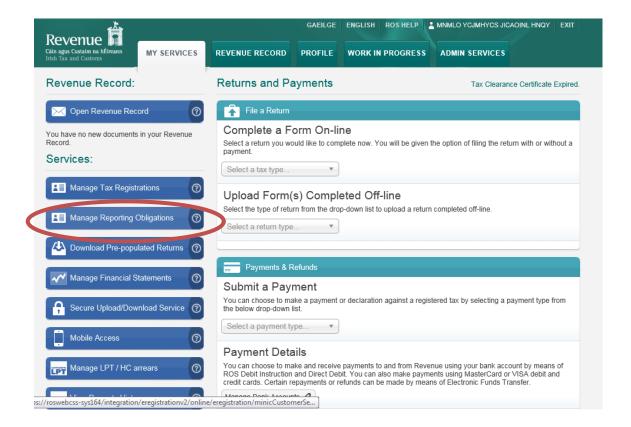
Details on how to register for ROS are available on the Revenue website (www.revenue.ie). In Step 1 of the ROS registration process (Apply for your ROS Access Number (RAN)), the entity should select "DAC4-CbC" in the drop-down box entitled "Tax Type/Approval No." in Section A.

1.2 Register a CbC Reporting Obligation

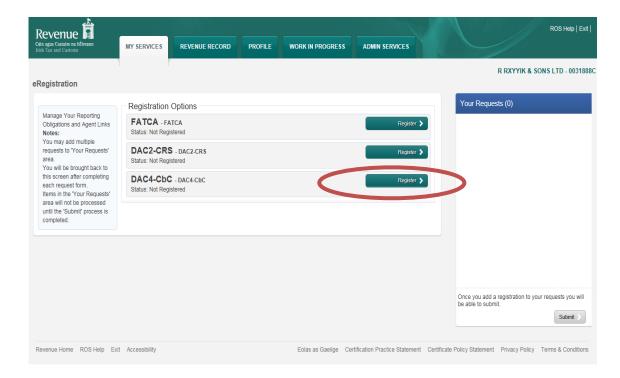
This step can only be completed once the entity is registered for ROS. If the entity is not registered for ROS, refer to step 1.1 above.

Follow steps 1.2.1 to 1.2.10 to register a CbC Reporting Obligation.

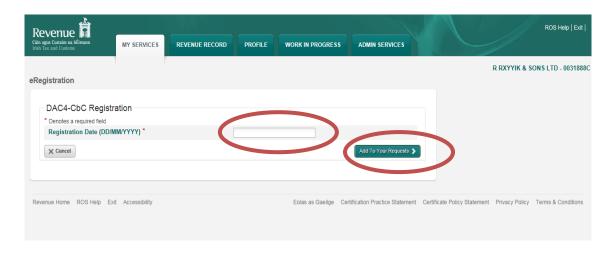
- 1.2.1 Log into ROS.
- 1.2.2 Under the "My Services" tab, select "Manage Reporting Obligations" from the list of services on the left-hand side of the screen.



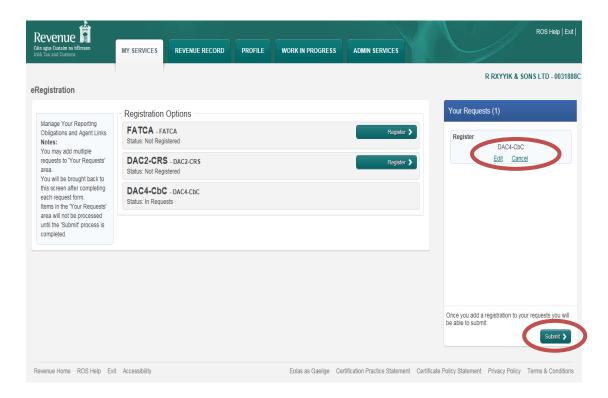
1.2.3 Select "Register" opposite "DAC4-CbC".



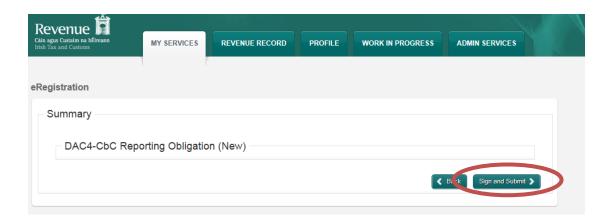
1.2.4 Enter the registration date in the format DD/MM/YYYY and click "Add To Your Requests".



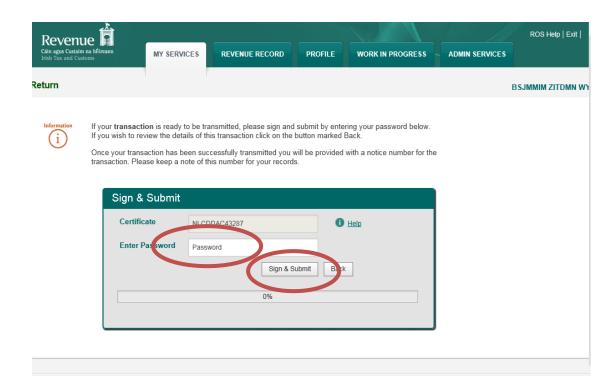
1.2.5 The registration request will be added to "Your Requests" on the right-hand side of the screen. Click "Submit".



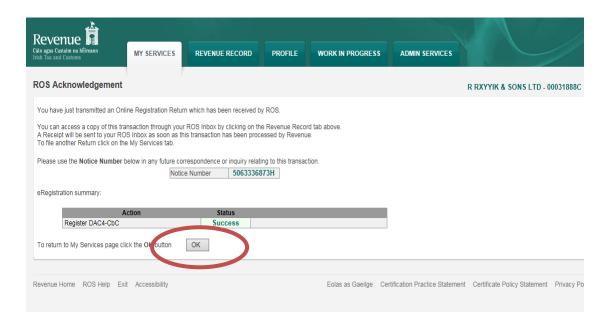
1.2.6 Click "Sign and Submit".



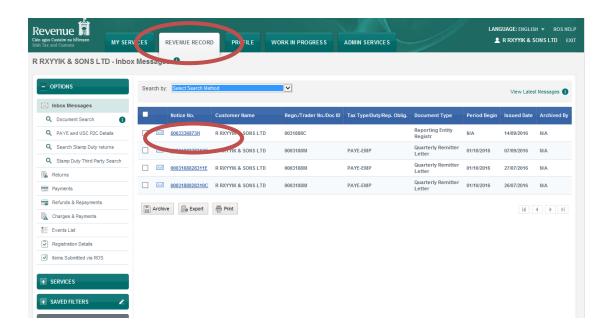
1.2.7 The entity will be redirected to the Sign & Submit screen. Enter the **ROS password** and click "Sign and Submit".



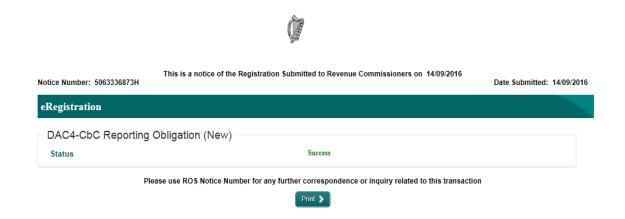
1.2.8 The entity will receive a **ROS Acknowledgement** and a Notice Number, which the entity may wish to print for its records. Click **"OK"**.



1.2.9 The entity will receive a new notification in the **Revenue Record** to confirm the entity has been registered for a CbC Reporting Obligation. Click on the **notice number** for confirmation of the registration.



1.2.10 The following notice will appear which the entity may wish to print for its records.



❖ AFTER COMPLETION OF STEP 1, THE ENTITY SHOULD ALLOW 24-48 HOURS FOR THE CBC REPORTING OBLIGATION TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO SECTION 3.

SECTION 2: AGENTS SUBMITTING CBC REPORTING NOTIFICATIONS

This section is only relevant where the user of the system is an agent. If the user of the system is an entity, that is, the ultimate parent entity, surrogate parent entity or domestic constituent entity, please refer to Section 1 above.

2.1 Register the entity as a reporting entity on ROS

This step is only relevant if the entity does not have a tax reference number, that is, the entity is not registered for tax. If the entity has a tax reference number and is linked to the agent on ROS, go to step 2.2 below.

As noted in Q26 above, it is possible for one entity (ultimate parent entity, surrogate parent entity or domestic constituent entity) to make the CbC Reporting notification on behalf of all Irish entities in an MNE Group. Therefore, it is possible for an entity which already has a tax reference number and is registered for ROS to make the CbC Reporting notification(s) on behalf of all Irish entities in that MNE Group including any unregistered/dormant entities. If the agent wishes to avail of this option go to step 2.2 below.

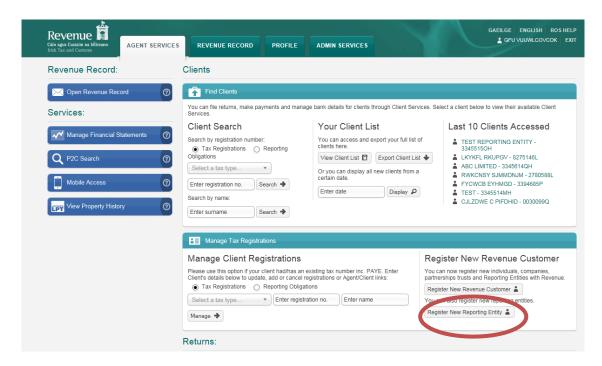
If the entity does not have a tax reference number and is not registered on ROS, but is obliged to make a CbC Reporting notification, the agent must register the entity with Revenue as a 'reporting entity'. This process should not be confused with a tax registration. Where the agent registers an entity as a reporting entity, the agent will only be able to fulfil the CbC Reporting obligations on behalf of the entity, that is, it will not be possible to use this number to register for any taxes (e.g. corporation tax / VAT).⁷

When an agent is registering an entity as a reporting entity for CbC Reporting purposes it is possible to register the entity for a CbC Reporting Obligation at the same time. The process is set out in steps 2.1.1 to 2.1.14 below.

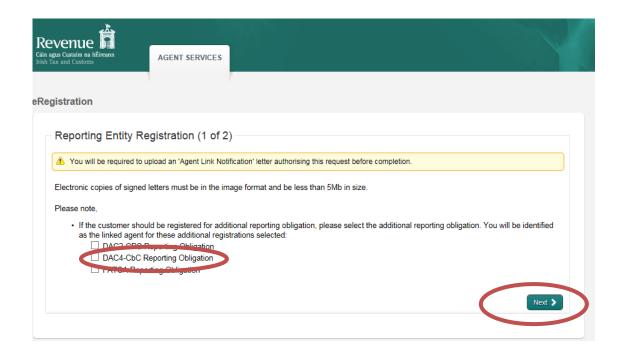
⁷ If an agent registers an entity (e.g. a dormant entity) as a reporting entity for the purposes of fulfilling its CbC Reporting obligations and subsequently requires to register that entity for tax (e.g. if the entity commences to trade), the agent should de-register the entity as a reporting entity on ROS and re-register the entity on ROS for the appropriate tax.

2.1.1 Log into ROS

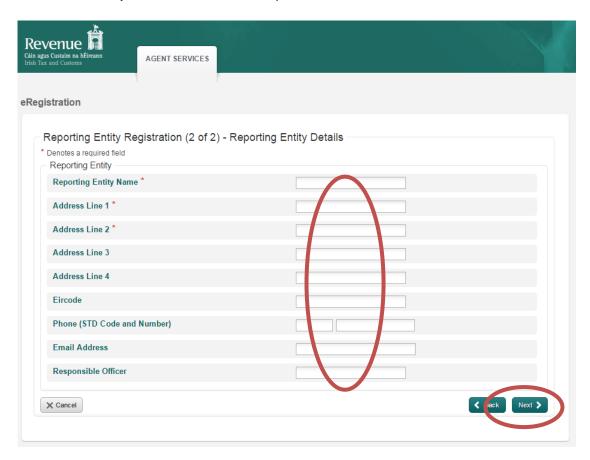
2.1.2 On the "Agent Services" tab, select "Register New Reporting Entity" on the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.



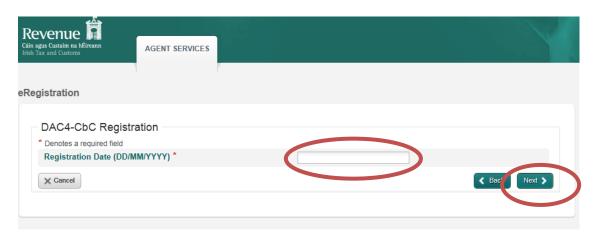
2.1.3 Select "DAC4-CbC Reporting Obligation" and click "Next".



