

The Depository Trust Company
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DATE: June 7, 2007
TO: All Participants
CATEGORY: Dividends
FROM: International Services
ATTENTION: Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
SUBJECT: TaxRelief - Country: France
Sanofi-Aventis CUSIP: 80105N105
Record Date: 06/06/07 Payable Date: 07/03/07
EDS Cut-Off Date: 06/14/07

The Bank of New York, which acts as sole depository bank for **Sanofi-Aventis** has announced a cash dividend distribution to record date holders of **June 06, 2007**. Participants can use DTC's Elective Dividend Service (EDS) function under Foreign Securities via the Participant Terminal System (*PTS*) to certify all or a portion of their position for cash at the favorable or unfavorable French withholding tax rate.

Questions regarding EDS may be directed to Sean Bollers of DTC's International Services at (212) 855-4706 or Peter S. Joe (212) 855-4363.

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New York, NY 10286



Tax Relief – Country: France
Sanofi-Aventis ADR CUSIP: 80105N105
Record Date: June 6, 2007 Payable Date: July 3, 2007
EDS Cut-off Date: June 14, 2007

The Bank of New York acts as sole depositary bank for Sanofi-Aventis (CUSIP: 80105N105) American Depositary Receipt “ADR” program.

Sanofi-Aventis has recently announced their cash dividend, which is subject to French withholding tax of 15% (favorable) or a French withholding tax of 25% (unfavorable). The exempt rate of 0% withholding tax may also be applied to Canadian Pension Funds.

In order to notify DTC participants of Sanofi-Aventis’ upcoming cash dividend and the French Tax reclamation procedures, we have produced this official announcement based upon the following information.

Sanofi-Aventis has announced a cash dividend distribution to record date holders of **June 6, 2007**. Participants can use DTC's Elective Dividend Service (EDS) function under Foreign Securities via the Participant Terminal System (*PTS*) to certify all or a portion of their position for cash at the favorable or unfavorable French withholding tax rate. The use of EDS as such is also referred to as the "Simplified Procedure."

Qualifying U.S. resident Individuals and Individual Retirement Accounts (“IRAs”) (**with the exception of Roth & Rollover IRAs**), U.S. Corporations, U.S. Regulated Investment Companies (RICS), U.S. Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), U.S. Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMICs), U.S. Not for Profit Organizations, U.S. Pension Funds, Canadian resident Individuals and Canadian Corporations are entitled to the favorable treaty withholding tax rate of 15%, rather than the statutory 25% (unfavorable) rate. Qualified Canadian Pension Funds are entitled to the exempt withholding tax rate of 0%, rather than the statutory 25% (unfavorable) rate. Treaty benefits may be claimed at source through EDS or by refund using French Forms 5000 and 5001. See Appendix A (attached) for more information on using EDS for French issues. Canadian Mutual Funds are not eligible to use the simplified, “relief-at-source”, procedure.

Please note that income on stock loan and fails for this issue will be tracked at the 15% favorable treaty withholding rate. In the past, DTC has not tracked income on French stock loans and fails because of systems limitations in handling the various avoir fiscal entitlement rates. With the abolition of the French avoir fiscal imputation system on dividend distributions, DTC is now able to track income on stock loans and fails.

Any Participant submitting instructions through EDS shall, by doing so, indemnify DTC under DTC's Rule 6, which applies (among other things) to any loss, liability or expense sustained by DTC as a result of any act done in reliance upon the Participant's instruction or as a result of the inaccuracy of the information contained in the instruction, including reimbursement to the French authorities for the erroneous payment of dividends at a favorable withholding tax rate at source to participants. Therefore, participants are not required to use this procedure for their eligible customers.

Any Participant not wishing to indemnify DTC and hold it harmless will be paid at the unfavorable rate at source and must apply for treaty benefits on French Forms 5000 and 5001 for eligible beneficial owners. Please consult your tax advisor for guidance.

Deadlines and dates associated with the procedure for obtaining the favorable rate at source are as follows:

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Record date | June 6, 2007 |
| ADR Payment date | July 3, 2007 |
| French Payment date | June 7, 2007 |
| Dividend amount per ADR | EURO 0.875 |
| EDS certification cut-off | June 14, 2007 |

Société Générale (French Agent) must be in receipt of lists and documentary evidence by July 17, 2007.

Please refer to Appendices B and F (attached) which provide the format and requirements for the beneficiary list and for details on submitting beneficial owner information via computer disk in ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) file format or Microsoft Excel format. If certification is not provided, the beneficiary will be excluded from the simplified procedure.

NOTE:

1) An ASCII or Microsoft Excel File is required when filing for 50 beneficiaries or more. If an electronic file is not supplied for filings of 50 beneficiaries or more, the filing will be rejected and the resulting chargeback will be processed on the DTC Participant's account.

2) The DTC Participant is reminded that the EDS process is for the simplified tax relief of U.S. and Canadian residents ONLY. Only the following beneficiaries are entitled to the Simplified procedure:

- U.S. Resident Individuals & Individual Retirement Accounts (**excluding Roth & Rollover IRAs**)
- U.S. Corporations
- U.S. Regulated Investment Companies (RICs), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), or Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMICs) if an IRS Certification (6166 or determination letter) is provided
- U.S. Pension Funds if an IRS Certification (6166 or determination letter) **citing 401(a), 401(b), 403(b), or 457 of the U.S. Tax code** is provided
- U.S. Not-for-Profit Organizations if an IRS Certification **citing 501(c)3 of the U.S. Tax code** is provided. A determination letter citing 501(c)3 is acceptable in lieu of a 6166.
- Canadian Resident Individuals
- Canadian Corporations
- Canadian Pension Funds if the proper Annex (Appendices E1 or E2) is provided.

