Example of W-8BEN Form

Note: in order for Form W-8BEN to be complete, you must complete the highlighted fields and all other applicable fields. Please refer to the Form W-8BEN instructions at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/w8ben.pdf

Form W-8BEN
Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Individuals)

Do NOT use this form if:
You are NOT an individual.
You are a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, including a resident alien individual.
You are a beneficial owner claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct of trade or business within the U.S. (other than personal services).
You are a beneficial owner who is receiving compensation for personal services performed in the United States.
A person acting as an intermediary.

Instead, use Form W-8BEN-E.

1. Name of individual who is the beneficial owner
2. Country of citizenship

3. Permanent residence address (street, apt., or suite no., or rural route). Do not use a P.O. box or in-care-of address.
4. Mailing address (if different from above)
5. U.S. taxpayer identification number (SSN or ITIN), if required
6. Foreign tax identifying number

7. Reference number(s) (see instructions)
8. Date of birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

Part II Claim of Tax Treaty Benefits (for chapter 3 purposes only) (see instructions)
9. I certify that the beneficial owner is a resident of within the meaning of the income tax treaty between the United States and that country.
10. Special rules and conditions (if applicable—see instructions): The beneficial owner is claiming the provisions of Article of the treaty identified on line 9 above to claim a ______ % rate of withholding on (specify type of income).

Explain the reasons the beneficial owner meets the terms of the treaty article:

Part III Certification
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information on this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I further certify under penalties of perjury that:

- I am the individual that is the beneficial owner.
- The income to which this form relates is:
  - Not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States,
  - Effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States,
  - The portfolio share of a partnership's effectively connected income,
  - Income from the conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

- The person named on line 1 of this form is a U.S. person.

- The person named on line 1 of this form is a resident of the treaty country listed on line 9 of the form (if any) within the meaning of the income tax treaty between the United States and that country, and

- For broker transactions or barter exchanges, the beneficial owner is an exempt foreign person as defined in the instructions.

Furthermore, if the beneficial owner or any withholding agent that has control, direct or indirect, or custody of any amount of income of which the beneficial owner is the beneficial owner of any withholding agent that can disburse or make payments of the income of which is the beneficial owner. I agree that I will submit a new form within 30 days.

Sign Here
Signature of beneficial owner (or individual authorized to sign for beneficial owner) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
Print name of signor Capacity in which acting (if form is not signed by beneficial owner)

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate Instructions.

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