

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name RUSSELL INVESTMENTS INCOME ESSENTIALS		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) FOREIGNUS	
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8 Date of action SEE BELOW		9 Classification and description PAID A "RETURN OF CAPITAL" DISTRIBUTION	
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ _____

RETURN OF CAPITAL AS PART OF DISTRIBUTIONS THAT OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE 2017 TAXABLE YEAR

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ _____

THE ADJUSTMENT TO A UNITHOLDER'S COST BASIS IS AS FOLLOWS:

SERIES B: \$0.00000 PER UNIT	SERIES F-5: \$0.00000 PER UNIT
SERIES B-5: \$0.00000 PER UNIT	SERIES F-6: \$0.59843 PER UNIT
SERIES B-6: \$1.03461 PER UNIT	SERIES F-7: \$1.10284 PER UNIT
SERIES B-7: \$1.39041 PER UNIT	SERIES O: \$0.00000 PER UNIT
SERIES E: \$0.00000 PER UNIT	SERIES O-7: \$0.86273 PER UNIT
SERIES E-5: \$0.27797 PER UNIT	
SERIES E-7: \$1.34627 PER UNIT	
SERIES F: \$0.00000 PER UNIT	

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ **N/A**

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ IRC SECTIONS 301(c)(2), 312 AND 316

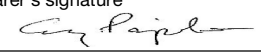
18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ N/A

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ N/A

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
Signature ▶  Date ▶ 5/11/2018

Print your name ▶ DAVID STEELE Title ▶ PRESIDENT

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