3) Please be reminded that if the French Tax Authorities have any doubt on the eligibility of the final beneficiary, they can ask at any time for any additional certification (IRS certification) whatever the status of the beneficiary.

It is recommended that hardcopy documentation be sent via overnight courier with a receipt of delivery requested. The lists, including summary page (1 copy) and the declaration (1 copy) must be sent to:

Name & Address of French Agent:

Société Générale
SGSS/INV/CCT/FIS/VF
Immeuble: 50 HMP
75886 Paris Cedex 18
FRANCE
Attn: Peggy Texier
Tel #: 011-331-5305-4832
Email address: Peggy.Texier@socgen.com

Failure to document certifications made over EDS will result in the following:

1. A charge representing the amount of the under withheld tax, plus any associated foreign exchange costs, will be levied on the DTC Participant's settlement account.
2. Under Rule 20, any administrative costs incurred by DTC as a result of a Participant's incorrect filing may be charged to the responsible Participant.
3. Charge-backs will be subject to a processing fee.

Intermediary Relationships

- **If there are one or more intermediaries between the DTC Participant and the beneficial owners who are U.S. resident individuals, each intermediary must notify the DTC Participant (directly or through another intermediary) of the number of ADRs that are applicable for each of the EDS dividend payment options.**
- **A Participant acting as an intermediary for a non-Participant should immediately provide a copy of this Important Notice to the non-Participant so the non-Participant may submit the required copy of the lists of beneficial owners (Appendix B) to the French paying agent and its summary page (Appendix B) to the depository bank.**

The Bank of New York will endeavor to assist entitled Participants in the filing of long form reclaims for ADR holders not eligible for the simplified procedure through the DTC EDS process.

Eligible Participants are directed to send all **long-form** claim forms to:

The Bank of New York
c/o Globe Tax Services, Inc.
90 Broad Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Attn: Teddy Teschner
Ph: 800-915-3536
Fx: 800-985-3536

Participants will bear the risk and be liable for any foreign exchange fluctuations impacting the amount of their refund or claim with the French Tax Authorities. ADR holders making incorrect declarations will be responsible for claiming or refunding any withholding tax through The Bank of New York to the French Tax Authorities. Furthermore, any funds erroneously received shall be immediately returned to The Bank of New York, including any penalties and/or interest.

Any **long-form** claim sent directly to the French custodian bank mentioned in this Important Notice will be returned to the Participant.

Please note: Simplified tax relief is subject to a tax relief fee of \$0.004 per share elected to receive the favorable withholding tax rate. Long-form claims are subject to a tax relief fee of \$0.005 per share with a minimum fee of \$25.00 and a maximum fee of \$5,000.00. This charge is applied on a per beneficial owner basis.

The Bank of New York makes no representation or warranties, and expressly disclaims any liability, for this information and any service related hereto, including without limitation for the eligibility of participants and whether withholding tax relief or any beneficial withholding tax rate may be achievable.

Under no circumstance should this be construed as tax advice. We recommend that you consult with your tax advisors.

Any questions regarding this notice, the simplified procedure or the standard, long-form, procedure should be directed to Teddy Teschner (800) 915-3536 at The Bank of New York / Globe Tax Services, Inc.

Appendix A

DTC EDS OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO BENEFICIAL OWNERS

1. The following U.S. beneficial owners are eligible for the 15% favorable treaty rate at source:

U.S. Resident Individuals & IRAs (except Roth & Rollover IRAs) If a Participant determines that the beneficial owners are eligible U.S. Resident Individuals or IRAs, as defined in TAXI (TaxInfo), the Participant may elect for these beneficial owners. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 15% favorable withholding rate) will be paid in cash. U.S. resident individuals and IRAs do not have to provide certification from the IRS but French Tax Authorities reserve the right to claim probative documents (as in Form 6166) if they have any doubts about the identity and/or the status of the beneficial owner.

IRA accounts must clearly state "IRA" or "Individual Retirement Account" in the account name and may be filed as Individuals. Claims for Roth & Rollover IRAs may only be filed through the standard, long-form procedure.

U.S. Corporations If a participant determines that the beneficial owners are eligible U.S. Corporations, then the participant may elect for these beneficial owners to receive the 15% favorable withholding rate. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 15% favorable withholding rate) will be paid in cash. U.S. corporations do not have to provide certification from the IRS but French Tax Authorities reserve the right to claim probative documents (as 6166 form) if they have any doubts about the identity and/or the status of the beneficial owner.

U.S. Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) If a participant determines that the beneficial owners are eligible U.S. RICs, then the participant may elect for these beneficial owners to receive the 15% favorable withholding rate. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 15% favorable withholding rate) will be paid in cash. U.S. RICs must provide an original 6166 form issued by the IRS indicating that they are constituted in the form of RIC. While this form only has to be produced once (as far as the beneficiary name, tax ID, status hasn't changed), French Tax Authorities reserve the right to claim probative documents if they have any doubts about the identity and/or the status of the beneficial owner.

