

# Multilateral Convention (MLI) – South Africa Publishes English Synthesized Text of Bulgaria-South Africa Treaty

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On 27 January 2023, the South African Revenue Service published the English synthesized text of the [Bulgaria - South Africa Income Tax Treaty \(2004\)](#), displaying the modifications made to the treaty by the MLI.

South Africa and Bulgaria deposited their instrument of ratification of the MLI on, respectively, 30 September 2022 and 16 September 2022. The MLI therefore entered into force for South Africa on 1 January 2023 and for Bulgaria on 1 January 2023.

Unless stated otherwise in the synthesized text, the provisions of the MLI will generally have effect (other than article 16 regarding the Mutual Agreement Procedure) with respect to the [Bulgaria - South Africa Income Tax Treaty \(2004\)](#):

In South Africa:

- with respect to taxes withheld at source on amounts paid or credited to non-residents, where the event giving rise to such taxes occurs on or after 1 January 2023; and
- with respect to all other taxes levied by South Africa, for taxes levied with respect to taxable periods beginning on or after 1 July 2023.

In Bulgaria:

- with respect to taxes withheld at source on amounts paid or credited to non-residents, where the event giving rise to such taxes occurs on or after 1 January 2023; and
- with respect to all other taxes levied by Bulgaria, for taxes levied with respect to taxable periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

The purpose of the synthesized text is to facilitate the understanding of the application of the MLI but it is not in itself a source of law.

