FORM **BE-15 Claim for Exemption** (REV 10/2024)

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BE-15 Identification Number

*Do not enter Social Security Number as Identification Number

2024 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES
MANDATORY – CONFIDENTIAL
CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING FORM BE-15A, BE-15B, OR BE-15C

Due date: **May 31, 2025**

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Include your BE–15 Identification Number with all requests.

Name and address of U.S. business enterprise

1002 Name of U.S. affiliate
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1010 c/o (care of)
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1003 Street or P.O. Box
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1004 City
0

0998 State

1005 ZIP Code
0

OR Foreign Postal Code

Response Required

All persons who are contacted by BEA about reporting in this survey, either by sending them forms or by written inquiry, must respond pursuant to Section 801.3 of 15 CFR pt. 801 and the survey instructions. They may respond by:

- filing the properly completed Form BE-15A, BE-15B, or BE-15C by May 31, 2025;
- completing and returning the Form BE-15 Claim for Exemption from Filing Form BE-15A, BE-15B, or BE-15C, by May 31, 2025;

Mandatory and Confidential

This survey is being conducted under the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (P.L. 94–472, 90 Stat. 2059, 22 U.S.C. 3101–3108, as amended). The filing of reports is mandatory, and the Act provides that your report to this Bureau is confidential. Whoever fails to report may be subject to penalties. See page 4 for more details.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide information of person to consult about this report:

1000 Name
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1029 Street 1
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1030 Street 2
0

1031 City
0
State
Zip

1001 Telephone Number
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Extension
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0999 Fax Number
0

1028 E-mail Address
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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned official certifies that this report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable instructions, is complete, and is substantially accurate including estimates that may have been provided.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date
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0990 Name
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0991 Title
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0992 Telephone Number
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Extension
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0993 Fax Number
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NOTE: BEA uses a Secure Messaging System to correspond with you via encrypted message to discuss questions relating to this form. We may use your e-mail address for survey-related announcements and to inform you about secure messages. When communicating with BEA by e-mail, please do not include any confidential business or personal information. This includes your social security number which should never be provided to BEA via any method of transmission.

WHICH SECTIONS TO COMPLETE?

Provide the name and address of U.S. business enterprise, the person to consult concerning questions about this report, and the certification on page 1. Also, review the questions below to determine the additional information required.

I. Were at least 10 percent of the voting rights in your business enterprise directly or indirectly owned by a foreign person or entity at the end of your fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024?

☐ Yes – Continue with question II.

☐ No – Complete item 2(a) or (b) or (c) or (e) on page 3. If your business has been liquidated or dissolved, complete (a). Do not complete questions II, III, IV, or V.

II. Were more than 50 percent of the voting rights in this U.S. business enterprise owned by another U.S. affiliate, or was this U.S. business enterprise merged into another U.S. affiliate before the end of this U.S. business enterprise's fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024? Note: U.S. affiliate is defined on page 4.

☐ Yes – Continue with question III. ☐ No – Skip to question IV.

III. Will the data for this U.S. business enterprise be consolidated into the 2024 BE-15 report filed for the U.S. affiliate that owns it more than 50 percent, or be included on the 2024 BE-15 report filed for the U.S. affiliate into which it was merged?

☐ Yes – Complete item 2c(1) or 2c(2) on page 3. ☐ No – Contact BEA for guidance.

IV. Is the U.S. entity a private fund? Note: Private fund is defined on page 4.

☐ Yes – Complete item 2(d) on page 3 if the private fund meets the additional criteria described in item 2(d).

☐ No – Continue with question V.

V. Did any one of the items – Total assets, Sales or gross operating revenues, or Net income (loss) – for the U.S. affiliate (not just the foreign parent's share) exceed $40 million at the end of, or for, its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024?

☐ Yes – You are not eligible to file Form BE-15 Claim for Exemption and must file either a Form BE-15A, BE-15B, or BE-15C. These forms can be accessed via eFile or downloaded at **www.bea.gov/fdi**.

☐ No – Complete items 1(a) through 1(j). Do NOT complete item 2 on page 3.

BASIS OF CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION

Select ONE type of exemption – either based on Value (#1 below) or based on one of the reasons listed under Other Exemptions (#2 on page 3). Please check box corresponding to the type of exemption you are claiming.