U.S. Pension Funds, U.S. Collective Trusts and qualified U.S. Not for Profit Organizations If a participant determines that the beneficial owners are eligible U.S. Pension Funds, U.S. Collective Trusts, or a qualified U.S. Not for Profit, then the participant may elect for these beneficial owners to receive the 15% favorable withholding rate. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 15% favorable withholding rate) will be paid in cash. U.S. Pension Funds must provide an original 6166 form issued by the IRS clearly indicating that the fund has been created and is registered under sections 401 (a) or 401 (b) ("Qualified retirement plans"), 403 (b) (Tax deferred "annuity contracts") or 457 ("Deferred compensation plans") of the U.S. Federal Tax Code. Not for Profit holders must provide an original 6166 indicating that they are registered under section 501 (c) 3 of the U.S. Federal tax Code. If the 6166 form does not clearly mention

section 501 (c) 3 (but only refers to section 501 c; an IRS Determination letter clearly mentioning section 501 (c) 3 must be supplied together with the 6166. The original 6166 form must be provided once (as far as the beneficiary name, the tax ID, the status etc... have not changed) at the time of the first request for application of the reduced tax rate at source and has to be produced each time the French tax authorities ask for it.

2. *The following Canadian beneficial owners are eligible for the 15% favorable treaty rate at source:*

Canadian Resident Individuals If a Participant determines that the beneficial owners are eligible Canadian Resident Individuals, as defined in TAXI (TaxInfo), the Participant may elect for these beneficial owners. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 15% favorable withholding rate) will be paid in cash. Canadian Individuals must provide Form 5000* certified by Revenue Canada.

Canadian Corporations If a participant determines that the beneficial owners are eligible Canadian Corporations, then the participant may elect for these beneficial owners to receive the 15% favorable withholding rate. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 15% favorable withholding rate) will be paid in cash. Canadian corporations must provide Form 5000* certified by Revenue Canada.

3. *The following Canadian beneficial owners are eligible for the 0% exempt treaty rate at source:*

Canadian Pension Funds If a participant determines that the beneficial owners are eligible Canadian Pension Funds, then the participant may elect for these beneficial owners to receive the 0% exempt withholding tax rate. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 0% exempt withholding tax rate) will be paid in cash. Canadian Pension Funds must provide Form 5000* certified by Revenue Canada and must provide the applicable Canadian Pension Fund attestation (see Appendices E1 & E2).

*** Note: Only the French version of Form 5000 should be submitted to the French Custodian. Form 5000 can be obtained and completed at the below URL:**

http://www.impots.gouv.fr/portal/deploiement/p1/fichedescriptiveformulaire_3547/fichedescriptiveformulaire_3547.pdf

Please Note: Participants are still required to provide the breakout of the beneficial owner types on Appendix B.

4. *Beneficial Owners not eligible for 15% favorable treaty rate at source:*

If a Participant determines that the beneficial owners are not entitled to treaty benefits at source as defined in TAXI, (TaxInfo) or if the Participant chooses not to use DTC's EDS to obtain treaty benefits, then the participant will be allocated at the 25% unfavorable withholding rate. The net dividend (gross dividend less the 25% unfavorable withholding rate) will be paid in cash.

Notes: For cash dividends, the effective exchange rate will be the rate at which the Depository bank for the ADRs will convert the **Euro** into U.S. Dollars.

First Page of Each List: *(Bilingual Document French/English)*

To be completed by DTC participant:

IDENTITE ET ADRESSE COMPLETE ET NUMERO DE MEMBRE DE DTC DE L'ETABLISSEMENT QUI GERE LE COMPTE-TITRES A L'ETRANGER:

Name of DTC participant:

Address of DTC participant:

DTC participant Number:

NOM, NUMERO DE TELEPHONE ET NUMERO DE TELECOPIEUR D'UN EMPLOYE DE L'ETABLISSEMENT MEMBRE DE DTC:

Name of DTC participant's Employee:

Telephone number:

Telecopier number:

To be Supplied by ADR Depository Bank:

IDENTITE DE LA SOCIETE DISTRIBUTRICE FRANCAISE: **Sanofi-Aventis**

Name of the French company paying the dividend: **Sanofi-Aventis**

NATURE DES TITRES DETENUS: AP= actions au porteur, AN= actions nominatives: **AP**

Type of share held: AP= bearer shares, AN= registered shares: **AP**

RATIO DU NOMBRE D'ADRS PAR RAPPORT AU NOMBRE D'ACTIONS: **2:1**

The ratio of the ADRs to the ordinary shares: **2:1**

DATE DE MISE EN PAIEMENT: **7, June 2007**

Payment date of the dividend: **7, June 2007**

VALEUR UNITAIRE DU COUPON:

Dividend amount per ordinary share in EURO (100%): **1.750**

Dividend amount per ordinary share after 15% withholding in EURO: **1.4875**

Amount of the 15% withholding tax per ordinary share in EURO: **0.2625**

Appendix B

**Format for
Beneficiary List**

U.S. Corporations

Detailed Beneficiary List - For Use by DTC participants on Behalf of U.S. Corporations Who:
Received Entire Dividend in Cash, Net of 15% Withholding Tax.