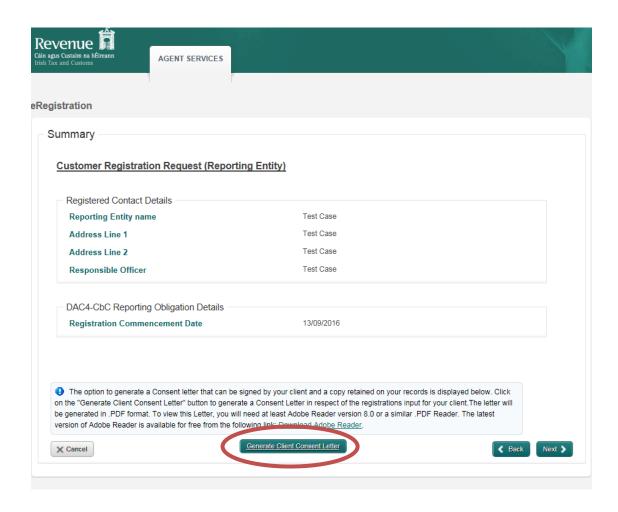
2.1.4 Enter the **required details** for the entity. Click "Next".



2.1.5 Enter the **registration date** (i.e. today's date - the date on which the registration is completed) in the format DD/MM/YYYY and click **"Next"**.



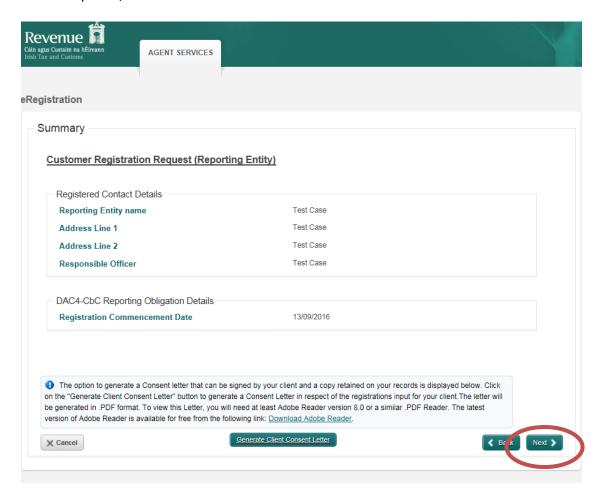
2.1.6 Select "Generate Client Consent Letter".



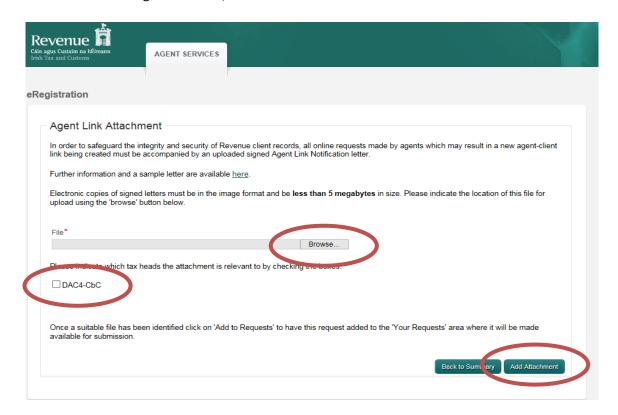
2.1.7 A template Consent Letter (in PDF format) in respect of the registration input by the agent will be generated. The agent should download this template and have it signed as required, then save it to the agent's network/drive.

Test Case Confirms that GFU VUUWLCOVCOK (00747H) is to act as the agent in respect of the following obligations. Customer Registration Request(Reporting Entity) DAC4-CbC Reporting Obligation (New) Registered Contact Details Name Test Case Address Test Case Test Case Test Case Test Case Test Case Test Case (Agent) Date Signed (Client) Date			Revenue Cáin agus Custaim na hÉireann Irish Tax and Customs	
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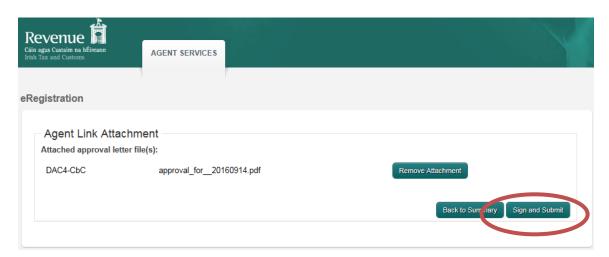
2.1.8 Once completed, click "Next" on the ROS screen.



2.1.9 To upload the completed Consent Letter, click **"Browse"** and locate the completed Consent Letter in the agent network/drive. Select the box **"DAC4-CbC"** and click **"Add Attachment"**.



2.1.10 Click "Sign and Submit".



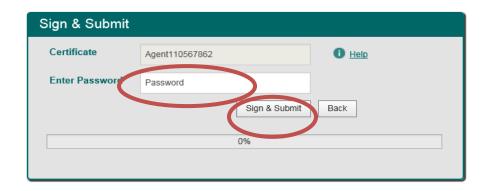
2.1.11 The agent will be redirected to the Sign and Submit screen. Enter the **ROS password** and click "Sign and Submit".



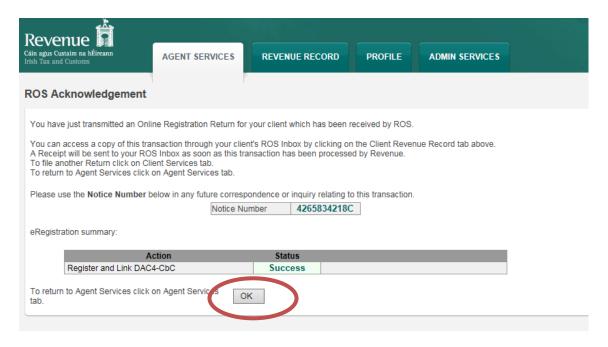


If your transaction is ready to be transmitted, please sign and submit by entering your password below. If you wish to review the details of this transaction click on the button marked Back.

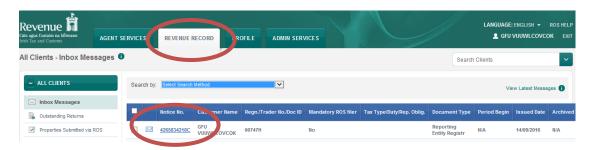
Once your transaction has been successfully transmitted you will be provided with a notice number for the transaction. Please keep a note of this number for your records.



