



Captive Domicile Information New Zealand

BASIC INFORMATION

Location

- New Zealand is located in the southern Pacific Ocean, with a population of approximately 4 million

Accessibility

- New Zealand's Auckland airport is one of the world's premier airports. Flights are available to and from all major cities. "Telephone windows" are available to European, United States and all Asian cities within a normal working day

Number of Captives

- There are 24 as of 31 December 2006

REGULATORY ISSUES

Acceptable Insurance Subsidiaries

- Single parent and group

Acceptable Corporate Forms

- Stock

Permitted Business

- All: parental, third-party, and unrelated risks

Direct Insurance Permitted

- All lines of insurance permitted

Policy Form and Rate Approval

- Not required

Local Office Required

- Registered office required
- Minimum of one director required
- No resident director required
- Books and records located in New Zealand

Capitalisation and Solvency Requirements

- Deposit Requirement:
New Zealand Government Bond of NZ\$500,000
(New Zealand dollars), lodged with the Public Trust

Premium Taxes

- No premium tax is imposed

Intercompany Loans

- Parent company loans are allowed, but as an arm's length transaction

Investment Restrictions

- There are no formal investment restrictions

Regulatory Agency

- Insurance and Superannuation Unit

Acts of Parliament

- Insurance Companies Deposits Act 1953
- Insurance Companies (Ratings and inspections Act) 1994
- Companies Act 1993
- Financial Reporting Act 1993

Taxation

Captives are taxed at the rate of 30 percent of income generated by insurance business.

New Zealand has double tax agreements (DTAs) with 26 countries. These include:

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| • Australia | • Korea |
| • Belgium | • Malaysia |
| • Canada | • Netherlands |
| • China | • Norway |
| • Denmark | • Philippines |
| • Fiji | • Russia |
| • Finland | • Singapore |
| • France | • South Africa |
| • Germany | • Sweden |
| • India | • Switzerland |
| • Indonesia | • Taiwan |
| • Ireland | • Thailand |
| • Italy | • United Kingdom |
| • Japan | • United States |

Reporting Requirements

- Statutory financial report
- Audited report in accordance with insurance Companies Deposits Act
- Audited financial statements



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