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| Name of French Issuer: | SANOFI-AVENTIS | Ordinary share Payment Date: | 07-June-2007 | | Page No. |
| DTC Participant Name & Number: | | | | | |
| 1. NOM PRENOM OU RAISON SOCIALE ET ADDRESS COMPLETE DE L'ACTIONNAIRE | 2. NUMERO D'IDENTIFICATION FISCAL DE L'ACTIONNAIRE | 3. NOMBRE D'ADRS | 4. NOMBRE D'ACTIONS | 5. MONTANT TOTAL DES DIVIDENDES | 6. MONTANT TOTAL DE LA RETENUE A LA SOURCE AU TAUX DE 15% |
| 1. Beneficial owner's name and U.S. address of the beneficial owner | 2. Beneficial owner's U.S. Taxpayers Identification Number (TIN) | 3. Number of ADRs | 4. Number of Ordinary Shares [(Col. 3) ÷ 2] | 5. Total dividend [(Col. 4) x 1.750 EUROS] | 6. Total 15% tax withheld at the source [(Col. 5) x 15%]EUROS |
| 1. U.S. Corporations in alphabetical order | | | | | |
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U.S. Pensions and Not-for-Profit Organizations

Detailed Beneficiary List - For Use by DTC participants on Behalf of U.S. Pensions and Not-for-Profit Organizations Who: Received Entire Dividend in Cash, Net of 15% Withholding Tax.

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| Name of French Issuer: | SANOFI-AVENTIS | Ordinary share Payment Date: | 07-June-2007 | | Page No. |
| DTC Participant Name & Number: | | | | | |
| 1. NOM PRENOM OU RAISON SOCIALE ET ADDRESS COMPLETE DE L'ACTIONNAIRE | 2. NUMERO D'IDENTIFICATION FISCAL DE L'ACTIONNAIRE | 3. NOMBRE D'ADRS | 4. NOMBRE D'ACTIONS | 5. MONTANT TOTAL DES DIVIDENDES | 6. MONTANT TOTAL DE LA RETENUE A LA SOURCE AU TAUX DE 15% |
| 1. Beneficial owner's name and U.S. address of the beneficial owner | 2. Beneficial owner's U.S. Taxpayers Identification Number (TIN) | 3. Number of ADRs | 4. Number of Ordinary Shares [(Col. 3) ÷ 2] | 5. Total dividend [(Col. 4) x 1.750 EUROS | 6. Total 15% tax withheld at the source [(Col. 5) x 15%]EUROS |
| 1. U.S. Pensions and Not-for-Profit Organizations in alphabetical order | | | | | |
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Canadian - Resident Individuals

**Detailed Beneficiary List - For Use by DTC participants on Behalf of Canadian Resident Individual Beneficial Owners Who:
Received Entire Dividend in Cash, Net of 15% Withholding Tax.**

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| Name of French Issuer: | SANOFI-AVENTIS | Ordinary share Payment Date: | 07-June-2007 | | Page No. |
| DTC Participant Name & Number: | | | | | |
| 1. NOM PRENOM OU RAISON SOCIALE ET ADDRESS COMPLETE DE L'ACTIONNAIRE | 2. NUMERO D'IDENTIFICATION FISCAL DE L'ACTIONNAIRE | 3. NOMBRE D'ADRS | 4. NOMBRE D'ACTIONS | 5. MONTANT TOTAL DES DIVIDENDES | 6. MONTANT TOTAL DE LA RETENUE A LA SOURCE AU TAUX DE 15% |
| 1. Beneficial owner's name and U.S. address of the beneficial owner | 2. Beneficial owner's U.S. Taxpayers Identification Number (TIN) | 3. Number of ADRs | 4. Number of Ordinary Shares [(Col. 3) ÷ 2] | 5. Total dividend [(Col. 4) x 1.750 EUROS] | 6. Total 15% tax withheld at the source [(Col. 5) x 15%]EUROS |
| 1. Canadian Resident Individuals in alphabetical order | | | | | |
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This summary page template should be used for all entity types with the exception of Canadian Pension Funds.

At the End of Each List, a **summary page** with French and English captions showing:

Name of French Issuer: Sanofi-Aventis **Ordinary Payment Date:** 07, June 2007
DTC participant Name & Number: _____ **Page No.** _____

NOMBRE D'ACTIONNAIRES CONCERNES:
Number of beneficial owners listed on this list:

NOMBRE TOTAL DE COUPONS PAYES A CES ACTIONNAIRES:
Total number of ordinary shares listed on this list (Total of Col. 4):
Total number of ADRs listed on this list (Total of Col. 3):

MONTANT TOTAL DES DIVIDENDES AVANT ET APRES RETENUE A LA SOURCE:
Total amount of dividends allocable to these beneficial owners at 100% (Total of Col. 5):
Total amount of withholding tax for these beneficial owners at 15% (Total of Col. 6):

A summary page must be attached to each shareholder category.

Do not use this summary page for Canadian Pension Funds.

Attach to Each List:

- Appendix C (Annex III of the French regulation) declaration for U.S. Entities signed by an officer or partner of the DTC participant, and sealed with DTC participant seal (Medallion or other).
- Appendix D (Annex IV of the French regulation) declaration for Canadian Entities signed by an officer or partner of the DTC participant, and sealed with DTC participant seal (Medallion or other).

This summary page template should be used solely for Canadian Pension Funds.