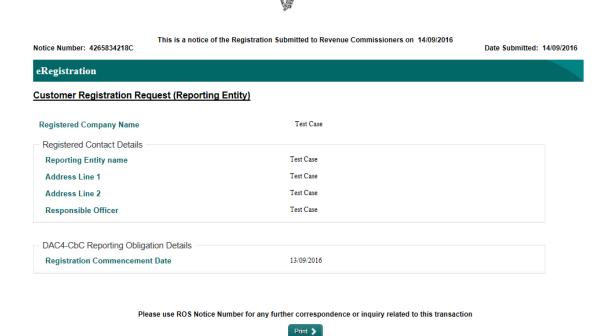
2.1.12 The agent will receive a **ROS Acknowledgement** and a Notice Number, which the agent may wish to print for the agent's records. Click **"OK"**.



2.1.13 The agent will receive a new notification in the Revenue Record to confirm the entity has been registered for a CbC Reporting Obligation. Click on the notice number for confirmation of the registration.



2.1.14 The following notice will appear which the agent may wish to print for the agent's records.



❖ AFTER COMPLETION OF STEP 2.1, THE AGENT SHOULD ALLOW 24-48 HOURS FOR THE CBC REPORTING OBLIGATION TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO SECTION 3.

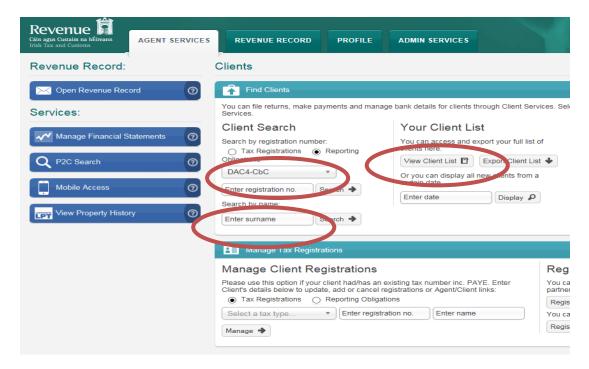
2.2 Register a CbC Reporting Obligation

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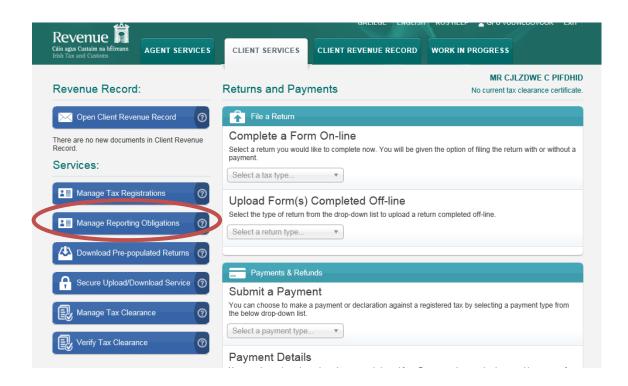
If step 1 has been completed by the agent, this step is not necessary. Refer to Section 3 to proceed.

Follow steps 2.2.1 to 2.2.17 to register a CbC Reporting Obligation.

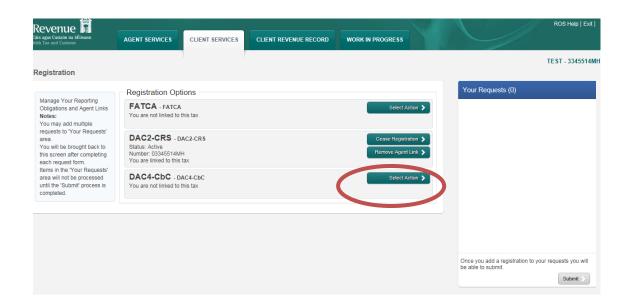
- 2.2.1 Log into ROS.
- 2.2.2 Under the "Agent Services" tab, locate the entity using one of the available options. You will be redirected to the "Client Services" tab for the relevant entity.



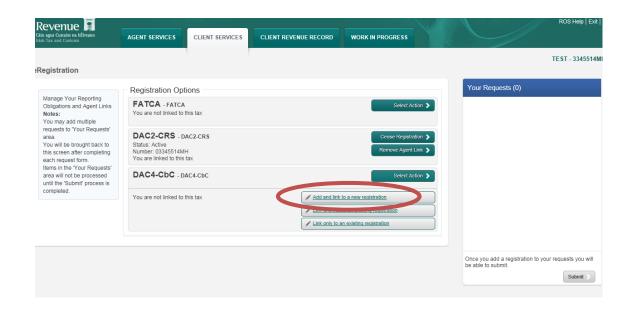
2.2.3 Select "Manage Reporting Obligations" from the list of services on the left-hand side of the screen.



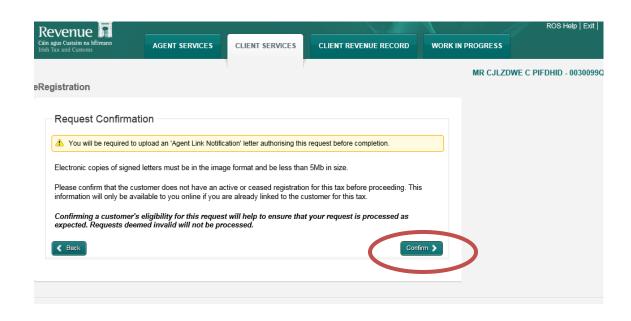
2.2.4 Click "Select Action" opposite "DAC4-CbC".



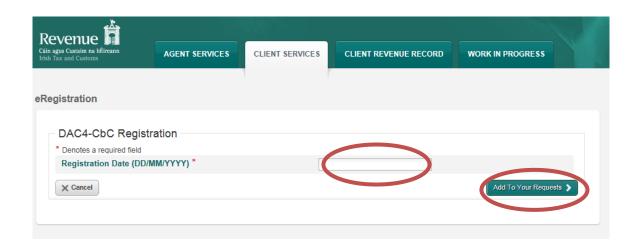
2.2.5 Select "Add and link to a new registration".



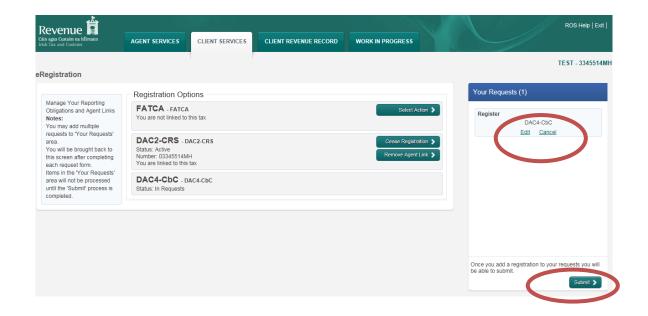
2.2.6 The following screen will appear. Select "Confirm".



