

Novartis India Limited

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10th July, 2020

Dear Member,

Sub: Communication of deduction of tax at source on Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 19th June, 2020, recommended payment of final dividend of Rs.10 per equity share Rs. 5 each for the year ended 31st March 2020. The final dividend will be paid to the members of the Company after declaration of dividend at the Annual General Meeting of the Company scheduled to be held on 7th August 2020.

The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from 31st July 2020 to 7th August 2020 (both days inclusive) for determining the eligibility of members for payment of final dividend. Payment of dividend, if approved at the Annual General Meeting, will be made to those members whose names will be on the Company's Register of Members on 7th August 2020 and to those whose names will appear as Beneficial Owners as at the close of the business hours on 30th July 2020 as per the details to be furnished by the Depositories, viz. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for this purpose.

Pursuant to the General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5th May 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the dividend will be paid electronically in the Members bank accounts. The Company will keep on hold cheques/dividend warrants/demand drafts of the members who have not registered their bank details with the Company and will dispatch the same once the lock down is lifted and / or postal services are normalized. The Members holding shares in demat form are advised to keep the bank details updated with their depository participants. Member holding shares in certificate form and who have not updated their bank accounts details are requested to update bank details with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents after following the process available on link https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email register.html.

In accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended by and read with the provisions of the Finance Act, 2020, with effect from 1st April 2020, dividend declared and paid

by the Company is taxable in the hands of its members and the Company is required to deduct tax at source (TDS) from dividend paid to the members at the applicable rates.

This communication summarizes the applicable TDS provisions in accordance with the provisions of the Income tax Act, 1961, for various categories, including Resident or Non-Resident members.

For Resident Members:

- 1. No TDS shall be deducted in the case of resident individual members, if the amount of such dividend in aggregate paid or likely to be paid during the financial year does not exceed Rs. 5,000.
- 2. Where, the Permanent Account Number (PAN) resident individual member is available and valid,
 - a. TDS shall be deducted at the rate of 7.5% on the amount of dividend payable.
 - b. In cases where the resident individual member provides the duly signed Form 15G or Form 15H (as applicable) and provided that the eligibility conditions are being met, no TDS shall be deducted. The format of Form 15G and Form 15H are enclosed as **Enclosure 1 and 2** respectively.
- 3. Where the PAN is either not available or is invalid, TDS shall be deducted at a rate which is higher of the prescribed TDS rates or 20%.
- 4. In order to help the Company to comply with the relevant provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961, the following resident non-individual members are requested to provide a self-declaration as listed below:
 - i. **Insurance companies:** A declaration that they are beneficial owners of shares held;
 - ii. **Mutual Funds:** A declaration that they are governed by the provisions of section 10(23D) of the Act along with copy of registration documents (self-attested);
 - iii. Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) established in India: A declaration that its income is exempt under section 10(23FBA) of the Act and they are established as Category I or Category II AIF under the SEBI regulations along with copy of registration documents (selfattested).
 - iv. **Other Non-Individual shareholders:** Who are exempted from TDS under provisions of Section 194 of the Act and who are covered u/s 196 of the Act are also not subject to withholding of any tax are required to submit an attested copy of the PAN along with the documentary evidence in relation to the same.

For Non-Resident Members:

1. TDS shall be deducted/withheld at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and, health and education cess) on the amount of dividend payable.

- 2. Non-resident member may have an option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Treaty (DTAA) between India and the country of tax residence of the member, if such DTAA provisions are more beneficial to them. To avail the DTAA benefits, the non-resident member should furnish the following documents"
 - a. Self-attested copy of Permanent Account Number (PAN) if allotted to you, by the Indian Income Tax Authorities. If PAN is not allotted to you, please provide your email address, contact number and address in the country of residence;
 - b. Self-attested Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) issued by the competent authority or tax authority of the country of your residency, evidencing and certifying your tax residency status in the country of residency during the Financial Year 2020-21;
 - c. Completed and duly signed Form 10F in the format enclosed as Enclosure 3;
 - d. Self-declaration in the format enclosed as **Enclosure 4**, certifying that
 - i. You are and continue to remain a tax resident of the country of your residency during the Financial Year 2020-21;
 - ii. You are eligible to claim the beneficial DTAA rate for the purposes of tax withholding on dividend declared by the Company;
- iii. You have no reason to believe that your claim for the benefits of the DTAA is impaired in any manner;
- iv. You are the ultimate beneficial owner of your shareholding in the Company and dividend receivable from the Company; and
- v. You do not have a taxable presence or a permanent establishment in India during the Financial Year 2020-21.

