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Americas Tax Roundup

Latest news – Americas

Uruguay introduces zero VAT rate on hotel-related services to resident tourists for the summer season Uruguay's Law No. 20,239, enacted on 28 December 2023, establishes that lodging-related services rendered to resident tourists will be subject to a 0% VAT rate (treatment that already applies for nonresidents) from 15 December 2023 until 31 March 2024, provided certain conditions are met.

USCIS to enable online collaboration and submission of H-1B registrations through organizational accounts

On 12 January 2024, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the upcoming release of enhanced organizational accounts and online filing of fiscal year 2025 H-1B petitions as well as non-cap filings. This modernization to the H-1B registration and filing process seeks to increase efficiency and collaboration between US companies employing temporary foreign workers and their legal representatives, while streamlining filing processes.

The Latest on BEPS and Beyond | January 2024

EY's Latest on BEPS and Beyond (January 2024 edition) is now available. Highlights in this edition include (1) OECD releases working paper on the economic impact of the global minimum tax; (2) OECD releases fifth edition of Corporate Tax Statistics publication; and (3) Barbados releases draft legislation on Pillar Two.

Global Tax Policy and Controversy Watch | January 2024 edition

EY's publication, Global Tax Policy and Controversy Watch, highlights recent policy and administrative developments around the world. This month's publication highlights (1) OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework release of additional Administrative Guidance on Pillar Two GloBE Rules and update on Pillar One Amount A timeline; (2) country activity on digital services taxes; and (3) tax legislation in various countries.

This week's tax treaty news in the Americas

Colombia and Switzerland: intention to start negotiations for a social security agreement expressed

Upcoming webcasts

Spotlight on BEPS 2.0: Developments and practical implications for US MNEs (24 January)

Jurisdictions are enacting and proposing legislation implementing the OECD BEPS 2.0 Pillar Two rules. Join Pillar Two subject-matter professionals for an action-oriented panel discussion, moderated by EY's Jose Murillo, National Tax Department Leader and former US Department of the Treasury Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Tax Affairs). Topics to be covered include: (i) Recent BEPS 2.0 activity around the globe; and (ii) US Congressional response to BEPS 2.0.



BorderCrossings ... with EY transfer pricing and tax professionals (25 January)

During this webcast, part of an ongoing monthly series, EY transfer pricing and tax professionals will help you stay informed and able to adopt a more proactive stance in developing and defending your transfer pricing policies and practices.

BEPS 2.0 and Pillar Two implementation developments (31 January)

In this webcast, panelists discuss recent Inclusive Framework activity on Pillars One and Two, widespread country implementation of Pillar Two rules and how companies are responding.

International tax talk quarterly series with the EY Global Tax Desk Network (13 February)

In this webcast, panelists discuss developments affecting cross-border intercompany cash repatriation and financing.

Recently issued EY podcasts

EY Podcast: weekly US international cross-border taxation news for week ending 19 January 2024 EY's weekly US Cross-border Taxation podcast reviews the week's US international tax-related developments. Highlights this week include:

- House and Senate tax writers release \$78 billion tax package
- Congress passes CR to fund the government
- IRS announces cryptocurrency transactions do not have to be reported until regulations issued

You can register for this weekly podcast on iTunes here.

This week's EY Global Tax Alerts

Americas Tax Alerts

Report on recent US international tax developments – 19 January 2024

Other Global Tax Alerts

- Germany and Luxembourg announce transitional rules for digital platform reporting obligations under DAC7; other countries retain 31 January 2024 reporting deadline
- South Sudan enacts Financial Act 2023/2024

Human Capital Alerts

- China Mainland simplifies immigration requirements for certain travelers
- Finland announces new salary requirement for residence permits for persons employed as a specialist
- Finland border crossing points with Russia to remain closed until 11 February 2024
- > Japan implements temporary exemptions and relaxations for residents following the Noto earthquake
- Kenya eliminates entry visa requirement, implements Electronic Travel Authorization
- Swedish Migration Court of Appeal issues decision relaxing requirements for individuals who apply for permanent residence permits
- UK issues new guidance regarding late EU Settled Status applications from permanent residence card holders
- USCIS to enable online collaboration and submission of H-1B registrations through organizational accounts



Indirect Tax Alerts

- Kenyan High Court again holds interchange fees are exempt from VAT
- Netherlands revises Decree on VAT treatment of immovable property
- Uruguay introduces zero VAT rate on hotel-related services to resident tourists for the summer season

EY Industry and Tax Services publications

Industries

Consumer Products & Retail

Podcast: How are consumers reacting to the impact of cost and climate?

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