At the End of your Canadian Pension Fund List, a **summary page** with French and English captions showing:

Name of French Issuer: Sanofi-Aventis Ordinary Payment Date: 07, June 2007

DTC participant Name & Number: _____ Page No. _____

NOMBRE D'ACTIONNAIRES CONCERNES:

Number of beneficial owners listed on this list:

NOMBRE TOTAL DE COUPONS PAYES A CES ACTIONNAIRES:

Total number of ordinary shares listed on this list (Total of Col. 4):

Total number of ADRs listed on this list (Total of Col. 3):

MONTANT TOTAL DES DIVIDENDES AVANT ET APRES RETENUE A LA SOURCE:

Total amount of dividends allocable to these beneficial owners at 100% (Total of Col. 5):

This summary page must be attached to your Canadian Pension Fund list.

Attach to your Canadian Pension Fund List:

- Appendix D (Annex IV of the French regulation) declaration for Canadian Entities signed by an officer or partner of the DTC participant, and sealed by DTC participant seal (Medallion or other).
- Appendices E1 or E2 (Canadian Pension Fund attestation) should be submitted per beneficial owner, and must be certified by Revenue Canada. The French versions are preferred.

APPENDIX C1 : ANNEXE III Attestation

A produire par l'établissement financier qui gère aux Etats-Unis le compte titre du non-résident et qui souhaite être dispensé de la présentation d'un formulaire 5052 RF 1 - EU par bénéficiaire (1)

En vue de la réduction de l'impôt français sur les dividendes, conformément à la convention fiscale du 31 août 1994 entre la France et les Etats-Unis et l'instruction administrative du 14 février 2005 :

Je, soussigné _____
_____ (nom et adresse), agissant en qualité de gestionnaire à l'étranger de comptes titres ouverts au nom de résidents des Etats-Unis, demande le bénéfice de la procédure simplifiée prévue par l'instruction administrative 14 février 2005 pour l'application aux actionnaires qui sont des résidents des Etats-Unis des avantages prévus par la convention en ce qui concerne les dividendes payés par la ou les sociétés française _____ (nom de la ou des sociétés distributrices), le _____ (préciser l'année de mise en paiement).

- Je déclare, en ce qui concerne les fonds de pension ou l'organisme charitable, qu'au vu de l'attestation reçue par chacun d'eux et transmise à l'administration fiscale française par l'intermédiaire de l'établissement payeur en France, chacun des organismes mentionnés sur la liste ci-jointe a été créé et fonctionne conformément aux dispositions des sections 401 (a) ou 401 (b) ou 403 (b) ou 457 ou 501 (c) 3 du code fédéral des impôts américain(2) ;
- Je déclare, en ce qui concerne les « Regulated Investment Companies », « Real Estate Investment Trusts » et « Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits » que chacun des bénéficiaires mentionnés sur la liste ci-jointe remplit les conditions prévues au paragraphe 2 b) iii de l'article 4 de la convention fiscale franco-américaine du 31 août 1994 et que j'ai joint à cette liste _____ (indiquer le nombre) attestations de l'administration fiscale américaine de la qualité de RIC, REIT et REMIC des bénéficiaires/la liste des RIC, REIT et REMIC établie par l'administration fiscale américaine(2) ;
- Je déclare, qu'à ma connaissance, chaque actionnaire (autre qu'un fonds de pension, organisme charitable, RIC, REIT ou REMIC) mentionné sur la liste ci-jointe, est un résident des Etats-Unis et que les mentions portées sur cette liste sont exactes (2).

J'atteste qu'à ma connaissance, toutes les personnes ci-dessus satisfont à l'ensemble des conditions requises pour bénéficier des avantages qu'elles demandent (et notamment ne possèdent pas en France un établissement stable ou une base fixe auxquels se rattache effectivement la participation génératrice des dividendes) et je déclare avoir fait toute diligences pour m'assurer de l'exactitude des informations que ces personnes m'ont communiquées à ce sujet ; au cas ou néanmoins je viendrais à apprendre que certaines d'entre elles ont bénéficié d'un avantage indu, je m'engage à en informer spontanément l'administration fiscale française et l'établissement payeur en France ;

Je m'engage par ailleurs solidairement avec cet établissement payeur à restituer au Trésor français, soit spontanément, soit sur demande de l'administration fiscale française, tout montant correspondant à un avantage dont une personne aurait bénéficié indûment.

Fait à _____ le _____

(cachet) (nom et qualité du signataire)

- (1) Produire l'imprimé dans la langue de votre choix.
- (2) Cocher la case adéquate.

APPENDIX C2 : ANNEX III Certificate

To be produced by financial institutions managing a non-resident's securities account in the United States that wish to be exempted from filing a 5052 RF 1 – EU form for each beneficiary (1)

For the purpose of the reduction of French dividend tax granted under the tax treaty of 31 August 1994 between France and the United States and Administrative Instruction of 14 February 2005:

I, the undersigned, _____ (name and address), acting in my capacity as the foreign manager of securities accounts held residents of the United States, hereby request that the simplified procedure stipulated in the Administrative Instruction of 14 February 2005 be applied to grant shareholders residing in the United States the advantages stipulated in the tax treaty with regard to dividends paid by the French company(ies) _____ (name (s) of the company (ies)), in _____ (year in which dividends are paid).

