

**U.S. "CLOSER CONNECTION" QUESTIONNAIRE - FOR 2017 CALENDAR YEAR**

(INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO 2017 - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY BY THE BRUNTON, STRACHAN & KHAN CPA FIRM, CHARTERED)

**FOR RESIDENTS OF CANADA**

(Each spouse must complete a separate questionnaire)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last

Permanent address in Canada \_\_\_\_\_

Address in United States \_\_\_\_\_

1. Type of U.S. immigration visa, (i.e. B, F, J, M, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Visitors for pleasure are usually Type "B2".)  
 1a. First day you were present in the U.S. in calendar year 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Country issuing your passport \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Passport number \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Number of days present in the United States in: 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 \_\_\_\_\_ 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did you have a permanent home in Canada, available to you at all times, continuously, every day during 2017? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If "No", please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

(It is sufficient for the home to be either owned or rented, and the ownership or lease can be in the name of either you or your spouse with whom you lived provided you lived with the spouse the entire year. The home can be a house, an apartment, or a rented room, provided it was genuinely available to you continuously throughout the year and not solely for stays of short duration).

15. Did you also have a permanent home in the United States available to you at all times, continuously, every day, during 2017? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

16. Where were your family members located? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Did you have a car(s) in both Canada and the U.S. during the year, (Please answer "yes" if you used your Canadian-registered car in the United States)? [ ] Yes [ ] No, Canada only

18. Your car(s) is (are) registered in? [ ] Canada only [ ] Both U.S. & Canada

19. Where were your personal belongings (furniture, clothing, etc.) located? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Where was (were) the bank(s) with which you conducted your routine personal banking activities? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Is it correct to state you did not conduct business activities outside Canada during the year? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

22a. Do you hold a Canadian driver's license? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

22b. Is Canada the only country where you hold a driver's license? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you have a license from another country - which country \_\_\_\_\_

23. Are you qualified to vote in national & local general elections in Canada? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

24. When completing various forms, documents, applications, etc., do you list Canada as your country of residence? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

25. Have you ever completed any of the following U.S. forms or documents?  
 IRS Form W-8BEN (relating to foreign status) or other W-8 Form Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer I.D. Number) Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 IRS Form 1078 (Certificate of Alien Claiming U.S. Residence): Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did you complete any other U.S. forms? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you completed others, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

26. In what country(ies) did you keep your personal, financial, and legal documents? \_\_\_\_\_

27. From what country(ies) did you receive the majority of your 2017 income? \_\_\_\_\_



28. Did you have any income from U.S. sources, (including dividends from U.S. stocks)? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If "Yes", check which type(s) Bank interest Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dividends from U.S. stocks Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pensions from the U.S. Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security from the U.S. Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rental Income Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Real Estate Sale Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other - describe \_\_\_\_\_

29. In what country(ies) were any investments you owned located? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Did you qualify for a Provincial health plan in Canada? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

31. Are your credit cards mainly from Canadian issuers? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

32. Excluding homeowner's insurance on your U.S. residence, were your insurance policies (or the policies of the spouse with whom you lived all year if they are in his/her name) purchased predominantly from Canadian carriers? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

33a. Was your Will drafted in Canada? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

33b. Does your Will indicate you are resident and/or domiciled in Canada? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

33c. Do all the Executors in your Will reside in Canada? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

34. Is it correct to state you have a cemetery plot available in Canada only? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

35. Were you a resident of Canada for 2017 for Canadian income tax purposes? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

36. Did you file, (or will you file) a Canadian income tax return for 2017? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you answered "no", is it because your spouse filed (or will file) a Canadian income tax return and you do not have sufficient income in your own name to require a Canadian income tax return? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

37. Were you a lawful permanent resident of the United States under the U.S. immigration laws, (did you hold a "green card"), during the current year? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

38. During 2017, did you apply for or take other affirmative steps to apply for, lawful permanent resident status in the United States or did you have an application pending to change your status to that of a lawful permanent resident of the U.S.? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

39. Were you ever a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If "Yes", please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

40. Did you sell U.S. real estate during the year? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

41. Do you currently have U.S. property listed for sale or do you currently intend to list property for sale? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

42. If you have a U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number, did you receive an ITIN renewal notice from the IRS? Yes / No / N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
 If "Yes", please forward us a copy and contact our office.

Please check the address for mailing your "Closer Connection" filing to you, assuming it is mailed to you in the next 5 weeks:

Canadian address listed above, or  U.S. address listed above

I acknowledge that The Brunton, Strachan & Khan CPA Firm, Chartered's sole responsibility is to prepare my 2017 U.S. residency "Closer Connection Exception Statement" from the above information. I understand the deadline for filing the Statement for a calendar year taxpayer is June 15, 2018, (April 17, 2018 if there were wages subject to U.S. withholding) and I agree to immediately contact The Brunton, Strachan & Khan CPA Firm if I have not received my Statement at least two weeks before the deadline.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ Canada: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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