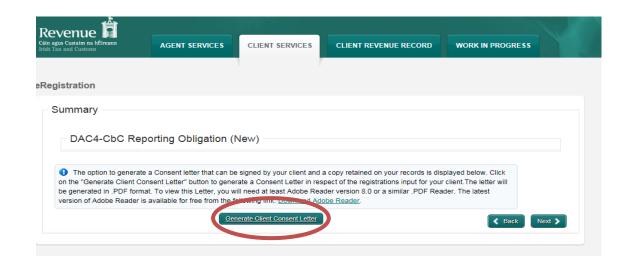
2.2.7 Enter the **registration date** (i.e. today's date - the date on which the registration is completed) in the format DD/MM/YYYY and click **"Add To Your Requests"**.



2.2.8 The registration request will be added to "Your Requests" on the right-hand side of the screen. Click "Submit".



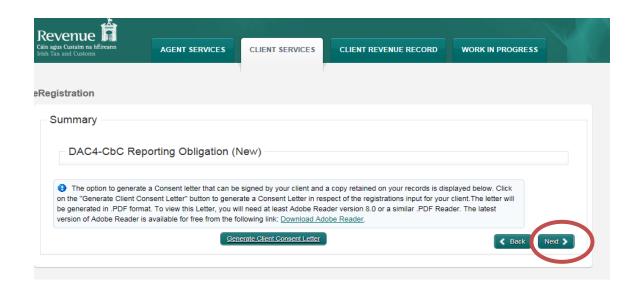
2.2.9 Select "Generate Client Consent Letter".



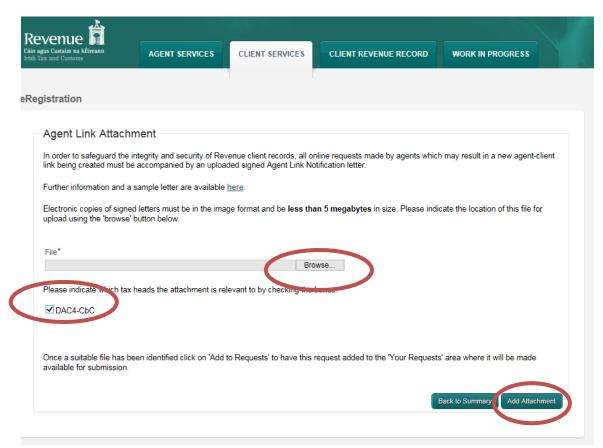
2.2.10 A template Consent Letter (in PDF format) in respect of the registration input by the agent will be generated. The agent should download this template and have it signed as required, then save it to the agent's network/drive.



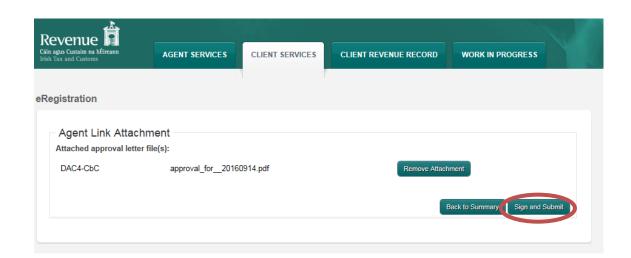
2.2.11 Once completed, click "Next" on the ROS screen.



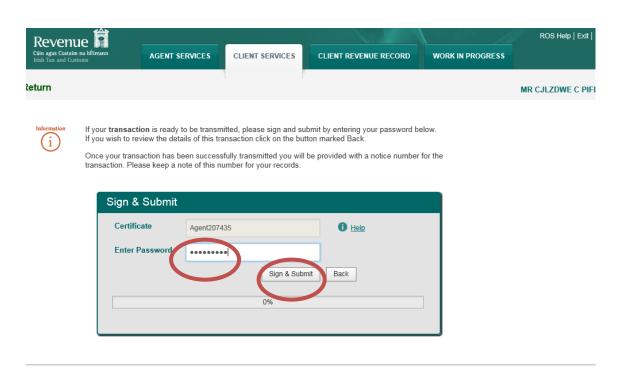
2.2.12 To upload the completed Consent Letter, click "Browse" and locate the completed Consent Letter in the agent network/drive. Select the box "DAC4-CbC" and click "Add Attachment".



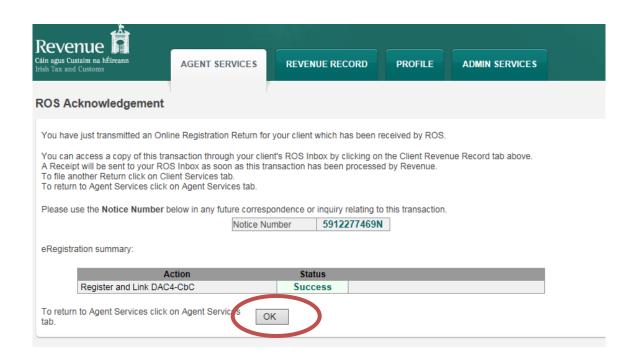
2.2.13 Click "Sign and Submit".



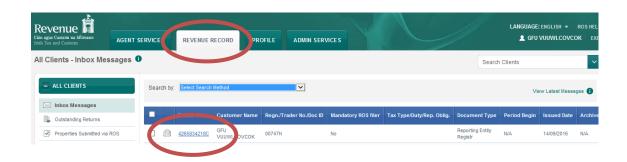
2.2.14 The agent will be redirected to the Sign & Submit screen. Enter the ROS password and click "Sign and Submit".



2.2.15 The agent will receive a **ROS Acknowledgement** and a Notice Number which the agent may wish to print for the agent's records. Click **"OK"**.



2.2.16 The agent will receive a new notification in the **Revenue Record** to confirm the entity has been registered for a CbC Reporting Obligation. Click on the **notice number** for confirmation of the registration.



