

Sierra Leone

1. Sierra Leone was first reviewed during the 2018/2019 peer review. This report is supplementary to that previous report (OECD, 2018^[2]).
2. There is no filing obligation for a CbC report in Sierra Leone yet.

Summary of key findings

3. Sierra Leone does not yet have legislation in place for implementing the BEPS Action 13 minimum standard. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to implement a domestic legal and administrative framework to impose and enforce CbC reporting requirements as soon as possible.
4. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to have qualifying competent authority agreements in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework that meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use conditions and with which Sierra Leone has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information.
5. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to implement processes or written procedures to ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the terms of reference (OECD, 2017^[3]) relating to the exchange of information framework ahead of the first exchanges of information.
6. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of the first exchanges of information.

Part A: The domestic legal and administrative framework

7. Sierra Leone does not yet have legislation in place for implementing the BEPS Action 13 minimum standard.

(a) Parent entity filing obligation

(b) Scope and timing of parent entity filing

(c) Limitation on local filing obligation

(d) Limitation on local filing in case of surrogate filing

(e) Effective implementation

Conclusion

8. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to implement a domestic legal and administrative framework to impose and enforce CbC reporting requirements as soon as possible. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

Part B: The exchange of information framework

(a) Exchange of information framework

9. As of 31 March 2020, Sierra Leone has no bilateral relationships in place for the exchange of CbC reports. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to have qualifying competent authority agreements in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework that meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use conditions and with which Sierra Leone has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

(b) Content of information exchanged

10. No changes were identified.

(c) Completeness of exchanges

11. No changes were identified.

(d) Timeliness of exchanges

12. No changes were identified.

(e) Temporary suspension of exchange or termination of QCAA

13. No changes were identified.

(f) Consultation with other Competent Authority before determining systemic failure or significant non-compliance

14. No changes were identified.

(g) Format for information exchange

15. No changes were identified.

(h) Method for transmission

16. No changes were identified.

Conclusion

17. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to have qualifying competent authority agreements in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework that meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use conditions and with which Sierra Leone has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

18. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to implement processes or written procedures to ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the terms of reference relating to the exchange of information framework ahead of its first exchanges of information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

Part C: Appropriate use

Appropriate use

19. No changes were identified.

Conclusion

20. It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of its first exchanges of information. This recommendation remains unchanged since the 2018/2019 peer review.

Summary of recommendations on the implementation of Country-by-Country Reporting

Aspect of the implementation that should be improved		Recommendation for improvement
Part A	Domestic legal and administrative framework	It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to implement a domestic legal and administrative framework to impose and enforce CbC requirements as soon as possible.
Part B	Exchange of information framework	It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to have QCAAs in effect with jurisdictions of the Inclusive Framework which meet the confidentiality, consistency and appropriate use prerequisites and with which Sierra Leone has an international exchange of information agreement in effect that allows for the automatic exchange of tax information
Part B	Exchange of information framework	It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to implement the necessary processes or written procedures to ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the terms of reference relating to the exchange of information framework.
Part C	Appropriate use	It is recommended that Sierra Leone take steps to ensure that the appropriate use condition is met ahead of the first exchanges of information.

References

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