

**APPENDIX A TO SUBPART I OF PART 103 –CERTIFICATION REGARDING
CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNTS
FOR FOREIGN BANKS**

[OMB Control Number 1505-0184]

The information contained in this Certification is sought pursuant to Sections 5318(j) and 5318(k) of Title 31 of the United States Code, as added by sections 313 and 319(b) of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-56).

This Certification should be completed by any **foreign bank** that maintains a **correspondent account** with any U.S. bank or U.S. broker-dealer in securities [a **covered financial institution** as defined in 31 C.F.R. 103.175(f)]. An entity that is not a foreign bank is not required to complete this Certification.

A **foreign bank** is a bank organized under foreign law and located outside of the United States [see definition at 31 C.F.R. 103.11(o)]. A **bank** includes offices, branches, and agencies of commercial banks or trust companies, private banks, national banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, and other organizations chartered under banking laws and supervised by banking supervisors of any state [see definition at 31 C.F.R. 103.11(c)].*

A **Correspondent Account** for a foreign bank is any account to receive deposits from, make payments or other disbursements on behalf of a foreign bank, or handle other financial transactions related to the foreign bank.

Special instruction for foreign branches of U.S. banks: A branch or office of a U.S. bank outside the United States is a foreign bank. Such a branch or office is not required to complete this Certification with respect to Correspondent Accounts with U.S. branches and offices of the same U.S. bank.

Special instruction for covering multiple branches or a single Certification: A foreign bank may complete one Certification for its branches and offices outside the United States. The Certification must list all of the branches and offices that are covered and must include the information required in Part C for **each** branch or office that maintains a Correspondent Account with a Covered Financial Institution. Use attachment sheets as necessary.

A. The undersigned financial institution, **Steiermärkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft** (“**Foreign Bank**”) hereby certifies as follows:

B. **Correspondent Accounts Covered by this Certification:**

This Certification applies to **all** accounts established for Foreign Bank by Covered Financial Institutions.

C. **Physical Presence/Regulated Affiliate Status:**

Foreign Bank maintains a **physical presence** in any country. That means:

- Foreign Bank has a place of business at the following street address:
Head office: Sparkassenplatz 4, A-8010 Graz, where Foreign Bank employs one or more individuals on a full-time basis and maintains operating records related to its banking activities.

- The above address is in **Austria**, where Foreign Bank is authorized to conduct banking activities.
- Foreign Bank is subject to inspection by **Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA – Finanzmarktaufsicht)**, the banking authority that licensed Foreign Bank to conduct banking activities.

D. Indirect Use of Correspondent Accounts:

No Correspondent Account maintained by a Covered Financial Institution may be used to indirectly provide banking services to certain foreign banks. Foreign Bank hereby certifies that it does **not** use any Correspondent Account with a Covered Financial Institution to indirectly provide banking services to any foreign bank that does not maintain a physical presence in any country and that is not a regulated affiliate.

E. Ownership Information:

Foreign Bank has no **owner(s)** except as set forth below. For purposes of this Certification, **owner** means any person who, directly or indirectly, (a) owns, controls, or has power to vote 25 percent or more of any class of voting securities or other voting interests of Foreign Bank; or (b) controls in any manner the election of a majority of the directors (or individuals exercising similar functions) of Foreign Bank. For purposes of this Certification, (i) **person** means any individual, bank, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or any other legal entity; (ii) **voting securities or other voting interests** means securities or other interests that entitle the holder to vote for or select directors (or individuals exercising similar functions); and (iii) members of the same family¹ shall be considered one **person**.

Name	Adress	
73 % Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse, Graz	Sparkassenplatz 4, A-8010 Graz, Austria	
25 % Erste Bank AG, Wien	Postfach 162, A-1011 Wien, Austria	100 % Erste Bank Group AG, Graben 21, A-1010 Wien, Austria
2 % Employees		

F. Process Agent:

The following individual or entity: **Erste Bank AG – New York Branch**, is a resident of the United States at the following street address:

NY 10017 New York, 280 Park Avenue, 32nd Floor, Westbuilding, and is authorized to accept service of legal process on behalf of Foreign Bank from the Secretary of the Treasury or the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Section 5318(k) of title 31, United States Code.

G. General

Foreign Bank hereby agrees to notify in writing each Covered Financial Institution at which it maintains any Correspondent Account of any change in facts or circumstances reported in this Certification. Notification shall be given within 30 calendar days of such change.

Foreign Bank understands that each Covered Financial Institution at which it maintains a Correspondent Account may provide a copy of this Certification to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General of the United States. Foreign Bank further understands that the statements contained in this Certification may be transmitted to one or more departments or agencies of the United States of America for the purpose of fulfilling such departments' and agencies' governmental functions.

We certify that we have read and understand this Certification, that the statements made in this Certification are complete and correct, and that we are authorized to execute this Certification on behalf of Foreign Bank.

Steiermärkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Kellermayr', written in a cursive style.

Executed on this 17th day of March, 2017.

Received and reviewed by:

Name: R. Kellermayr

Title: Head of AML Compliance

For: Steiermaerkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft