



UK Tax Strategy for the financial year ending 31 March 2019

1. Introduction

This document has been prepared in order to comply with the duty on large business to prepare and publish a tax strategy, as set out in the Finance Act 2016 Schedule 19, s16(2).

2. Scope and context

This policy applies to The Chiba Bank, Ltd London Branch. The branch forms part of the overseas operations of The Chiba Bank Group, headquartered in Japan. The branch's main activities include wholesale deposit taking, bond investment and corporate lending.

The policy covers corporate, personal, indirect, property and other UK taxes applicable to London Branch's operations.

3. Compliance statement

The branch seeks to comply with all aspects of UK tax law and practice.

4. Governance arrangements

Overall responsibility for London Branch's compliance with UK tax requirements and for the management of UK tax risks rests with the branch General Manager, the most senior manager in the branch. The branch complies with the HMRC's 'Code of Practice on Taxation for Banks'.

This policy is consistent with The Chiba Bank Group's Code of Ethics.

5. Tax planning

It is the branch's policy to adopt a conservative approach to taxation issues and to ensure that any tax planning has economic and commercial substance. In particular, it will not employ aggressive tax planning, tax avoidance scheme or offshore tax structures in order to artificially reduce its UK tax liabilities.

The services of tax advisers are utilised to obtain guidance on taxation issues facing the branch and to support timely and accurate production of tax returns.

6. Risk management

London Branch has a low tolerance for tax risk. Where risks arise in relation to the interpretation of and/or compliance with complex tax requirements, external advice will normally be obtained.

7. Relationship with HMRC

It is the policy of London Branch to:-

- maintain a transparent relationship with the tax authorities *and*
- engage with HMRC with honesty and integrity and in a co-operative and professional manner.