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Please ensure the appropriate people in your organisation read this bulletin.

The HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) website address is www.hmrc.gov.uk and there are pages for Child Trust Fund (CTF) providers.
Mrs CTF Liaison Officer

In some cases HMRC are unable to send the provider the name and address of a person who has parental responsibility for a child. This may happen when a child’s parent has made it clear that they do not wish to be contacted by a provider or a child is in the process of being adopted. In such cases HMRC will no longer send the correspondent name ‘Mrs CTF Liaison Officer with the address of the CTFO office’. (Current guidance paragraph 4.15.6 and 5.6.)

From 6 April 2010 you may receive instructions to open Revenue allocated accounts without a correspondence name and address. You should take your usual action to open the account.

Extended filing period Easter weekend

The filing period for the fortnightly return ended 31 March will fall within the Easter bank holiday weekend. To accommodate the loss of four working days, the filing period for that return has been extended from 12.01 am on 1 April 2010 to 11.59 pm on 10 April 2010.

2009-10 annual information returns

In the past, some providers have included accounts that never became a CTF account in their annual information returns.

For example, where the account was opened on a provisional basis pending the applicant supplying the voucher, and the voucher was never received. In these circumstances the account will have been opened elsewhere - either by the parent, or by HMRC subsequently opening a Revenue allocated account.

Please ensure that your annual return of information includes only accounts which have completed the opening procedures.

Customer Contact Online Services
There has been a change to the phone numbers for Customer Contact Online Services for providers experiencing difficulties submitting the returns or downloading schedules. The new numbers are:

Neil Holland - Tel 01274 646194
Sean Duffey - Tel 01274 646198

The Child Trust Funds (Amendment) Regulations 2010

We told you about these Regulations in CTF Bulletin 38 issued on 28 September 2009. Thank you for the comments we received. These regulations have now been made and come into force on 6 April 2010. Statutory Instruments 2010 No 582 is available on the OPSI website. A copy is also available at Appendix A.

The Regulations make:

- it easier for local authorities to give HMRC information about children in their care who may not be eligible for a CTF
- it easier for new adoptive parents to take over management of their adopted child’s account
- minor changes to the information that CTF providers are required to report, on transfer of a CTF account and also at maturity
- consequential legislative changes, remove obsolete references and update statutory references in the regulations

Revised guidance for CTF providers reflecting the changes should be published on the HMRC website within the next two weeks. The new version will have a footer date of March 2010. Amendments will be listed on page 3 of the guidance (before the index). All relevant articles from CTF Bulletins up to and including CTF 43 will be included in this new version.

With regards to the 3rd bullet above, a new box has been added to the sample external transfer form at 10.9. The new guidance is as follows:
"10.3.9a Total subscriptions in the previous year

This box should be completed with the total subscriptions made to the CTF in the previous subscription year, where that year ended after 5 April in the current year and before the date of transfer.

For example, where a CTF is transferred on 28 June 2011 and the previous subscription year ended on 4 May, the new provider will need

- details of the current year subscriptions to monitor the £1200 subscription limit (paragraph 10.3.9), and
- details of the previous year subscriptions for inclusion on their information return for the tax year 2011-12.

Alternatively, if is simpler, the old provider could complete this box in all transfer cases and leave the new provider to identify where the subscription year ended after 5 April in the current year and before the date of transfer.

So the old provider can report PY subscriptions in all cases if they wish. The new provider will have to identify the cases where they need the information to complete their report."
Appendix A - The Child Trust Funds (Amendment) Regulations 2010 - Statutory Instrument

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 582

CHILD TRUST FUNDS

The Child Trust Funds (Amendment) Regulations 2010

Made 3rd March 2010

Laid before Parliament 4th March 2010

Coming into force 6th April 2010

The Treasury make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3(1) and (5), 7, 13, 15, 16 and 28(1) to (3) of the Child Trust Funds Act 2004:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Child Trust Funds (Amendment) Regulations 2010 and shall come into force on 6th April 2010.

Amendments to the Child Trust Funds Regulations 2004

2. The Child Trust Funds Regulations 2004 are amended as follows.

3.- (1) In regulation 2(1)(b) (interpretation)-

(a) in the definition of “account” for “relevant European institution” substitute “credit union”;

(b) in the definition of “deposit-taker” for “section 481(2) of the Taxes Act” substitute “section 853 (as extended under section 854) of ITA 2007”;

(c) in the definition of “investment trust” omit the words from “, and references” to the end;

(d) omit the definitions of “the New Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook” and “relevant European institution”;

(e) in each of the definitions of “non-UCITS retail scheme” and “qualifying units in or shares of a non-UCITS retail scheme”, in paragraph (a), omit “New”;

