

Certificate of Foreign Status

Name of owner (If joint account, also give joint owner's name.) (See Specific Instructions .)	U.S. taxpayer identification number (if any)
Permanent address (See Specific Instructions .) (Include apt. or suite no.)	
City, province or state, postal code, and country	
Current mailing address , if different from permanent address (Include apt. or suite no., or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address.)	
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code (If foreign address, enter city, province or state, postal code, and country.)	

List account information here (Optional, see Specific Instructions .)	Account number	Account type	Account number	Account type

Notice of Change in Status. -To notify the payer, mortgage interest recipient, broker, or barter exchange that you no longer qualify for exemption, check here. **D**

If you check this box, reporting will begin on the account(s) listed.

Please Sign Here

Certification. - (Check applicable box(es)). Under penalties of perjury, I certify

For **INTEREST PAYMENTS**, I am not a U.S. citizen or resident (or I am filing for a foreign corporation, partnership, estate, or trust).

For **DIVIDENDS**, I am not a U.S. citizen or resident (or I am filing for a foreign corporation, partnership, estate, or trust).

For **BROKER Transactions** or **BARTER EXCHANGES**, I am an exempt foreign person as defined in the instructions below.

Signature

Date

General Instructions

(Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.)

Purpose

Use Form W-8 or a substitute form containing a substantially similar statement to tell the payer, mortgage interest recipient, middleman, broker, or barter exchange that you are a nonresident alien individual, foreign entity, or exempt foreign person not subject to certain U.S. information return reporting or backup withholding rules.

Caution: Form W-8 does not exempt the payee from the 30% (or lower treaty) nonresident withholding rates.

Nonresident Alien Individual

For income tax purposes, "nonresident alien individual" means an individual who is neither a U.S. citizen nor resident. Generally, an alien is considered to be a U.S. resident if:

- The individual **was a** lawful permanent resident of the United States at any time during the calendar year, that is, the alien held an immigrant visa (a "green card"), or
- The individual was physically present in the United States on:

- at least 31 days during the calendar year, and
- 183 days or more during the current year and the 2 preceding calendar years (counting all the days of physical presence in the current year, one-third the number of days of presence in the first preceding year, and only one-sixth of the number of days in the second preceding year).

See **Pub. 519**, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens, for more information on resident and nonresident alien status.

Note: If you are a nonresident alien individual married to a U.S. citizen or resident and have-made an election under section 6013(g) or (h), you are treated as a U.S. resident and **may not** use Form W-8.

Exempt Foreign Person

For purposes of this form, you are an "exempt foreign person" for a calendar year in which:

- You are a nonresident alien individual or a foreign corporation, partnership, estate, or trust,
- You are an individual who has not been, and plans not to be, present in the United States for a total of 183 days or more during the calendar year, and
- You are neither engaged, nor plan to be engaged during the year, in a U.S. trade or business that has effectively connected gains from transactions with a broker or barter exchange.

If you do not meet the requirements of 2 or 3 above, you may instead certify on **Form 1001**, Ownership, Exemption, or Reduced Rate Certificate, that your country has a tax treaty with the United States that exempts your transactions from U.S. tax.

Filing Instructions

When To File.-File Form W-8 or substitute form before a payment is made. Otherwise, the payer may have to withhold and send part of the payment to the Internal Revenue Service (see **Backup Withholding** below). This certificate

generally, remains in effect for three calendar years. However, the payer may require you to file a new certificate each time a payment is made to you.

Where To File. -File this form with the payer of the qualifying income who is the withholding agent (see **Withholding Agent** on page 2). Keep a copy for your own records.

Backup Withholding

A U.S. taxpayer identification number or Form W-8 or substitute form must be given to the payers of certain income. If a taxpayer identification number or Form W-8 or substitute form is not provided or the wrong taxpayer identification number is provided, these payers may have to withhold 20% of each payment or transaction. This is called backup withholding.

Note: On January 1, 1993, the backup withholding rate increases from 20% to 31%.

Reportable payments subject to backup withholding rules are:

- Interest payments under section 6049(a).
- Dividend payments under sections 6042(a) and 6044.
- Other payments (i.e., royalties and payments from brokers and barter exchanges) under sections 6041, 6041A(a), 6045, 6050A, and 6050N.

If backup withholding occurs, an exempt foreign person who is a nonresident alien individual may get a refund by filing **Form 1040NR**, U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return, with the Internal Revenue

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