2.2.17 The following notice will appear which the agent may wish to print for the agent's records.



Notice Number: 4265834218C	This is a notice of the Registration Submitted to Revenue Commissioners on 14/09/2016 Date Submitted: 1	14/09/2016		
eRegistration				
Customer Registration Rec	quest (Reporting Entity)			
Registered Company Name	Test Case			
Registered Contact Details				
Reporting Entity name	Test Case			
Address Line 1	Test Case			
Address Line 2	Test Case			
Responsible Officer	Test Case			
DAC4-CbC Reporting Obliga	ation Details			
Registration Commencemen	nt Date 13/09/2016			
Please use ROS Notice Number for any further correspondence or inquiry related to this transaction				

❖ AFTER COMPLETION OF STEP 2.2, THE AGENT SHOULD ALLOW 24-48 HOURS FOR THE CBC REPORTING OBLIGATION TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO SECTION 3.

SECTION 3: COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF THE CBC REPORTING NOTIFICATION FORM

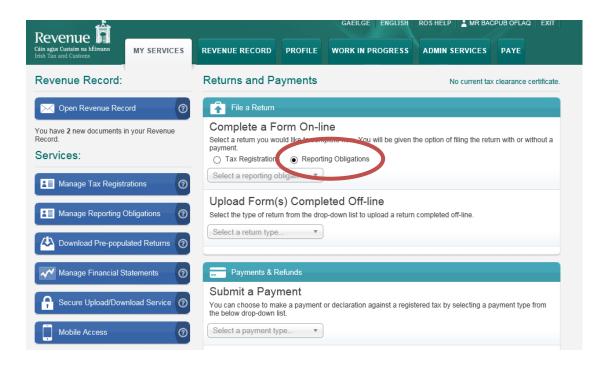
This section is relevant where the user of the system is an entity, that is, the ultimate parent entity, surrogate parent entity or domestic constituent entity <u>and</u> where the user is an agent.

3.1 Complete and submit CbC Reporting Notification Form

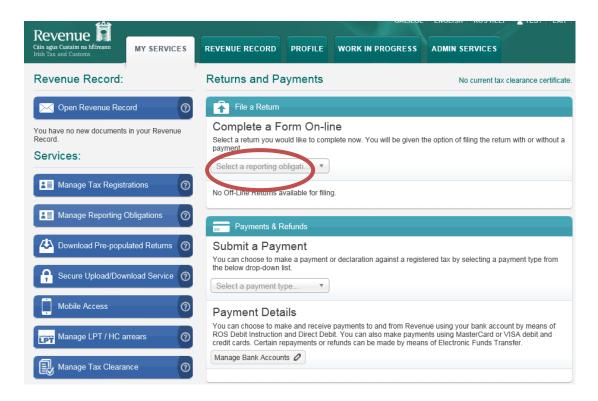
This step can only be completed where the entity is registered for ROS <u>and</u> has registered a CbC Reporting Obligation. Refer to Section 1 (where the user is an entity) and Section 2 (where the user is an agent) above.

Follow steps 3.1.1 to 3.1.15 below.

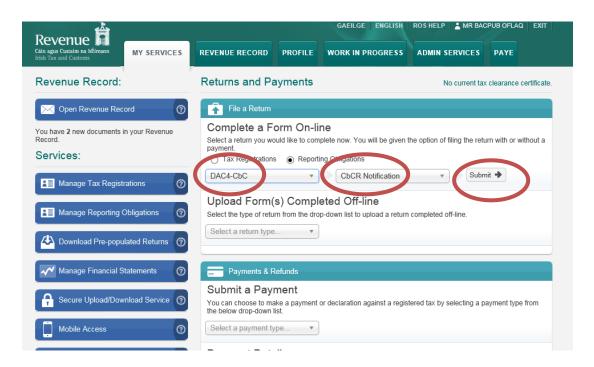
- 3.1.1 Log into ROS.
- 3.1.2 In the "My Services" tab (for entities) or "Client Services" tab (for agents), go to the "Returns and Payments" section in the centre of the screen.
- 3.1.3 If the entity is registered for tax, the user will see the following screen. Under "Complete a Form On-line", select the "Reporting Obligations" radio button.



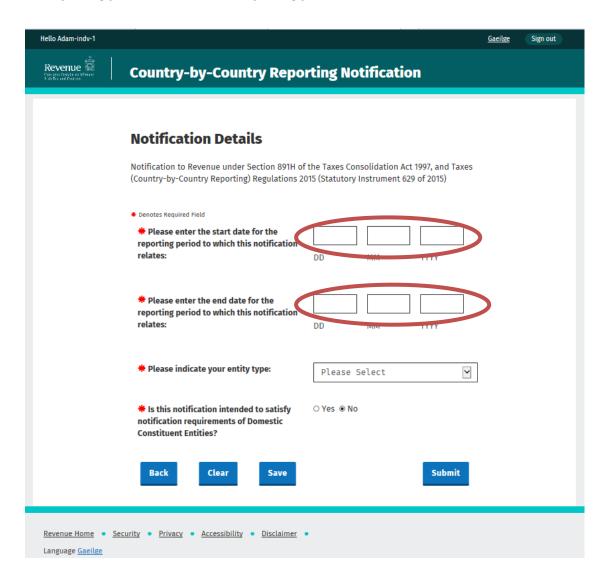
If the entity is not registered for tax but has been registered as a reporting entity, the user will see the following screen - i.e. there will be no radio button and the only option in "Complete a Form On-line" will be to "Select a Reporting Obligation".



3.1.4 Select "DAC4-CbC" in the drop-down box. A second drop-down box will appear. Select "CbCR Notification" in the second drop-down box. Click "Submit".



3.1.5 The user will be redirected to the "Country-by-Country Reporting Notification" Form. Enter the reporting period start date and reporting period end date in the format DD/MM/YYYY.



3.1.6 Select the **entity type** from the drop down list. The options are **"Ultimate Parent Entity"**, **"Surrogate Parent Entity"**, "EU Designated Entity" and **"Domestic Constituent Entity"**.

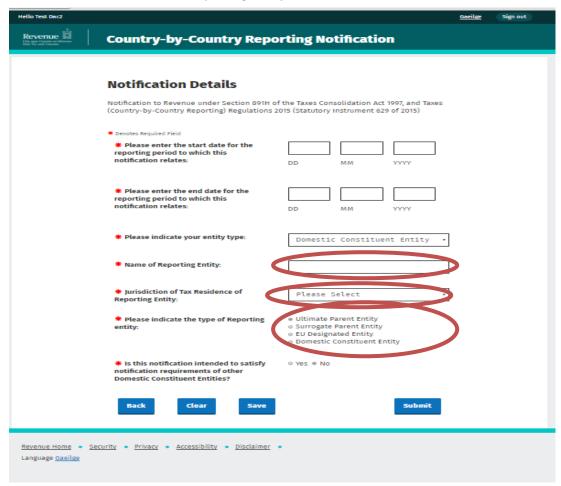
(**Note:** "EU Designated Entity" must NOT be selected as an entity type at this time – refer to page 19 above).

