

Applus+ UK Tax Strategy

Scope

This strategy applies to Applus+ RTD UK Holding Limited, a limited company registered in Scotland, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Applus+ Services, S.A. Velosi Europe Limited, a limited company registered in England and Wales, is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Applus+ Services, S.A. 3C Test Limited and Idiada Automotive Technology Limited are 95% and 80% (respectively) owned by Applus+ Services, S.A.

This strategy applies to Applus+ RTD UK Holding Limited and Velosi Europe Limited, and the UK companies headed by each, as well as 3C Test Limited and Idiada Automotive Technology Limited, in accordance with paragraph 19 of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 2016. A list of the entities to which it applies is set out below. In this strategy, references to 'Applus+ UK', 'the firm' or 'the group' are to all these entities. The strategy is being published in accordance with paragraph 16(24) of the Schedule.

This strategy applies from the date of publication until it is superseded. References to 'UK Taxation' are to the taxes and duties set out in paragraph 15(1) of the Schedule which include Income Tax, Corporation Tax, PAYE, NIC, VAT, Insurance Premium Tax, and Stamp Duty Land Tax. References to 'tax', 'taxes' or 'taxation' are to UK taxation and to all corresponding worldwide taxes and similar duties in respect of which the Group has legal responsibilities.

Aim

Applus+ UK is committed to full compliance with all statutory obligations and full disclosure to relevant tax authorities. The group's tax affairs are managed in a way which takes into account the group's wider corporate reputation in line with Applus+ UK's overall high standards of governance.

Governance in relation to UK taxation

- Ultimate responsibility for Applus+ UK's tax strategy and compliance rests with the Board of Applus+ UK;
- Executive management of the group is delegated by the Board to the UK Executive Directors who have responsibility for the day to day management of Applus+ UK's tax affairs.
- The Applus+ UK finance team is staffed with appropriately qualified individuals;
- The Board ensures that Applus+ UK's tax strategy is one of the factors considered in all investments and significant business decisions taken;
- The parent entity, Applus+ Services, S.A, has a central tax department with tax specialists who provide the Board with advice and guidance as necessary.

Risk Management

- Applus+ UK operates a system of tax risk assessment and controls as a component of the overall internal control framework applicable to the group's financial reporting system;
- Applus+ UK seeks to reduce the level of tax risk arising from its operations as far as is reasonably practicable by ensuring that reasonable care is applied in relation to all processes which could materially affect its compliance with its tax obligations;
- Processes relating to different taxes are allocated to appropriate process owners, who carry out a review of activities and processes to identify key risks and mitigating controls in place. These key risks are monitored for business and legislative changes which may impact them and changes to processes or controls are made when required;
- Appropriate training is carried out for staff outside the finance team who manage or process matters which have tax implications;
- Advice is sought from external advisers where appropriate.

Attitude towards tax planning and level of risk

Applus+ UK manages risks to ensure compliance with legal requirements in a manner which ensures payment of the right amount of tax.

When entering into commercial transactions, Applus+ UK seeks to take advantage of available tax incentives, reliefs and exemptions in line with, and in the spirit of, tax legislation. Applus+ UK does not undertake tax planning unrelated to such commercial transactions.

The level of risk which Applus+ UK accepts in relation to UK taxation is consistent with its overall objective of achieving certainty in the group's tax affairs. At all times Applus+ UK seeks to comply fully with its regulatory and other obligations and to act in a way which upholds its reputation as a responsible corporate citizen. In relation to any specific issue or transaction, the Board is ultimately responsible for identifying the risks, including tax risks, which need to be addressed and for determining what actions should be taken to manage those risks, having regard to the materiality of the amounts and obligations in question.

Relationship with HMRC

Applus+ UK seeks to have a transparent and constructive relationship with HMRC through communication in respect of developments in Applus+ UK's business, current, future and retrospective tax risks, where necessary, and interpretation of the law in relation to all relevant taxes.

Applus+ UK ensures that HMRC is kept aware of significant transactions and changes in the business and seeks to discuss any tax issues arising at an early stage. When submitting tax computations and returns to HMRC, Applus+ UK discloses all relevant facts and identifies any transactions or issues where it considers that there is potential for the tax treatment to be uncertain.

Any inadvertent errors in submissions made to HMRC are fully disclosed as soon as reasonably practicable after they are identified.

List of entities covered by this Tax Strategy

Applus+ RTD UK Holding Limited

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Applus+ Aerospace UK Limited

Velosi Europe Limited

Velosi Certification Bureau Limited

Intec (UK) Limited

3C Test Limited

Idiada Automotive Technology Limited