The Company is not obligated to apply the beneficial DTAA rates at the time of tax deduction/withholding on dividend amounts. Application of beneficial DTAA Rate shall depend upon the completeness and satisfactory review by the Company, of the documents submitted by Non-Resident member.

Notwithstanding Paragraph 2 above, tax shall be deducted at source at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge, and health and education cess) on dividend payable to Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI). Such TDS rate shall not be reduced on account of the application of the beneficial DTAA Rate or lower tax deduction order, if any.

For all Members:

Members holding shares under multiple accounts under different status / category and single PAN, may note that, higher of the tax as applicable to the status in which shares held under a PAN will be considered on their entire holding in different accounts.

In view of the prevailing COVID 19 situation, only scanned copies of the aforementioned documents will be accepted by the Company as per the laid down process. The documents (duly

completed and signed) are required to be submitted to the Registrars and Share Transfer Agents of the Company - Link Intime India Private Limited by uploading the documents on the link https://linkintime.co.in/formsreg/submission-of-form-15g-15h.html on or before Saturday, 25th July 2020, 11:59 pm IST in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax. Should you have any query or any difficulty in uploading the documents, you may please write to novartisdivtax@linkintime.co.in

On clicking the above link, the user will be prompted to select / share the following information to register their request.

- 1. Select the company (Dropdown)
- 2. Folio / DP-Client ID
- 3. PAN
- 4. Financial year (Dropdown)
- 5. Form selection
- 6. Document attachment 1 (PAN)
- 7. Document attachment 2 (Forms)
- 8. Document attachment 3 (Any other supporting document)

No communication on the tax determination/ deduction shall be entertained after Saturday, 25th July 2020, 11:59 pm IST. Any documents received through hand delivery will not be considered to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax.

Members may note that in case the tax on said dividend is deducted at a higher rate in absence of receipt, or insufficiency of the aforementioned details/documents from you, an option is available to you to file the return of income as per Income Tax Act, 1961 and claim an appropriate refund, if eligible.

Disclaimer: This Communication is not to be treated as an advice from the Company or its affiliates or Link Intime India Private Limited. Members should obtain the tax advice related to their tax matters from a tax professional.

Yours sincerely,

For Novartis India Limited

Trivikram Guda
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

INCOME-TAX RULES, 1962

¹FORM NO. 15G

[See section 197A(1), 197A(1A) and rule 29C]

Declaration under section 197A(1) and section 197A(1A) to be made by an individual or a person (not being a company or firm) claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax

PART I

1. Name of Assessee (Declarant)						2. PAN of the Assessee!					
3. Status ² 4. Previous year(P.Y.) ³ (for which declaration is being m					5. Residential Status ⁴			Status ⁴			
6. Fla	t/Door/Block No.		7. Na	me of I	Prei	mises	8. R	oad/Street/L	ane	9.	Area/Locality
10. T	own/City/District		11. St	ate			12.	PIN		13	3. Email
	elephone No. (with) and Mobile No.	STD		Incor	(a) Whether assessed to tax under the come-tax Act, 1961 ⁵ :) If yes, latest assessment year for whic				Ye L n assessed	s	No
16. E	stimated income fo	or wh	ich this	declar	atio	on					P.Y. in which to be included ⁶
18. D	etails of Form No.	15G c	other th	nan this	fo	rm filed duri	ng the	previous year	if any ⁷		
	Total No. of For	n No.	15G fil	led		Aggrega	ite amo	ount of income	e for which	Forr	n No.15G filed
19. D	etails of income fo	r whi	ch the	declara	tio	n is filed					
Sl. No.	Identification nu investment/acco			vant	Nature of income Section und is deductibl		II.		Amount of income		
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Date:							Signatı	ure	of the Declarant ⁹		

^{1.} Substituted by IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules 2015, w.e.f. 1-10-2015. Earlier Form No. 15G was inserted by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1982, w.e.f. 21-6-1982 and later on amended by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1989, w.r.e.f. 1-4-1988, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 1990, w.e.f. 20-11-1990 and IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 2002, w.e.f. 21-6-2002 and substituted by the IT (Eighth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 9-6-2003 and IT (Second Amdt.) Rules, 2013, w.e.f. 19-2-2013.

PART II

[To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I]

1. Name of the person re	sponsible for paying		2. Unique Identification No."			
3. PAN of the person responsible for paying	4. Complete Address		5. TAN of the person responsible for paying			
6. Email 7. Telephone No. (with S			e) and Mobile No.	8. Amount of in come paid 12		
9. Date on which Declaration is received (DD/MM/YYYY)			10. Date on which the income has been paid/credited (DD/MM/YYYY)			
Place.						