- I hereby declare that each of the pension funds and charitable organisations on this list, according to the certificates received by each and transmitted to the French tax administration through the paying institution in France, was created and operates in compliance with the provisions of Sections 401 (a) or 401 (b) or 403 (b) or 457 or 501 (c) 3 of the American Federal Tax Code(2);
- I hereby declare that each of the Regulated Investment Companies, Real Estate Investment Trusts and Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits on this list complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 2 b) iii of Article 4 of the tax treaty of 31 August 1994 between France and the United States and that I have appended to this list _____ (specify the number) certificates from the American tax administration certifying the RIC, REIT or REMIC status of the beneficiaries/the list of RICs, REITs or REMICs drawn up by the American tax administration(2);
- I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, each shareholder (other than pension funds, charitable organisation, RICs, REITs or REMICs) on this list is a resident of the United States and that the information provided in this list is accurate(2). I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the persons listed above comply with all of the requirements for obtaining the advantages being requested (and more specifically, they do not have a permanent establishment or fixed base in France to which the equity shares generating the dividends belong) and

I hereby declare that I have undertaken all due diligence to make sure that the information that these persons have given me on this subject is accurate; in the event I should learn that any of them have benefited from an improper advantage,

I hereby undertake to inform the French tax administration and the paying institution of my own accord. I also hereby commit myself jointly and severally with the paying institution to compensating the French Treasury, of my own accord or at the request of the French tax administration, for the amounts corresponding to any advantage improperly obtained.

Done at _____ on _____

(seal) (name and title of signatory)

- (1) Fill in the form in the language of your choice.
- (2) Check the appropriate box.

APPENDIX D1 : ANNEXE IV Attestation

A produire par la personne qui gère à l'étranger le compte titre du non-résident (1)

En vue de la réduction de l'impôt français sur les dividendes, conformément à la convention fiscale entre la France
et _____ :

Je, soussigné _____
_____ (nom et adresse), agissant en qualité de
gestionnaire hors de France de comptes titres ouverts au nom de residents de _____ ,
demande le bénéfice de la procédure simplifiée prévue par l'instruction administrative du 14 Février 2005 pour
l'application aux actionnaires qui sont des residents de _____ des avantages
prévus par la convention fiscale précitée en ce qui concerne les dividendes payés par la ou les sociétés françaises
_____ (nom de la ou des sociétés distributrices), le
_____ (préciser l'année de mise en paiement).

Je déclare avoir reçu pour chaque bénéficiaire des dividendes mentionnés sur la liste ci-jointe, l'original des
attestations requises dûment complétées et avoir joint à cette liste les attestations/une copie conforme des attestations (2),
soit un total de _____ attestations/copies (indiquer le nombre d'attestations ou de copies d'attestations
jointes) ;

Au cas où une des personnes mentionnées sur la liste bénéficierait d'un avantage indu, je m'engage
solidairement avec l'établissement payeur en France, à restituer les montants en cause au Trésor français, soit
spontanément, si je venais à en avoir connaissance, soit sur demande de l'administration fiscale française.

Fait à _____ le _____

(cachet) (nom et qualité du signataire)

(1) Produire l'imprimé dans la langue de votre choix.

(2) Rayer la mention inutile.

APPENDIX D2 : ANNEX IV Certification

To be produced by the person in a foreign country Managing a non-resident's securities account (1)

For the purpose of the reduction of French dividend tax granted under the tax treaty between France and

_____:

I, the undersigned, _____

_____ (name and address),

acting in my capacity as the manager outside of France of securities accounts held by residents of

_____, hereby request that the simplified procedure stipulated by the

Administrative Instruction of 14 February 2005 be applied to grant shareholders residing in _____

the advantages stipulated in the above mentioned tax treaty with regard to dividends paid by the French

company(ies) _____

(name (s) of the company (ies)), in _____ (year in which dividends are paid).

I hereby declare that I have received from each shareholder receiving the dividends on this list, the original certificates required, duly completed, and have appended the certificates/certified copies of the certificates (2), making a total of _____ certificates/copies (**specify the number of certificates or copies of certificates appended**);

In the event that any of the persons on the list were to receive an advantage improperly, I hereby commit myself jointly and severally with the paying institution in France to compensating the French Treasury for the amounts in question, of my own accord if I discover improperly obtained advantages, or at the request of the French tax administration.

Done at _____ on _____

(seal) (name and title of signatory)

(1) Fill in the form in the language of your choice.

(2) Check the appropriate box.

APPENDIX E1 : ANNEXE I (Canadian Pensions)

Attestation à produire par les organismes canadiens visés à l'article 29, paragraphe 7, alinéa b

En vue de l'exonération de l'impôt français sur les dividendes de source française payés à ces organismes gérés exclusivement au Canada aux fins d'administrer des fonds ou de verser des prestations en vertu d'un ou de plusieurs régimes de pension ou de retraite et qui y sont exonérés d'impôt, conformément à la convention fiscale entre la France et le Canada du 2 mai 1975 telle que modifiée par l'avenant du 30 novembre 1995.