(1) 0100 ☐ **Exemption based on Value. Complete if item V was "NO".**

Rounding – Report currency amounts in U.S. dollars rounded to thousands (omitting 000). **Do not enter amounts in the shaded portions of each line.**

Example – If amount is $1,334,891.00 report as: .... $ Bil. Mil. Thous. Dols. — 1 | 335 | 000

	Code	$ Bil.	Mil.	Thous.	Dols.
(a) Total assets at the close of the fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024 – Do not net out liabilities.	2109 1				000
(b) Sales or gross operating revenues for the fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024, excluding sales taxes – Do not give gross margin.	2149 1				000
(c) Net income (loss) for the fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024, after provision for U.S. Federal, state, and local income taxes	2159 1				000
(d) Total liabilities at the close of the fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024	2114 1				000

1 3 ☐ **Please check box if total liabilities are zero.**

(e) Major product(s) or service(s) of the fully consolidated domestic U.S. affiliate – Briefly describe the major product(s) and/or service(s) of the U.S. affiliate. If a product, also state what is done to it, i.e., whether it is mined, manufactured, sold at wholesale, transported, packaged, etc. (For example, "manufacture widgets.")

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(f) Industry code of the fully consolidated domestic U.S. affiliate – Enter the 4-digit International Surveys Industry (ISI) code of the industry with the largest sales or gross operating revenues. For a full explanation of each code, see the *Guide to Industry Classifications for International Surveys, 2022*. A copy of this guide can be found on our web site at: **www.bea.gov/naics2022**

ISI Code
1164 1 --Select ISI CODE--

(g) Enter the country in which the foreign parent is incorporated or organized, if a business enterprise, or is resident, if an individual or government. The foreign parent is the FIRST person or entity outside the U.S. in a chain of ownership that has a 10 percent or more **voting** interest in this U.S. affiliate. See diagram on page 4 for an illustration of foreign parent.

3016 Country of foreign parent 0 --Select Country--

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(h) Enter the city of the foreign parent identified in (g) – DO NOT report the city of residence if the foreign parent is an individual or government entity (enter N/A).

3024 0

(i) Enter the country in which the ultimate beneficial owner (UBO) is incorporated or organized, if a business enterprise, or is resident, if an individual or government. The UBO is the person or entity, proceeding up the ownership chain beginning with and including the foreign parent, in which no other entity has more than 50 percent direct voting interest. See diagram on page 4 for an illustration of UBO.

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3022 Country of UBO 0 --Select Country-- 3022 1

(j) Enter the city of the UBO identified in (i) – DO NOT report the city of residence if the UBO is an individual or government entity (enter N/A).

3025 0

Check ONE box corresponding to the type of exemption you are claiming.

This U.S. business enterprise is exempt from filing a Form BE-15A, BE-15B, or BE-15C because:

(2) Other exemptions (check box below)

(a) 0170 1 ☐ This U.S. business enterprise was a U.S. affiliate of a foreign person or entity at some point in time during or before calendar year 2024, but ceased to be a U.S. affiliate before the end of the fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024.

Give date foreign ownership ceased or went below 10 percent, or when the business was liquidated or dissolved. Select reason for change.

7012 1 mm/dd/yyyy

7012 2 1 ☐ Foreign ownership less than 10%
2 2 ☐ Liquidated
2 3 ☐ Dissolved

(b) 0180 1 ☐ This U.S. business enterprise is a U.S. affiliate of a foreign person or entity, but became a U.S. affiliate after the end of its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024, or if a newly formed company, its first fiscal year did not or will not end until after the end of calendar year 2024.

Complete items (1) and (2).

(1) *Give date when the U.S. business enterprise became a U.S. affiliate of a foreign person.*

7013 1 mm/dd/yyyy

(2) *Give the ending date of the U.S. business enterprise's fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024. If a newly formed company, give the ending date of the U.S. business enterprise's first fiscal year. NOTE: For a newly formed company this must be a date in calendar year 2024.*

7014 1 mm/dd/yyyy

(c) This U.S. business enterprise was controlled by a U.S. affiliate of a foreign person or entity during the fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2024 and is (check appropriate box (1) or (2)):

(1) 0112 1 1 ☐ **Fully consolidated** into the 2024 BE-15 report filed for that U.S. affiliate;

OR

(2) 1 2 ☐ **Merged** into, and included on the 2024 BE-15 report filed for that U.S. affiliate.

On the lines below give the name, address, and BE-15 Identification Number of the U.S. affiliate into which this U.S. business enterprise is fully consolidated or merged.

