

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name Deutsche Communications Fund		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) 52-1319644	
3 Name of contact for additional information Paul Antosca	4 Telephone No. of contact 617-295-3490	5 Email address of contact paul.antosca@db.com	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact One Beacon Street, 11th Floor		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact Boston, MA 02108	
8 Date of action See Attachment		9 Classification and description Non-Taxable Return of Capital Distribution	
10 CUSIP number See Attachment	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol See Attachment	13 Account number(s)

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 ▶ Deutsche Communications Fund distributed dividends to shareholders during its fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. A portion of these distributions was in excess of its current and accumulated earnings and profits (E&P). The affected distributions were paid to shareholders from 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016 as shown in the attachment.

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 portion of the distribution which is a nontaxable return of capital should reduce the basis of the shares in the hands of a US taxpayer to the extent of the shareholders' adjusted basis. To the extent the return of capital exceeds the shareholders' adjusted basis, the distribution will be taxed as a capital gain to the shareholder. See the attachment for applicable per share amounts.

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 ▶ At the close of the Fund's fiscal year on 12/31/2016, the Fund's current & accumulated E&P was calculated under IRC Section 312 as modified by Sec. 852(c) for a Regulated Investment Company (RIC). The amount of E&P was compared to the amount of the Fund's fiscal year distributions to shareholders. Distributions in excess of E&P were recharacterized as return of capital and should be applied as a reduction in each shareholder's tax basis in the applicable shares. (See Attachment.)

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 Sec. 301(c)(2) - Basis reduction for distributions in excess of Earnings & Profits.
IRC Sec. 316(a) - Rule for allocation of distributions in excess of Earnings & Profits for a calendar year RIC.

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ No.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ This action is effective on the distribution date listed in the Attachment.

Sign Here

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.

Signature ▶ Paul Antosca Date ▶ 2/24/17

Print your name ▶ Paul Antosca Title ▶ Assistant Treasurer

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	Firm's name ▶				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶				Phone no.

Send Form 8937 (including accompanying statements) to: Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Ogden, UT 84201-0054

Deutsche Communications Fund

EIN # 52-1319644

Attachment to Form 990

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Part I, Boxes 10 & 12
Part II, Questions 14, 15 & 16

Fund Name	NASDAQ Symbol	Cusip	Record Date	Ex-Date	Payable Date	Total Distribution per Share	Non-Taxable Return of Capital Per Share	Taxable Dividend Per Share
Deutsche Communications Fund - Class A	TISHX	25159L729	03/22/2016	03/23/2016	03/24/2016	0.0721	0.0310	0.0411
Deutsche Communications Fund - Class C	FTICX	25159L695	03/22/2016	03/23/2016	03/24/2016	0.0721	0.0310	0.0411
Deutsche Communications Fund - Class INST	FLICX	25159L687	03/22/2016	03/23/2016	03/24/2016	0.0721	0.0310	0.0411
Deutsche Communications Fund - Class A	TISHX	25159L729	12/16/2016	12/19/2016	12/20/2016	1.0137	0.4353	0.5784
Deutsche Communications Fund - Class C	FTICX	25159L695	12/16/2016	12/19/2016	12/20/2016	0.7457	0.3202	0.4255
Deutsche Communications Fund - Class INST	FLICX	25159L687	12/16/2016	12/19/2016	12/20/2016	1.1041	0.4741	0.6300