*Delete whichever is not applicable.

Date:

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¹As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1) or 197A(1A) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number (PAN).

Signature of the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I

²Declaration can be furnished by an individual under section 197A(1) and a person (other than a company or a firm) under section 197A(1A).

³The financial year to which the income pertains.

 4 Please mention the residential status as per the provisions of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

⁵Please mention "Yes" if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.

⁶Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.

In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15G is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15G filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.

⁸Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.

Indicate the capacity in which the declaration is furnished on behalf of a HUF, AOP, etc.

¹⁰Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable-

- (i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;
- (ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.

¹¹The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15G received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in

rule 31A(4)(*vii*) of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In case the person has also received Form No.15H during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15G and Form No.15H.

¹²The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A) of section 197A or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the case may be, reported by the declarant in columns 16 and 18.

¹FORM NO. 15H

[See section 197A(1C) and rule 29C]

Declaration under section 197A(1C) to be made by an individual who is of the age of sixty years or more claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax.

PART I

1. Name of Assessee (Declarant)			Nu	2. Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number of the Assessee ¹			3. Date of Birth ² (DD/MM/YYYY)			
4. Previous which de			(for ing made)	5. I	5. Flat/Door/Block No.			6. Name of Premises		
7. Road/	Street	/Lane	8. Area/L	ocality	/	9. Town/City/Distr	ict	10. State	e	
11. PIN		12. Ema	il		13	. Telephone No. (with	th STD Code) and Mobile No.			
14 (a) W	hethe	r assesse	d to tax ⁴ :		Ye				No	
(b) If yes	s, late	st assessr	nent year f	or whi	r which assessed			1		-1
15. Estin	nated	income f	or which t	his dec	s declaration is made					
16. Esti	mated	l total i	ncome of	the F	P.Y. in which income					
mention	ed in o	column 1	5 to be inc	luded ⁵	ded ⁵					
17. Deta	ils of	Form No	.15H other	than t	his	form filed for the pro-	evious y	ear, if any	_y 6	
Total No. of Form No.15H filed A				Aggre	Aggregate amount of income for which Form No.15H filed					ed
18. Details of income for which the declaration is filed										
Sl. No.		rele	on number evant account, et	_	ľ	Nature of income	which	n under n tax is actible	Amount incom	

Signature of the Declarant

^{1.} Substituted by the IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 2015, w.e.f. **1-10-2015**. Earlier Form No. 15H was amended by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1982, w.e.f. 21-6-1982, IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1989, w.r.e.f. 1-4-1988, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 1990, w.e.f. 20-11-1990, IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 1992, w.e.f. 1-6-1992, IT (Seventh Amdt.) Rules, 1995, w.e.f. 1-7-1995, IT (Thirty-second Amdt.) Rules, 1999, w.e.f. 19-11-1999, IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 2002, w.e.f. 21-6-2002, IT (Eighth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 9-6-2003, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 1-8-2003 and IT (Second Amdt.) Rules, 2013, w.e.f. 19-2-2013.

Declaration/Verification ©						
I do hereby declare that I am resident in India within the						
meaning of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I also hereby declare that to the best of my						
knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and is truly stated and that the						
incomes referred to in this form are not includible in the total income of any other person under						
sections 60 to 64 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I further declare that the tax on my estimated total						
income including *income/incomes referred to in column 15 *and aggregate amount of						
*income/incomes referred to in column 17 computed in accordance with the provisions of the						
Income-tax Act, 1961, for the previous year ending on relevant to the						
assessment year will be <i>nil</i> .						
Place:						
Date:Signature of the Declarant						

PART II

[To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I]

1. Name of the person re	esponsible for paying		2. Unique Id	entification No. ⁹	
3. Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number of the person responsible for paying	4. Complete Address	SS		5. TAN of the person responsible for paying	
6. Email	7. Telephone No. and Mobile No.	(with	STD Code)	8. Amount of income paid 10	
9. Date on which Declar (DD/MM/YYYY)	ration is received			the income has been /MM/YYYY)	
Place:		•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Date:		Signa		rson responsible for paying the Terred to in column 15 of Part I	

*Delete whichever is not applicable.

- 1. As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1C) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number.
- 2. Declaration can be furnished by a resident individual who is of the age of 60 years or more at any time during the previous year.
- 3. The financial year to which the income pertains.
- 4. Please mention "Yes" if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.
- 5. Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.
- 6. In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15H is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15H filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.
- 7. Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.
- 8. Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable—

- (i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;
- (ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.
- 9. The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15H received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in rule 31A(4)(vii) of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In case the person has also received Form No.15G during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15H and Form No.15G.
- 10. The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in section 197A(1C) or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax after allowing for deduction(s) under Chapter VI-A, if any, or set off of loss, if any, under the head "income from house property" for which the declarant is eligible. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the case may be, reported by the declarant in columns 15 and 17.

