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

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On 27 January 2023, the South African Revenue Service published the English synthesized text of the Mauritius - South Africa Income Tax Treaty (2013), displaying the modifications made to the treaty by the MLI.

South Africa and Mauritius deposited their instrument of ratification of the MLI on, respectively, 30 September 2022 and 18 October 2019. The MLI therefore entered into force for South Africa on 1 January 2023 and for Mauritius on 1 February 2020.

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 Mauritius - South Africa Income Tax Treaty (2013):

In South Africa and Mauritius:

- 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 each contracting state, for taxes levied with respect to taxable periods beginning on or after 1 July 2023.

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.

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