

TREATY USA - SWEDEN

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME SIGNED AT STOCKHOLM ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE UNDER ARTICLE 29: 1 JANUARY 1996

ARTICLE 17 Limitation on Benefits

- 1) A person that is a resident of a Contracting State and derives income from the other Contracting State shall be entitled under this Convention to relief from taxation in that other State only if such person is:
 - a) an individual;
 - b) a Contracting State or a political subdivision or local authority thereof;
 - c) engaged in an active conduct of a trade or business in the first-mentioned Contracting State (other than the business of making or managing investments, unless these activities are banking or insurance activities carried on by a bank or insurance company), and the income derived from the other Contracting State is derived in connection with, or is incidental to, that trade or business;
 - d) a person, other than an individual, if:
 - i) more than 50 percent of the beneficial interest in such person (or in the case of a company more than 50 percent of the number of shares of each class of the company's shares) is owned, directly or indirectly, by persons entitled to benefits of this Convention under subparagraph a), b), e) or f) of this paragraph or who are citizens of the United States; and
 - ii) not more than 50 percent of the gross income of such person is used, directly or indirectly, to meet liabilities (including liabilities for interest or royalties) to persons who are not entitled to benefits of this Convention under subparagraph a), b), e) or f) of this paragraph and are not citizens of the United States;
 - e) a company in whose principal class of shares there is substantial and regular trading on a recognized stock exchange; or
 - f) an entity which is a not-for-profit organization (including pension funds and private foundations), and which, by virtue of that status, is generally exempt

from income taxation in the Contracting State of which it is a resident, provided that more than one half of the beneficiaries, members or participants, if any, in such organization are persons that are entitled, under this Article, to the benefits of the Convention.

- 2) A person that is not entitled to the benefits of the Convention pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 may, nevertheless, be granted the benefits of the Convention if the competent authority of the Contracting State in which the income in question arises so determines.
- 3) For the purposes of subparagraph e) of paragraph 1, the term. "a recognized stock exchange" means:
 - a) the NASDAQ System owned by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and any stock exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange for the purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;
 - b) the Stockholm Stock Exchange (Stockholms Fondbörs); and
 - c) any other stock exchange agreed upon by the competent authorities of the Contracting States.
- 4) The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall consult together with a view to developing a commonly agreed application of the provisions of this Article. The competent authorities shall, in accordance with the provisions of Article 26 (Exchange of Information), exchange such information as is necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Article and safeguarding, in cases envisioned therein, the application of their domestic law.