Revenue	Country-by-Country Reporting Notification	
	Notification Details Notification to Revenue under Section 891H of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, and Taxes (Country-by-Country Reporting) Regulations 2015 (Statutory Instrument 629 of 2015)	
	* Denotes Required Field * Please enter the start date for the reporting period to which this notification relates: DD MM YYYY	
	* Please enter the end date for the reporting period to which this notification relates: DD MM YYYY	
	* Please indicate your entity type: * Is this notification intended to satisfy notification requirements of Domestic Constituent Entities?	
	Back Clear Save Submit	

3.1.7 If "Ultimate Parent Entity" or "Surrogate Parent Entity" is selected, go to step 3.1.9.

- 3.1.8 If "Domestic Constituent Entity" is selected, additional detail must be provided⁸, as follows:
 - (i) name of Reporting Entity;
 - (ii) jurisdiction of tax residence of Reporting Entity select from drop down box; and
 - (iii) type of the Reporting Entity select correct radio button.⁹

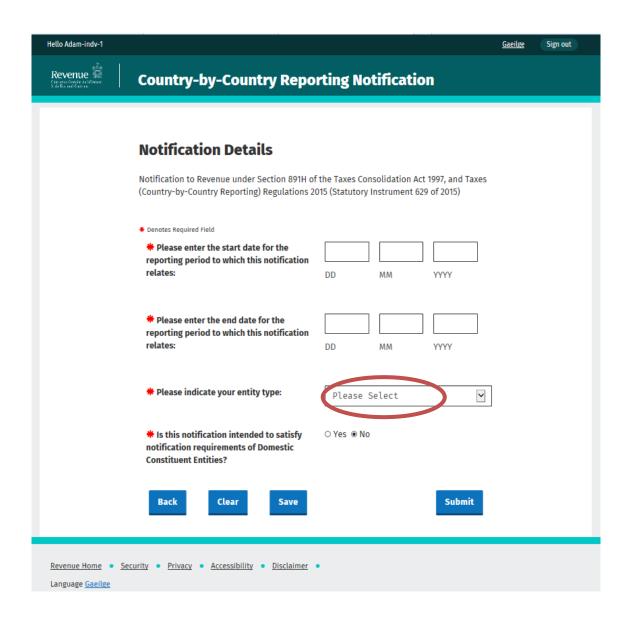
(Refer to Q6 for definition of "Reporting Entity".)



⁸ If it is known by the notification date that the secondary reporting mechanism will apply because any of the circumstances outlined in Q13 are present, Revenue expects to be notified that the domestic constituent entity is the reporting entity. Therefore, the name of the domestic constituent entity making the notification should be inserted in the "Name of Reporting Entity" field; 'Ireland' should be selected in the "Jurisdiction of tax residence of Reporting Entity" field, and 'Domestic Constituent Entity' should be selected in the "Type of Reporting Entity" field.

⁹ Guidance published by the OECD in August 2016 confirms that parent surrogate filing is a form of surrogate filing. Therefore, where an MNE Group is availing of the parent surrogate filing mechanism (refer to Q16 above), the domestic constituent entity should select "Surrogate Parent Entity" when indicating the type of Reporting Entity.

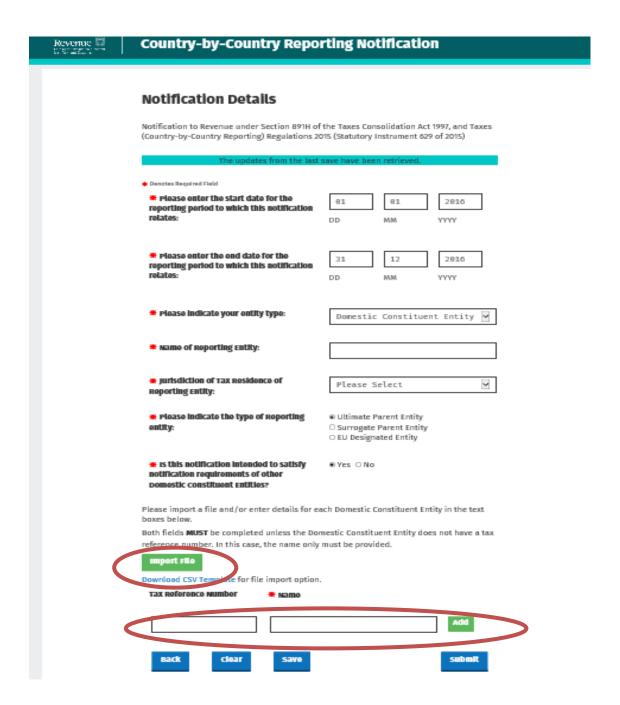
3.1.9 The user will be asked to confirm whether the notification is intended to satisfy notification requirements of (other) domestic constituent entities by selecting either the "Yes" or "No" radio button, as appropriate.



3.1.10 If "No" is selected, go to step 3.1.12.

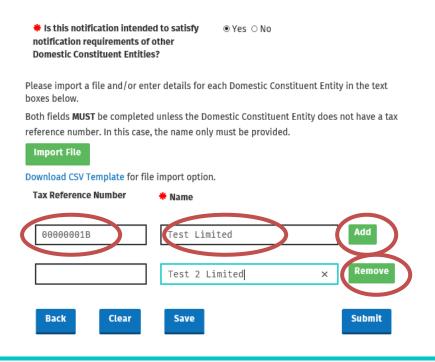
3.1.11 If "Yes" is selected, the user must include details of all domestic constituent entities, on whose behalf the entity is making the notification.

There are two options to include details for domestic constituent entities: (i) complete the online form - refer to 3.1.11.1 below or (ii) import a file – refer to 3.1.11.2 below.



3.1.11.1 Complete the online form

- The "Name" field is mandatory and the name of the domestic constituent entity must be entered in all cases.
- The "Tax Reference Number" field should be completed where the domestic constituent entity is registered for tax.
- Clicking "Add" inserts an additional line to enable the user to enter details for a number of domestic constituent entities. The maximum number of domestic constituent entities for which details can be entered is 1,000.
- Clicking "Remove" deletes a row.
- Prior to submitting the form (by clicking the "Submit" button), any blank rows should be removed.

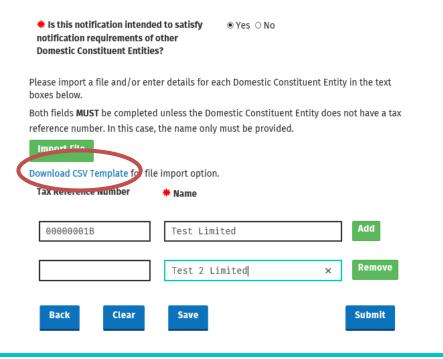


3.1.11.2 Upload a CSV file

Where the notification is intended to satisfy the CbC Reporting notification obligations of a number of domestic constituent entities, the "Import File" option may be used.

To use this option:

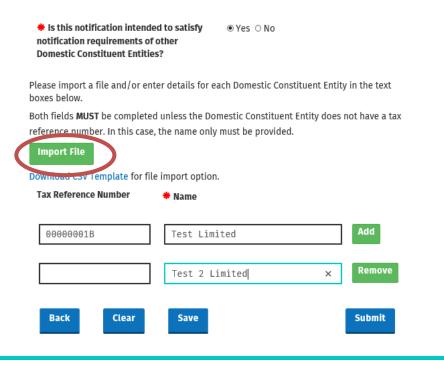
 Click on "Download CSV Template". The user will be redirected to a separate Excel spreadsheet.



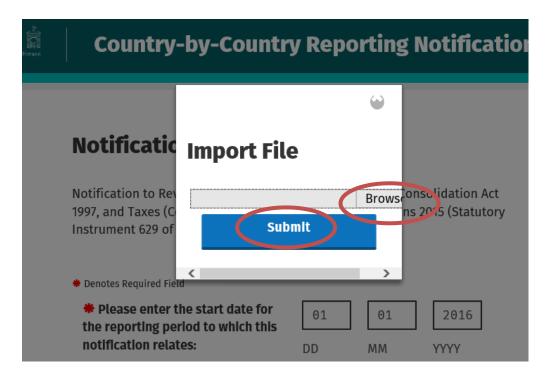
- Complete the template.
 - The **"Name"** field is mandatory and the name of the domestic constituent entity must be entered in all cases.
 - The "Tax Reference Number" field should be completed where the domestic constituent entity is registered for tax.
 - Save the file in ".csv" (comma separated values) format to the user network/drive.

Tax Reference Number of Domestic Constituent Entity	Name of Domestic Constituent Entity
1234567T	123 Limited
2345678T	456 Limited
	ABC Limited
	XYZ Limited

• Return to the online form and click "Import File".



• The following screen will appear:

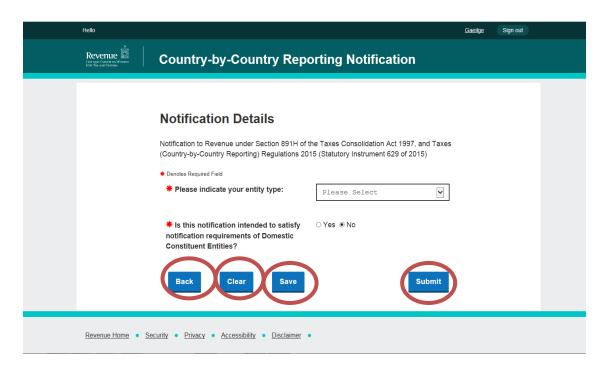


• Click "Browse" and locate the CSV file in the user network/drive and click "Submit".

- If the CSV file passes all validation checks, the online form will be populated with the details of the domestic constituent entities included in the CSV file. The maximum number of domestic constituent entities for which details can be entered is 1,000.
- The CSV file may be rejected for a number of reasons as set out in the table below (see left column). If the file is rejected a message will display to inform the user of the error (see right column). The user should correct the error and upload the file again.

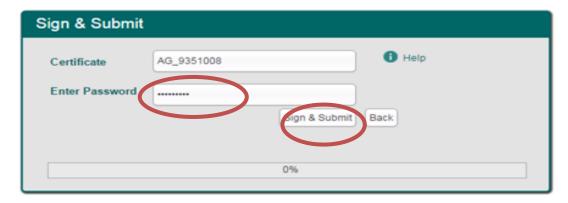
Condition	Message Displayed
The imported file is empty.	"The imported file is empty."
The imported file is not a valid CSV	"Please import a valid CSV file."
file.	
File header is incorrect.	"Invalid file header. Not processing
	file."
Data is not correct on a particular	"Invalid file data in line {line
line - e.g. 3 columns instead of 2.	number}. Not processing file."
The maximum number of domestic	"Not processing file. The maximum
constituent entity details (i.e.	number of Domestic Constituent
1,000) has been exceeded.	Entities that can be added to the notification is 1,000."

3.1.12 The user will note four options included at the bottom of the screen "Back", "Clear", "Save", and "Submit".

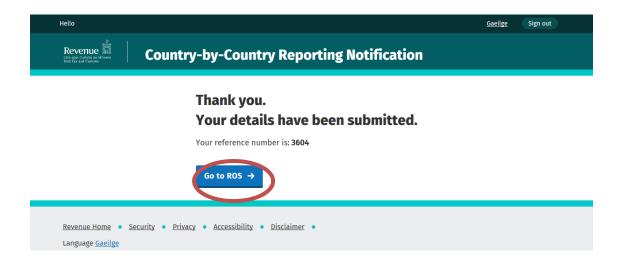


- Clicking "Back" brings the user back to the previous screen. (i.e. to return to ROS homepage). Changes will be saved.
- Clicking "Clear" clears the entire contents of the form.
- Clicking "Save" saves the form for completion and submission at a later date or by another ROS user.
- Clicking "Submit" submits the form. Refer to steps 3.1.13 3.1.15 to complete the process.

3.1.13 When the user clicks **"Submit"**, the user will be redirected to the "Sign and Submit" screen. Enter the ROS password and click **"Sign & Submit"**.



3.1.14 The user should receive the below **acknowledgment** and a reference number, which the user may wish to print for its records. Click **"Go to ROS"**.



3.1.15 The user will receive a new notification in the Revenue Record to confirm the CbC Reporting Notification Form has been received by Revenue. Click on the notice number to access a copy of the CbC Reporting Notification Form submitted which the user may wish to print for its records.

