

**U.S. "CLOSER CONNECTION" QUESTIONNAIRE - FOR 2020 CALENDAR YEAR**

(INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO 2020 - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY BY THE BRUNTON, STRACHAN & KHAN CPA FIRM, CHARTERED)

(Each spouse must complete a separate questionnaire)

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

Permanent "home country" foreign address \_\_\_\_\_

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 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

3. Country or countries issuing your passport \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Passport number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of days present in the United States in: 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

*If: (i) any of your U.S. presence was during February 1, 2020 through April 1, 2020, (ii) you spent more than 182 days in the U.S. in 2020, and (iii) you were unable to leave the United States due to COVID-19 restrictions, please contact us immediately as Form 8843 may also be required to exclude those days from being counted towards the Substantial Presence Test.*

14a. Did you have a permanent home in your home country, available to you at all times, continuously, every day during 2020? 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).

14b. Did you also have a permanent home in the United States available to you at all times, continuously, every day, during 2020? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

15. Is your home country the only place you worked or had a business during the tax year? Yes / No / N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you answered "No" or "N/A", how many days during the year did you spend in countries other than the U.S. and your home country? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Where was your family located? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Did you have a car(s) in both your home country and the U.S. during the year? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

18. Your car(s) is (are) registered in: [ ] Home country only **or,** [ ] Both U.S. & home country

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 your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

22a. Do you hold a driver's license from your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

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

23. Were you registered to vote in national & local general elections in your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

24. When completing various forms, documents, applications, etc., do you list your home country 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 Form W-8 Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer I.D. Number) 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 2020 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 your investments located?  
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30. Did you qualify for a government health plan in your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
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31. Are your credit cards mainly from home country 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 carriers in your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
- 33a. Was your Will drafted in your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
- 33b. Does your Will indicate you are resident and/or domiciled in your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
- 33c. Do all the Executors in your Will reside in your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
34. Is it correct to state you have a cemetery plot available in your home country only? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
35. Were you a resident of your home country for 2020 for income tax purposes? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
36. Did you file, (or will you file) an income tax return for 2020 in your home country? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you answered "no", is it because your spouse filed (or will file) an income tax return and you do not have sufficient income in your own name to require an income tax return? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_
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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 2020, 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 intend to list property for sale in the near future? 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 delivering your "Closer Connection" filing to you, assuming it is delivered to you in the next 12 weeks:

Foreign country address listed above, or  U.S. address listed above, or  Electronically via secure online Portal

I acknowledge that The Brunton, Strachan & Khan CPA Firm, Chartered's sole responsibility is to prepare my 2020 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, 2021, (April 15, 2021 if there were wages subject to U.S. withholding) and I agree to immediately contact The Brunton, Strachan & Khan CPA Firm, Chartered if I have not received my Statement at least two weeks before the deadline.

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

Telephone numbers: U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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