(f) for the definition of “relevant authorised person” substitute- “relevant authorised person” means a firm mentioned in section 697(2)(b) of ITTOIA 2005;
“adoption order” has the meaning in section 46(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002(5) or section 28 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007(6) or of “Adoption Order” in Article 2(2) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(7), as the case may be, and includes any corresponding order under the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978(8), and any order of a court in the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands which, under section 108 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, is declared to correspond to an adoption order made under that Act;

“FISMA 2000” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000(9);”

“guardian” means a guardian of a child within the meaning in section 5 of the Children Act 1989(10), section 7 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(11) or Article 2(2) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(12), as the case may be;”

“ITA 2007” means the Income Tax Act 2007;”

“ITTOIA 2005” means the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005;”

“special guardian” has the meaning in section 14A of the Children Act 1989(13);”.

(2) In regulation 2(1)(c)-

(a) in the definition of “authorised fund” in paragraph (ii) omit “with variable capital incorporated in the United Kingdom”; 

(b) omit the definitions of “fund of funds scheme”, “money market scheme”, “securities scheme”, “the 1997 Regulations” and “warrant scheme”; 

(c) in the definition of “open-ended investment company” for the words from “, except in” to “1997 Regulations” substitute “means a company to which section 236 of FISMA 2000 applies”; 

(d) omit the definitions of “unit holder”, “unit trust scheme” and “UCITS”; 

(e) in the definition of “umbrella scheme”-

(i) in paragraph (i) for the words following “Taxes Act” substitute “and paragraphs (6) and (7) of regulation 7 of the Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006(14) shall apply for the purposes of these Regulations as they apply for the purposes of those Regulations”; 

(ii) in paragraph (ii) for the words following “in accordance with” substitute “subsection (4) of section 468A of the Taxes Act(15), and paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 7 of the Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 shall apply for the purposes of these Regulations as they apply for the purposes of those Regulations”; 

(f) insert at the appropriate places- 

“insolvency event” means the procedures listed in the definition of “insolvency event” in regulation 19(15) of the Payment Services Regulations 2009(16);”;

“recognised UCITS” means-

(a) a collective investment scheme constituted in an EEA State, which is a “recognised scheme” under section 264 of FISMA 2000, and complies with the requirements to
be a “UCITS scheme” for the purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (see in particular COLL 1.2.2), or

(b)
a part of a recognised UCITS mentioned in paragraph (a) of this definition, which would be a sub-fund of an umbrella scheme which is a recognised UCITS;”;

“UK UCITS” means-

(a)
a collective investment scheme authorised under section 31(1)(a) of FISMA 2000, which complies with the requirements to be a “UCITS scheme” for the purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (see in particular COLL 1.2.2), or

(b)
a part of a UK UCITS mentioned in paragraph (a) of this definition which would be a sub-fund of an umbrella scheme which is a UK UCITS;”;

“units in, or shares of, a UK UCITS or recognised UCITS” means the rights (however described) of the holders of the units or shares in that UK UCITS or recognised UCITS;

4. In regulation 11(1) (general investment rules)-

(a) in sub-paragraph (a)-

(i) for “manager’s price for the sale of the relevant class of units” substitute “maximum sale price of a unit of the relevant class at the relevant valuation point”;

(ii) for “rule 15.4.4” substitute “rules 6.3.5 and 6.3.5B”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (b)-

(i) for “or share” substitute “of the relevant class at the relevant valuation point”;

(ii) for “rule 4.3.11” substitute “rules 6.3.5 and 6.3.5A”.

5. In regulation 12 (qualifying investments for an account)(17)-

(a) in paragraph (2)(b)-

(i) after paragraph (i) add “and”;

(ii) omit paragraph (iii) and the word “and” which precedes it;

(b) in paragraph (2)(f) omit the words from “, in circumstances” to the end;

(c) omit paragraph (2)(g) and (h);

(d) for paragraph (2)(i) substitute-

“(i) units in, or shares of, a UK UCITS or recognised UCITS;”;

(e) in paragraph (2)(k) for the words from “section 840A(1)(b)” to “institution” substitute “section 991 of ITA 2007 (including for this purpose a credit union)”;

(f) omit paragraph (6);

(g) in paragraph (9)(d)(ii) for “regulation 2(1) of the Personal Portfolio Bonds (Tax) Regulations 1999” substitute “section 516 of ITTOIA 2005”;

(h) for paragraph (12)(b)(i) substitute-
“(i) the end of the final insurance year in relation to the policy, within the meaning given by section 499 of ITTOIA 2005,”.

6. In regulation 13(7) (conditions for application by responsible person to change an account)-
   (a) after sub-paragraph (d) insert-
   “(da) where the new registered contact has been appointed to be a guardian or special guardian of the named child,
   (db) where the new registered contact is the adopter of the named child under an adoption order,”;
   (b) at the end add “, and in the cases in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) it shall be treated as automatically cancelled”.

7. In regulation 14(2) (account provider – qualifications and Board’s approval)-
   (a) in paragraph (d)(iii) for the words from “, a person” to the end substitute “or a person falling within section 991 of ITA 2007 (including for this purpose a credit union)”;
   (b) in paragraph (e) for the words from “requirement” to the end substitute “limitation or requirement imposed under section 42 or 43 of FISMA 2000(18), or by any prohibition or prohibition order in or made under that Act”.

8. In regulation 15(2)(a) (account provider - appointment of tax representative) for “sub-section (5) of section 333A of the Taxes Act” substitute “section 698(2)(b) of ITTOIA 2005(19)”.

9. In regulation 16 (account provider – withdrawal by Board of approval) at the end add—
   “(4) On receiving the notice referred to in paragraph (1), subject to any appeal under section 22(1)(b) of the Act, the account provider shall notify the registered contact (or, if there is no registered contact, the named child) of the right to transfer the account under regulation 21, and of his or her rights under regulation 20(3).”.

10. In regulation 20 (account provider ceasing to qualify)-
   (a) in paragraph (1) for sub-paragraphs (b) to (d) substitute-
   “(b) there is an insolvency event in relation to the account provider;
   (c) an application has been made for a bank insolvency order or a bank administration order;”;
   (b) in paragraph (1)(e) for “section 840A(1)(b) of the Taxes Act or a relevant European institution” substitute “section 991 of ITA 2007(20) or a credit union”;
   (c) in paragraph (1)(e)(i) for “section 840A(1)(b) of the Taxes Act or to be a relevant European institution” substitute “section 991 of ITA 2007 or to be a credit union”;
   (d) in paragraph (3)(a) after “regulation” insert “16(4) or”.

11. In regulation 21(5)(b) (transfers of accounts to other account providers) at the end add-
   “, and
(v) the total amount subscribed to the account during the previous subscription year, where that subscription year ended later than the 5th April preceding the date of the transfer.

12. In regulation 24 (exemption from tax of account income and gains)-
(a) in sub-paragraph (a)(ii) for “by section 714(2) of the Taxes Act” substitute “under Part 12 of ITA 2007”;
(b) for sub-paragraph (a)(iv) substitute-
“(iv) on a profit on the disposal of a deeply discounted security within the meaning given by section 430 of ITTOIA 2005;”;
(c) in sub-paragraph (a)(v) for “by section 541 of the Taxes Act” substitute “under Chapter 9 of Part 4 of ITTOIA 2005”;
(d) in sub-paragraph (c) for “section 349B(4) of the Taxes Act” substitute “section 935 of ITA 2007”;
(e) in sub-paragraph (d) for the words from “a corresponding” to “Taxes Act” substitute “a deficiency arising in a tax year and falling within section 539(1) of ITTOIA 2005”.

13. In regulation 25(3) (tax liabilities and reliefs – account provider to act on behalf of the named child) for “paragraph 3 or 4 of Schedule 23A of the Taxes Act” substitute “Chapter 9 of Part 15 of ITA 2007”.

14. In regulation 32 (returns of information by account provider) after paragraph (2) insert-
“(2A) Where, during the year or part of the year, the named child reaches the age of 18 years or dies, there shall be substituted for paragraph (2)(b)(iii)-
“(iii) the aggregate market value of the account investments held under the account immediately before the relevant event mentioned in paragraph (2A),”.

15. For regulation 33(3)(f) (information about “looked after children” from Local Authorities) substitute-
“(f) whether the local authority has information that the child is or may be a person subject to immigration control (within the meaning in section 115(9) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999(21)), and the nature of that information,.”.

16. Omit regulations 34 (information to be provided to the Board) and 35 (inspection of records by officer of the Board).

17. In regulation 37(5) (administration of tax in relation to accounts – supplementary)-
(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for “Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Taxes Act” substitute “Chapter 9 of Part 4 of ITTOIA 2005”;
(b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “that Act” substitute “the Taxes Act”.

18. In regulation 38 (application of the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Taxes Act to policies)-
(a) in the title to the regulation after “Taxes Act” insert “and of Chapter 9 of Part 4 of ITTOIA 2005”;

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(b) in paragraph (4) for the words from “in whole” to the end substitute “of all rights under the policy for the purposes of section 484(1)(a)(i) of ITTOIA 2005”;

(c) for paragraph (5) substitute-
“(5) Section 530 of ITTOIA 2005 does not apply to a gain in a case to which paragraph (1) applies.”;

(d) in each of paragraphs (9) and (10)(a), for “lower” substitute “basic”;

(e) in paragraph (10)(b) for “section 832(1) of the Taxes Act” substitute “section 10(3) of ITA 2007”.

Dave Watts
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