Le soussigné.....
.....(nom et adresse du fiduciaire / administrateur) certifie que
l'organisme.....
.....(dénomination et adresse) a été constitué au
Canada le....., est établi au Canada et est

(a) (a) une fiducie régie par un régime de pension agréé canadien (RPA) ou une société de gestion d'un RPA dont :

- le numéro d'agrément du régime est; et
- le numéro de compte de la fiducie ou de la société de gestion est, ou

le soussigné.....
(nom et adresse du fiduciaire/administrateur de la société de fiducie) certifie que l'organisme
.....(dénomination et adresse) a
été constitué au Canada le....., est établi au Canada et est (ou les organismes
sont)

(b) (b) un ou des régimes enregistrés d'épargne-retraite pour lequel la société de fiducie est l'émetteur du ou des régimes , et :

- le numéro d'identification du modèle de régime est; et
- le numéro de compte de la société de fiducie est, ou

(c) (c) un ou des fonds enregistrés de revenu de retraite pour lequel la société de fiducie est l'émetteur du ou des fonds et :

- le numéro d'identification du modèle de fonds est, et
- le numéro de compte de la société de fiducie est,

qui remplit les conditions prévues à l'alinéa b, i, ii et iii du paragraphe 7 de l'article 29 de la convention fiscale franco-canadienne pour bénéficier de l'exonération de l'impôt français prélevé par voie de retenue à la source sur ces dividendes.

Le soussigné s'engage à restituer au Trésor français, spontanément ou sur demande de l'administration fiscale française, tout montant correspondant à un avantage dont l'organisme aurait bénéficié indûment.

Lieu et date

Signature d'un agent autorisé du fiduciaire, de la société de gestion ou de la société de fiducie

Attestation des autorités fiscales de l'état de résidence du bénéficiaire

Le soussigné atteste que les renseignements fournis par le requérant dans la présente demande sont, à sa connaissance, exacts, à l'exception de la conformité aux conditions prévues à l'alinéa b, ii et iii du paragraphe 7 de l'article 29 de la convention qui n'a pas été vérifiée.

Lieu et date

Signature de la personne autorisée des autorités fiscales Canadiennes

APPENDIX E2 : ANNEX II (Canadian Pensions)
Statement to be completed by Canadian organizations contemplated in article 29,
paragraph 7, subparagraph b

For the exemption of French tax on French dividends paid to these organizations operated in Canada exclusively to administer or provide benefits from one or more pension or retirement plans and that are exempt from tax, in accordance with the France-Canada Tax Convention of May 2, 1975, as amended by the Protocol dated November 30, 1995.

The undersigned.....
..... (name and address of trustee/administrator) hereby certifies that the organization
.....(name and address) constituted in Canada
the....., established in Canada and is:

(a) a trust governed by a Canadian registered pension plan (RPP) or a pension corporation whose

- plan registration number is....., and
- the account number of the trust or pension corporation is.....; or

the undersigned..... (name and
address of trustee/administrator of the corporate trustee) hereby certifies that the organization
.....(name and address) constituted in Canada the
....., established in Canada and is (or the organizations are)

(b) a registered retirement savings plan(s) for which the corporate trustee is the issuer of the
plan(s) and

- the specimen plan identification number is....., and
- the account number of the corporate trustee is.....; or

(c) a registered retirement income fund(s) for which the corporate trustee is the issuer of the fund(s)
and

- the specimen fund identification number is, and
- the account number of the corporate trustee is

which satisfies the conditions set out in subparagraph b, i, ii, and iii, of paragraph 7 of article 29 of the France-Canada Tax Convention in order to be exempted from French tax levied by withholding tax dividends.

The undersigned agrees to restore to the French treasury, spontaneously or at the request of the French tax authorities, any amount corresponding to a benefit the organization has unduly received.

Location and date

Signature of an officer authorized by the trustee, the
pension corporation, or the corporate trustee

Statement of the tax authorities of the recipient's receiving State

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information provided by the applicant in this application is, to the best of his/her knowledge, accurate, except the compliance with the conditions set out in subparagraph b, ii and iii of paragraph 7 of article 29 which was not verified.

Location and date

Signature of the person authorized by the Canadian tax
authorities

Appendix F

File Layout – Beneficial Owner Detail File

| SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE -- ASCII or EXCEL FILE | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------|----------------------|---------|------|--|
| BENEFICIAL OWNER DETAIL FILE | | | | | | |
| DATA FORMAT COMPULSORY | | | | | | |
| N° | NARRATIVE | TYPE | NUMBER OF CHARACTERS | DECIMAL | DATA | COMMENTS |
| 1 | SECURITY IDENTIFICATION ISIN # | A/N | 12 | N | Y | ISIN # FOR THE ORDINARY SHARES |
| 2 | NAME OF SECURITY | A/N | 30 | N | Y | |
| 3 | DUE DATE | N | 8 | N | Y | DDMMYYYY |
| 4 | DTC NUMBER | N | 4 | N | Y | |
| 5 | BENEFICIARY NAME | A/N | 50 | N | Y | |
| 6 | TAX_ID | A/N | 15 | N | Y | TAX ID OF THE BENEFICIARY |
| 7 | ADR_QTY | N | 12 | N | Y | QUANTITY OF ADR |
| 8 | ORD_QTY | N | 12 | 2 | Y | QUANTITY OF ORDINARY SHARES, QUANTITY IN FIELD 7 X ADR RATIO WHICH WILL BE SUPPLIED BY ADR DEPOSITARY BANK AND FURNISHED BY DTC |
| 9 | ID_CTRY | A/N | 2 | N | Y | COUNTRY IDENTIFIER (US) |
| 10 | ADRESS LINE 1 | A/N | 32 | N | Y | |
| 11 | ADRESS LINE 2 | A/N | 32 | N | Y | |
| 12 | ADRESS LINE 3 | A/N | 32 | N | Y | |
| 13 | ADRESS LINE 4 | A/N | 32 | N | Y | |
| 14 | ADRESS LINE 5 | A/N | 32 | N | Y | |
| 15 | STATUS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER | A/N | 1 | N | Y | A = INDIVIDUALS B = MUTUAL FUNDS / UNIT TRUSTS C = PENSION FUNDS K = FOUNDATIONS / CHARITIES E = CORPORATIONS, RICS, REITS, & REMICS |

