

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name Morgan Stanley Mortgage Securities Trust		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) 13-3379179	
3 Name of contact for additional information Michael Conklin	4 Telephone No. of contact 312-706-4706	5 Email address of contact msiptax.req@morganstanley.com	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact c/o Morgan Stanley Tax, 440 S. Lasalle Street, 39th Floor		7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact Chicago, IL, 60605	
8 Date of action See Item 14 Below		9 Classification and description COMMON STOCK DIVIDENDS	
10 CUSIP number 616962106	11 Serial number(s) N/A	12 Ticker symbol MTGAX	13 Account number(s) 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 ▶ **The Issuer paid monthly distributions to common stock shareholders during fiscal year-end October 31, 2017.**
All or part of such distributions constitute a non-taxable return of capital.

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 quantitative effect of the distributions reported as a return of capital on a per share basis are set forth in the table below:

Record Date	Payment Date	Distribution Per Share	Return of Capital	Record Date	Payment Date	Distribution Per Share	Return of Capital
01/27/2017	01/27/2017	0.02355728	0.00216850	09/27/2017	09/27/2017	0.02300489	0.00682398
02/24/2017	02/24/2017	0.02638891	0.00279447	10/27/2017	10/27/2017	0.02219392	0.00721657
03/29/2017	03/29/2017	0.02909757	0.00341964				
04/26/2017	04/26/2017	0.02334544	0.00394876				
05/26/2017	05/26/2017	0.02432077	0.00455332				
06/28/2017	06/28/2017	0.02670556	0.00535147				
07/27/2017	07/27/2017	0.02209579	0.00582797				
08/29/2017	08/29/2017	0.02551177	0.00635308				

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 ▶ **Issuer's current and accumulated earnings were compared to distributions paid during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017. The non-taxable return of capital represents the amount of distributions paid during the taxable fiscal year ended October 31, 2017 in excess of issuer's current and accumulated earnings and profits under IRC Section 316.**

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

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

Multiple horizontal lines for listing applicable Internal Revenue Code sections and subsections.

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ Not applicable.

Multiple horizontal lines for providing information regarding loss recognition.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ The reportable year is fiscal year ending October 31, 2017

Multiple horizontal lines for providing other necessary information for the adjustment.

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 ▶ *Michael Conklin* Date ▶ 8/13/18

Print your name ▶ Michael Conklin

Title ▶ Assistant Treasurer

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