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Non-foreign Sources

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Overview

Every dollar that comes into India as a grant does not automatically become foreign. There are numerous exceptions to this. For example, funds received from UN bodies or from Indian citizens living abroad are not covered by FCRA¹.

Notified by the Government

Following organizations are not a 'foreign source' for purposes of FCRA. Funds from them can be taken without FCRA approval. This listing is based on the latest notification² by Ministry of Home Affairs:

1. AARRO - Afro - Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation, New Delhi
2. ADB – African Development Bank, Abidjan
3. ADB – Asian Development Bank, Manila
4. APAARI - The Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institution, Bangkok
5. APCTT - Asia And Pacific Centre of Transfer of Technology, New Delhi
6. ACCU - Asia / Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO, Japan
7. Asian African Legal Consultative Committee, New Delhi
8. Asian and Pacific Development Administration, Kuala Lumpur
9. Asian Productivity Organisation, Tokyo
10. Bureau (Secretariat) of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar), Gland, Switzerland
11. CABI - Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International, UK
12. CBD - Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal

13. CCD - Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Countries Experiencing Serious Drought / or Desertification, Especially in Africa, Bonn
14. CDB – Caribbean Development Bank, St. Michael, Barbados
15. CGIAR - Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Washington D.C.
16. CGPRT Centre - The Regional Co - ordination Centre for Research and Development of coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots, and Tuber crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific, Indonesia
17. CGRFA - Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Rome
18. CIAT – International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Columbia
19. CIFOR – Centre for International Forestry Research, Indonesia
20. CIMMYT – International Wheat and Maize Improvement Centre, Mexico
21. CIRDAP - Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific, Dhaka
22. CITES – Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Geneva
23. Commission on the Limit of the Continental Shelf, United Nations Divisions for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, New York
24. Commonwealth Secretariat, London
25. Department for Disarmament Affairs, New York
26. Department for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, New York
27. Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York
28. Department of Management, New York
29. Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York
30. Department of Political Affairs, New York

¹ Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. Applicable in India

² S.O. 1014(E). Published in Part 2, Section 3, sub-section (ii) of Gazette of India – Extraordinary, dated 13-Nov-2000

31. Department of Public Information, New York
32. ECA - Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
33. ECE - Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva
34. ECLAC - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile.
35. ESCAP - Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand
36. ESCWA - Economic Commission for Western Asia, Beirut, Lebanon
37. European Community (EC)
38. FAO – Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome
39. Global Environment Facility, Washington D.C.
40. IAEA - International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna
41. IBRD³ - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Washington D.C.
42. ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organisation, Montreal
43. ICARDA- International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas, Syria
44. ICGEB - International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Bio - Technology, New Delhi
45. ICGFI - International Consultative Group on Food Irradiation, Vienna
46. ICLARM – International Centre for Living Aquatic Resource Management, Philippines
47. ICRAF - International Centre of Research in Agro-forestry, Nairobi
48. ICRISAT - International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics, Hyderabad
49. ICSID – International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington D.C.
50. IDA - International Development Association, Washington D.C.
51. IDB - Inter - American Development Bank, Washington D.C.
52. IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development, Rome
53. IFC - International Finance Cooperation, Washington D.C.
54. IFPRI – International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C.
55. IIMI – International Irrigation Management Institute, Colombo
56. IITA – International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Nigeria
57. ILO – International Labour Organisation, Geneva
58. ILRI – International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi
59. IMF - International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C.
60. IMI - International Water Management Institute, Srilanka
61. IMO – International Maritime Organisation, London
62. INCB - International Narcotics Control Board, Vienna
63. INSTRAW - International Research and Training Institute for Advancement of Women, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
64. International Potato Centre, Peru
65. International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Philippines
66. International Seabed Authority, Kingston
67. International Sugar Organisation, London
68. International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg
69. IPCC - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Geneva
70. IPGRI - International Plant Genetic Resource Institute, Rome
71. ISNAR - International Service of National Agricultural Research, The Netherlands
72. ISTA - The International Seeds Testing Association, Zurich
73. ITC - International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO), Geneva
74. ITU – International Telecommunication Union, Geneva
75. MIGA – Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, Washington D.C.
76. NAM S&T Centre - Centre for Science and Technology of the Non - Aligned and other Developing Countries, New Delhi
77. Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, New York

³ Commonly known as 'The World Bank'

78. Office of Internal Oversight Services, New York
79. Office of Legal Affairs, New York
80. OHCHR - Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva
81. OPCW - Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, The Hague
82. Ozone Secretariat to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Nairobi
83. PTS for CTBTO - Provisional Technical Secretariat for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organisation, Vienna
84. RNAM - The Regional Network for Agriculture Machinery, Bangkok
85. Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, Geneva
86. UNAIDS - Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Geneva
87. UNCDF - United Nations Capital Development Fund, New York
88. UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Geneva
89. UNDCP - United Nations International Drug Control Programme, Vienna.
90. UNDP - United Nations Development Programme, New York.
91. UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi.
92. UNEP / CMS Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS or Bonn Convention) Bonn
93. UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Paris
94. UNFCCC - Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Bonn
95. UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund, New York.
96. UNHCHR - Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva
97. UNHCR - Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva
98. UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund, New York.
99. UNICRI - United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, Rome
100. UNIDIR - United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, Geneva
101. UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, Vienna
102. UNIFEM - United Nations Development Fund for Women, New York
103. UNITAR - United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva.
104. United Nations Office at Geneva
105. United Nations Office at Nairobi
106. United Nations Office at Vienna
107. United Nations Outer Space Committee
108. UNOPS - United Nations Office for Project Services, New York
109. UNRISD - United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Geneva.
110. UNRWA - United Nations Relief and work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, Ghaza And Aman.
111. UNSCO - United Nations Statistical Office
112. UNSDRI - United Nations Social Defence Research Institute
113. UNU - United Nations University, Tokyo
114. UNV - United Nations Volunteers, Bonn.
115. UPO⁴ – Universal Postal Union, Berne, Switzerland
116. UPOV - International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, Geneva
117. WARDA – West Africa Development Association, Abidjan
118. WFC - World Food Council
119. WFP - World Food Programme, Rome
120. WHO – World Health Organisation, Geneva
121. WIPO – World Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva
122. WMO – World Metrological Organisation, Geneva
123. WTO / OMT - World Tourism Organisation, Madrid

Other sources

The MHA notification has been issued under section 2(1)(e)(ii). It includes 123 organisa-

⁴ As notified. Normally called UPU

tions, both from the UN system as also other international organisations.

This raises a question. What about those UN organizations which are not listed in the notification? Do these become foreign sources?

We don't think so. Apparently, UN and its specialized agencies are automatically excluded from the definition of 'foreign source'. Under section 2(1)(e)(ii), the Central Government is required to notify only 'other agencies' as non-foreign.

Following is a list of UN offices and its agencies which are not included in the MHA notification. Please confirm their status with MHA before treating these as non-foreign.

1. ACABQ - Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, New York (note 2)
2. Ad Hoc Inter - agency Meeting on Women - New York (note 3)
3. Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC⁵) - New York (note 3)
4. CCAQ(FB) - Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) - Geneva (note 3)
5. CCAQ(PER) - Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) - Geneva (note 3)
6. CCPOQ - Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions - Geneva (note 3)
7. EDI - Economic Development Institute, Washington (note 4)
8. IACSD - Inter - agency Committee on Sustainable Development - New York (note 3)
9. IAMLADP - Inter - agency Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications, New York (note 3)
10. IBE - International Bureau of Education - Geneva (note 1)
11. ICC - International Computing Centre - Geneva (note 3)
12. ICJ - International Court of Justice - The Hague (note 2)
13. ICS - International Centre for Science and High Technology - Trieste, Italy (note 1)
14. ICSC - International Civil Service Commission - New York (note 2)
15. ILO/ITC - International Training Centre - Turin, Italy (note 1)

⁵ It has several sub-committees also, such as on drug control, oceans and coastal areas, rural development, statistical activities, water resources, nutrition, etc.

16. IMF Institute [part of IMF; exempt u/s 2(e)(ii)]
17. ISCC - Information Systems Coordination Committee - Geneva (note 3)
18. JIAMCATT - Joint Inter - agency Meeting on Computer - assisted Translation and Terminology - Geneva (note 3)
19. JIU - Joint Inspection Unit - Geneva (note 2)
20. JUNIC - Joint United Nations Information Committee - New York (note 3)
21. OOSA - Office for Outer Space Affairs - Vienna (note 2)
22. Organizational Committee of ACC - New York (note 3)
23. UNCC - United Nations Compensation Commission - Geneva (note 2)
24. UNCHS (Habitat) - United Nations Centre for Human Settlements - Nairobi (note 2)
25. UNCITRAL - United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Vienna (note 2)
26. United Nations Board of Auditors - New York (note 2)
27. UNJSPF - United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund - New York, USA (note 2)
28. UNSC - United Nations Staff College - Turin, Italy (note 2)

Notes:

1. Specialized Agency of UN [sec. 2(e)(ii)]
2. Part of UN: a Program [sec. 2(e)(ii)]
3. Part of UN (Inter - Agency Coordination) [sec. 2(e)(ii)]
4. Part of World Bank [sec. 2(e)(ii)]

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