0120 Name 0 | 7011 BE-15 Identification Number 0

0130 Street and PO Box 0

0140 City 0 | 0141 State 0 | 0150 Zip Code 0

(d) 0160 ☐ This U.S. business enterprise was identified by BEA as required to file a BE-15A, BE-15B, or BE-15C survey form and ALL of the following 3 statements apply: 1) The U.S. business enterprise is a private fund, 2) the private fund does not own, directly or indirectly through another business enterprise, an "operating company" – i.e., a business enterprise that is not a private fund or a holding company – in which the foreign parent owns at least 10 percent of the voting interest, AND 3) if the foreign parent owns the private fund indirectly (through one or more other U.S. business enterprises); there are no U.S. "operating companies" between the foreign parent and the indirectly-owned private fund. Note: The foreign investment in the U.S. private fund may be required to be reported on Treasury International Capital (TIC) Surveys. Review reporting requirements for TIC surveys at **www.treasury.gov/tic**. For more information regarding private funds, visit **www.bea.gov/privatefunds.**

(e) 0190 ☐ Other – Specify and include reference to section of regulations or instructions on which claim is based – attach remarks on a separate sheet if necessary.

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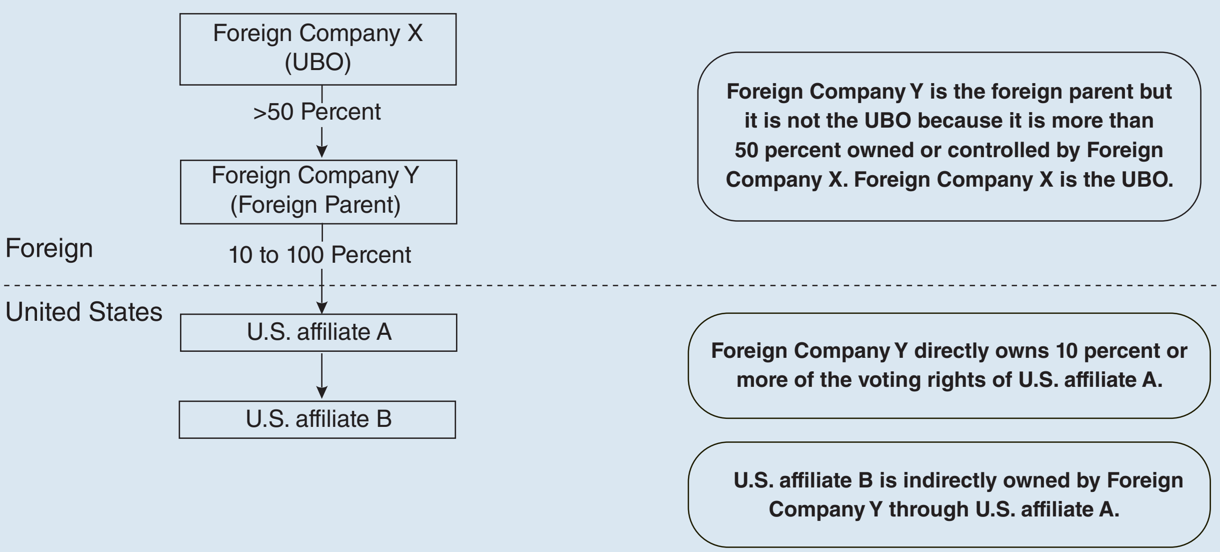
Confidentiality – The Act provides that your report to this Bureau is CONFIDENTIAL and may be used only for analytical or statistical purposes. Without your prior written permission, the information filed in your report CANNOT be presented in a manner that allows it to be individually identified. Your report CANNOT be used for purposes of taxation, investigation, or regulation. Copies retained in your files are immune from legal process. Per the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through secure monitoring of the BEA information systems.

ILLUSTRATION OF FOREIGN PARENT AND ULTIMATE BENEFICIAL OWNER (UBO)



NOTE: In the illustration above, if Foreign Company Y does not have at least a 10 percent indirect voting interest in U.S. affiliate B, then U.S. affiliate B is exempt from filing Form BE-15. In addition, if U.S. affiliate A owns more than 50 percent of U.S. affiliate B, then the data for U.S. affiliate B should be consolidated on the BE-15 report filed for U.S. affiliate A.

DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS

Affiliate means a business enterprise located in one country that is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a person or entity of another country to the extent of 10 percent or more of its voting stock for an incorporated business or an equivalent interest for an unincorporated business, including a branch.

Direct investment means the ownership or control, directly or indirectly, by one person or entity of 10 percent or more of the voting securities of an incorporated business enterprise or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated business enterprise.

Private Fund refers to the same class of financial entities defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission as private funds on Form PF: "any issuer that would be an investment company as defined in section 3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 but for section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of ...[that] Act."

U.S. affiliate means an affiliate located in the United States in which a foreign person or entity has a direct investment.