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Incorporating an International Company in the Cook Islands

The Cook Islands International Companies Act 1981-82 ("ICA") governs the formation and activities of international companies. The ICA allows companies to be formed and operated with both flexibility and administrative ease.

International Companies must be incorporated through a licensed trustee company. Cook Islands Trust Corporation Ltd handles all aspects of the incorporation, and provides ancillary company services.

Advantages

- Tax exempt status in the Cook Islands
- Strict confidentiality provisions
- No public record of shareholders or directors
- Accounts do not have to be filed
- Only one shareholder required
- No minimum share capital requirement
- Shares can be of no par value
- Shares can take advantage of specific asset protection provisions
- Share certificates are not required to be issued
- Cook Islands resident director not required
- Corporate directors are permitted
- Only one director required
- Company can act as a Trustee

Services

Cook Islands Trust Corporation Ltd provides the full range of administrative and accounting services to international and foreign companies. Services include:

- Provision of standard memorandum and articles of association
- Incorporation and annual renewal
- Provision of resident secretary and the registered office
- Provision of nominee shareholders
- Provision of nominee directors

- Maintenance of accounting records, preparing financial statements and conferring with auditors as required
- Provision of share register and transfer agent
- Opening and administration of bank accounts as required
- Liquidation of companies as required

The Incorporation Process

Once all required information, and our initial fees have been received we can complete incorporation within 24 hours. Upon incorporation the Registrar issues a Certificate of Incorporation which is valid for a period of 12 months and which may be renewed upon payment of the annual renewal fee.

Documentation required

The intended shareholder or beneficial owner of the company to be incorporated must complete an **International Company Incorporation Form** setting out the details of the company. It may also be necessary to provide a business plan for the company or further information on the proposed operations.

Every Director and Shareholder must complete **Form A – Individual Information**.

If any of the Directors or Shareholders are themselves corporate entities then they must complete **Form B – Entity Information**. The directors or shareholders of those entities will also be required to complete Form A.