¹[**Provided** that such person shall accept the declaration in a case where income of the assessee, who is eligible for rebate of income-tax under section 87A, is higher than the income for which declaration can be accepted as per this note, but his tax liability shall be nil after taking into account the rebate available to him under the said section 87A.]

^{1.} Inserted by Income-tax (4th Amendment) Rules, 2019, w.e.f. 22-5-2019.

FORM NO. 10F

[See sub-rule (1) of rule 21AB]

Information to be provided under sub-section (5) of section 90 or sub-section (5) of section 90A of the Income-tax Act, 1961

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releva	nt to the previous year	ase/i	n the cas
Sl.No	Nature of information	:	Details #
<i>(i)</i>	Status (individual, company, firm etc.) of the assessee	:	
(ii)	Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number of the assessee if allotted	:	
(iii)	Nationality (in the case of an individual) or Country or specified territory of incorporation or registration (in the case of others)	:	
(iv)	Assessee's tax identification number in the country or specified territory of residence and if there is no such number, then, a unique number on the basis of which the person is identified by the Government of the country or the specified territory of which the assessee claims to be a resident	:	
(v)	Period for which the residential status as mentioned in the certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 90 or sub-section (4) of section 90A is applicable	:	
(vi)	Address of the assessee in the country or territory outside India during the period for which the certificate, mentioned in (v) above, is applicable	:	

2. I have obtained a certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 90 or sub-section (4) of section 90A from the Government of (name of country or specified territory outside India)

	Signature: <mark>.</mark>	
	Name:	
	Address:	
Permanent Acc	count Number or Aadhaar Number	
	Verification	
what is stated above is correct, con	hereby declare that to the best of applete and is truly stated.	my knowledge and belief
Verified today the	day of	
		n providing the information
Place:		
Votes :		

- 1. *Delete whichever is not applicable.
- 2. #Write N.A. if the relevant information forms part of the certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 90 or sub-section (4) of section 90A.

To be printed on the letterhead

Date:

To, **Novartis India Limited** Inspire - BKC, Part of 601 and 701 Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra East, Mumbai 400 051

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Re: Self declaration for Indian Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 with respect to availment of tax treaty benefits in relation to receipt of dividend income from Novartis India Limited.

With reference to the captioned subject and in relation to the appropriate deduction of taxes on the dividend payable to me / us by Novartis India Ltd. ("the Company"), I / We hereby declare as under:

- I / We,<<full name of the shareholder>>, having Permanent Account Number (PAN) under the Indian Income tax Act, 1961 ('the Act') <<mention PAN>>, and holding <<mention number of shares held>> number of shares of the Company as on the record date. I / We am / are a tax resident of <<country name>>. A copy of the valid tax residency certificate for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, is attached herewith.
- I /We am /are tax resident of the <<country name>> as defined under Article ___ of the tax treaty between India and _____ ('the applicable tax treaty') . I /We am /are eligible to be governed by the provisions of the applicable tax treaty and meet all the necessary conditions to avail the benefits under the applicable tax treaty.
- I / We do not have any Permanent Establishment ('PE') or fixed base in India as construed under relevant Articles of the applicable tax treaty read with the provisions laid down in Multilateral Instruments (MLI), wherever applicable, nor do we have any PE or business connection in India as construed under the relevant provisions of the Act.
- As required to claim the benefits of the lower tax rate under the applicable tax treaty in relation to the dividend income to be received by me / us from the Company, I / We specifically confirm that I /We am/ are the beneficial owner of the above referred equity shares of the Company and the dividend income receivable from the Company in relation to the said shares.
- I/ We further declare that I/ we have the right to use and enjoy the dividend received/ receivable from the above shares and such right is not constrained by any contractual and/ or legal obligation to pass on such dividend to another person.
- I / We specifically confirm that my affairs / affairs of << full name of the shareholder>> were arranged such that the main purpose or the principal purpose thereof was to obtain tax benefits available under the applicable tax treaty.
- Further, our claim for relief under the tax treaty is not restricted by application of Limitation of Benefit clause, if any, thereunder.

This declaration is valid for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Ι/	′ We confirm that the a	above is true to the be	est of our knowl	edge and I / We sh	all be solely responsible	for any
adv	lverse income-tax cons	sideration that may ar	rise in India on	the dividend incon	ne to be received from th	ne
Coı	ompany.					

<< Entity Name>>	
(Signature)	
Place: Name:	
Date: Designation	ı: