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Americas Tax Roundup

Latest news – Americas

[COVID-19 relief measures continue throughout Americas](#)

Jurisdictions throughout the region continue to announce new and expanded measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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[Argentine Congress approves bill establishing new tax settlement plan](#)
Argentina's Congress has approved a bill that would establish a new tax settlement plan for individuals and companies doing business in Argentina. Taxpayers should review the bill's provisions and determine whether they might benefit. After the bill is published in the Official Gazette, the Executive Power and tax authorities are expected to release regulations with further clarifications and procedures to implement the bill's provisions.

[Ecuadorian executive decree requiring estimated income tax payments for fiscal year 2020 unconstitutional](#)

The Ecuadorian Constitutional Court has declared unconstitutional an executive decree that had established a requirement for certain taxpayers to make estimated tax payments in advance for fiscal year 2020 to assist with COVID-19 relief efforts. The estimated income taxes would have been due by 14 August 2020, but after the court's declaration, the obligation is considered nonexistent. Remedies are available for taxpayers that paid estimated income tax prior to the court's declaration.

[Panama's National Assembly approves bill creating 'EMMA' special regime for manufacturing services](#)

The National Assembly of Panama has approved a bill establishing the "Special Regime for the Establishment and Operation of Multinational Enterprises that Render Manufacturing Services" (EMMA, for its Spanish acronym). The EMMA regime seeks to promote foreign investment, create new job opportunities for both locals and foreigners and contribute to the transfer of technological knowledge in Panama. Entities under the EMMA regime will have various tax, customs, labor and immigration benefits.

[Peru simplifies procedure for foreign tourists to claim a VAT refund](#)

Peru has simplified the procedure for foreign tourists to claim a value-added tax (VAT) refund. The simplified procedure allows collaborating entities authorized by the Peruvian tax authority to issue VAT refunds to tourists.

[USTR announces modifications to tariffs on EU goods under Section 301](#)

The US Trade Representative has announced modifications regarding punitive tariffs taken against the UK and EU. The modifications are scheduled to go into effect 1 September 2020. Companies importing goods from the EU/UK currently subject to punitive tariffs should consider the business impact and explore duty mitigation options.



[US 'Post-2020 tax policy possibilities' – EY article analyzes how 2020 US election could change course of tax policy](#)

The US 2020 presidential election season has been anything but typical, with the unprecedented circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic and a focus on racial injustice. Mainstay election issues of the economy and health care are being viewed through the lens of crisis. An article from EY's Washington Council Ernst & Young LLP discusses how tax and economic policy may be addressed if Democrats are in control in 2021.

This week's tax treaty news in the Americas

- ▶ [Chile and Ecuador: free trade agreement signed](#)
- ▶ [Jamaica and Japan: tax treaty enters into force 16 September 2020](#)

Upcoming webcasts

[Supply chain resilience: a tax perspective \(27 August\)](#)

Companies are responding to recent disruptions by reevaluating their global supply chains with a view toward greater diversity of manufacturing, shared services and hub company locations. On this webcast, a cross-discipline panel will discuss supply chain resilience from various tax perspectives, including tax policy, indirect and income tax.

Recently issued EY podcasts

[US Cross-Border Taxation weekly podcast, 21 August 2020](#)

EY's weekly US Cross-border Taxation podcast reviews the week's US international tax-related developments. Highlights this week include: US Senate Republicans reportedly planned limited coronavirus aid package not yet released; IRS Large Business and International division gearing up for major increase in refund claims through Form 1120-X as result of coronavirus aid legislation.

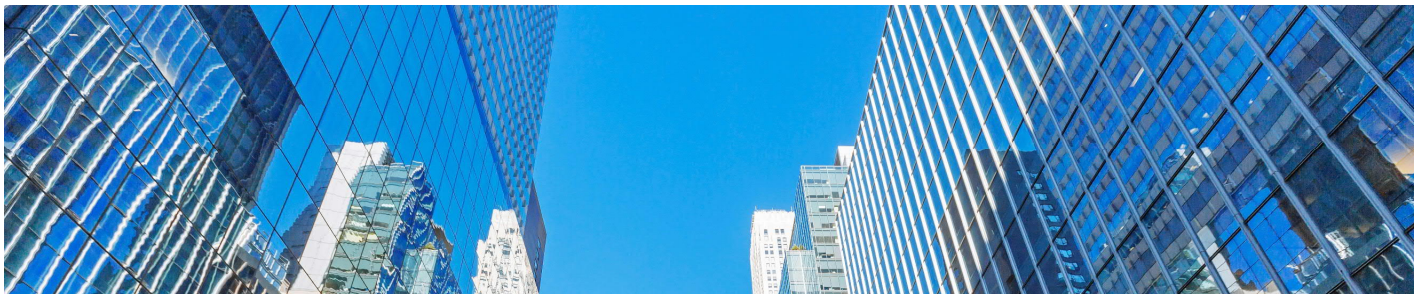
This week's EY Global Tax Alerts

[COVID-19 | Key Alerts and other resources from EY's Global Tax](#)

Global Tax Alerts were issued this week with updated COVID-19 news, covering the following jurisdictions: Ecuador. Access the Alerts and other COVID-19 related materials [here](#).

Additional Global Tax Alerts

- ▶ [Report on recent US international tax developments – 21 August 2020](#)
- ▶ [Argentine Congress approves bill establishing new tax settlement plan](#)
- ▶ [Kenya deposits its instrument of ratification of the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters with the OECD](#)
- ▶ [Panama's National Assembly approves bill creating "EMMA" special regime for manufacturing services](#)
- ▶ [Kenya amends recently gazetted DTA with Mauritius](#)
- ▶ [Ecuadorian Constitutional Court declares unconstitutional executive decree requiring estimated income tax payments for fiscal year 2020](#)



Transfer Pricing Alerts

- ▶ [Australian Taxation Office issues compliance guidelines for outbound interest-free related party loans](#)

Indirect Alerts

- ▶ [Peru simplifies procedure for foreign tourists to claim a VAT refund](#)
- ▶ [Rwanda announces requirements for VAT exemption applications on imported machinery, capital goods and raw materials](#)

EY Industry and Tax Services publications

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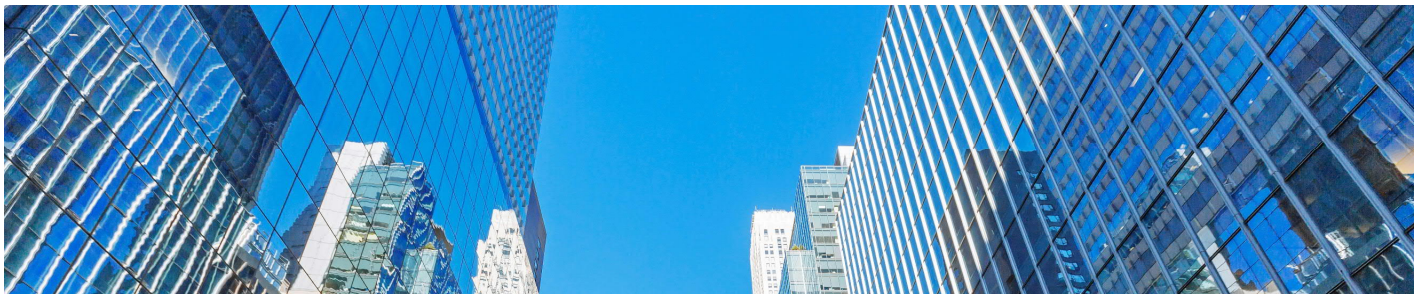
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