ADR File Example (Excel)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| SECURITY IDENTIFICATION ISIN # | NAME OF SECURITY | DUE DATE | DTC NUMBER | BENEFICIARY NAME | TAX_ID | ADR_QTY | ORD_QTY |
| FR0000120578 | SANOFI-AVENTIS | 07062007 | 2504 | John Doe | 122413689 | 2500 | 1250 |
| FR0000120578 | SANOFI-AVENTIS | 07062007 | 2504 | Eric Smith | 142514258 | 2500 | 1250 |

| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| ID_CTRY | ADDRESS LINE 1 | ADDRESS LINE 2 | ADDRESS LINE 3 | ADDRESS LINE 4 | ADDRESS LINE 5 | STATUS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER |
| US | 125 Any Street | New York | NY | 10002 | BOX 882 | A |
| US | 800 Abbey Road | New York | NY | 10002 | BOX 992 | A |

| STATUS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER CODES | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A | INDIVIDUALS |
| B | MUTUAL FUNDS / UNIT TRUST |
| C | PENSION FUNDS |
| K | FOUNDATIONS / CHARITIES |
| E | CORPORATIONS, RICS, REITS, & REMICS |

Rules to be applied when creating an ADR file

1. Files may be either ASCII (plain text), or Excel files indistinctly. The choice is completely at the discretion of the user. However, the Excel format is likely to be easier for the user to create and manipulate.
2. The order of fields (columns) must be strictly respected in both ASCII and Excel files, as specified in the document describing the structure (ADR_File_Example).
3. All the fields (columns) must have data in every line. All data is mandatory and cannot be omitted.
4. Numeric values in both ASCII and Excel files should not contain any commas, semicolons, or blanks.
5. The DUE DATE field must have the form DDMMYYYY (e.g. 07062007 for June 7, 2007). It is considered to be a text value, and not an integer number. Consequently, a number or date format in the Excel file should not be applied to this column.
6. In ASCII (plain text) format, if the value of a field is shorter than the maximum length specified for it, the value must be padded with blanks at its right, to obtain the maximum length specified. For example, if the value of ADD1 is “800, Abbey Road” (15 characters), it should be padded with 17 blanks the end: “800, Abbey Road ”, in order to obtain the specified length of 32 characters. This rule does not apply to Excel files. Never use the tab key to obtain blanks!
7. In Excel format, only the maximum length of the fields should be respected. Thus, the value of ADR1 “800, Abbey Road” (15 characters) is valid; “1964, Penny Lane, Home of the Rising Sun” is not, as its length (40 characters) is greater than 32 – the maximum length allowed for this field.
8. In Excel format, the use of the semicolon (;) is prohibited.

The rules above should be scrupulously respected, in order to assure rapid and efficient integration of the provided files.

COVER LETTER REQUIRED FOR FRENCH LONG-FORM TAX RECLAIM FILINGS

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON THE DTC PARTICIPANT'S LETTERHEAD

[DATE]

The Bank of New York
c/o Globe Tax Services, Inc.
90 Broad Street - 8th Floor
New York, NY 10004 - 2205
Attn: Depository Services - France

Enclosed please find withholding tax reclamation documents which we have submitted on behalf of our client (s) who have had excess tax withheld on French ADRs. We, (**DTC Participant**), also identified as DTC participant number (**xxx**), hereby state that each beneficial owner cited below held the respective amount of shares on the record date of **June 6, 2007** for the security **SANOFI-AVENTIS**.

Below is the list of beneficial owners and their holdings, which total **[TOTAL NUMBER OF ADRs CITED BELOW]** ADRs. As required, French Tax Form and a certification of residency document (Form 6166 for US residents) if applicable are enclosed. The ratio is **2** ADRs to 1 Ordinary. The information is as follows:

| <u>Name & Address</u> <u>of beneficial owner</u> | <u>Type of Account</u> | <u>Taxpayer i.d. #</u> | <u># ADRs held</u> | <u># Ordinary Shares</u> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. etc. | | | | |

We ask that The Bank of New York, as Depository, validate these excess withholding tax refund requests for the above-mentioned beneficial owner(s). Please contact the undersigned at **[SIGNATORY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER]** should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature of authorized DTC participant signatory]
[NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED DTC PARTICIPANT SIGNATORY]

PAYMENT ADDRESS: _____

Indemnification

Participants will be fully liable for all withholding taxes and any claims, penalties or interest to the French Tax Authority, including without limitation, any foreign exchange fluctuations associated with such funds at the time due or payable. The Bank of New York shall not be liable for the failure to secure any refund.