

CTI Tax Solutions: Section 871(m)

Streamlining the compliance process under Section 871(m)

IHS Markit's solution assists financial institutions in addressing their compliance obligations for Section 871(m) regulations.

Section 871(m) regulations provide updated rules for determining whether certain payments under swaps or equity-linked instruments might be treated as US 'dividend equivalent' payments and, if paid to a non-US beneficial owner, would be subject to US with holding tax generally applicable to US source dividends. The regulations are effective Delta One products which are in scope from January 1st 2017.For transactions entered into beginning in 2018, non-Delta One contracts will also be in scope for Section 871(m) eligibility.

Since payments under many of these products are currently not subject to withholding, banks and brokers must create systems and processes in order to monitor which products may be subject to the new regulations and also implement withholding and reporting where required.

IHS Markit will leverage its tax and compliance expertise to help financial institutions streamline their Section 871(m) compliance processes. Customers can conduct due diligence with respect to their derivative products and integrate the screening of transactions with withholding and reporting functionality.

Risk reduction

The pre-screening of derivative products provides potential withholding rates and amounts. The validation of data points helps to mitigate the risk of non-compliance.

Centralization

A centralized solution for pre-screening, payment processing, withholding and creation of data needed for reporting to meet the Section 871(m) regulations. This simplifies the processes and decreases inefficiencies.

Cost effective

Streamlined workflows on a single platform reduce resource allocations, help to lower overall costs and can help reduce the risk of costly regulatory fines.

Compliance

Validated data lineage and reporting help with firm obligations to Section 871(m) regulations

IHS Markit's solution to Section 871(m)

Pre-trade screening

Screening

Determines if equity derivative product

Payment Processing Withholding and reporting

Indicative Section 871(m) impact analysis on a pre-trade basis

Provides:

- 871(m) status for derivative contracts
- Potential 871(m) dividend amount
- Indicative withholding tax rate Pre-trade screning via UI

3rd party data feeds

— Flags available

is subject to Section 871(m)

Provides:

- 871(m) status for derivative contracts
- Combined transaction support Store pre-trade vs. actual transactions separately
- Position tracking
- Screening results along with reason(s) for exemptions or non-exemption

Calculates withholding amount and withholding tax rate

Provides:

- Calculation of actual Section 871(m) dividend amount
- Withholding rate based on counterparty tax profile
- Calculation of Dividend Equivialent Amount (DEA)
- Screening results report

Data points for reporting to

counterparties and IRS for Form 1042-S

- Provides: - Extract for Determining Party Section 871(m) report-base set of data points to deliver to other parties to for the transaction
- Extract for Annual Form 1042-S Reporting - report extract for withholding agents for the 871(m) transaction

Data Feeds

Markit data feeds

Corporate actions, dividene payments, OTC, index and ETF prime finance

Client internal data

Additional offerings

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