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Bahrain

Multilateral Convention (MLI) update

On 4 April 2022 and 5 May 2022 respectively, the German and the Spanish governments published notices which, among other things, specified that the MLI will enter into force for Bahrain on 1 June 2022.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) receives public comments on Pillar One

In line with the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS to implement the Two Pillar solution to address tax challenges arising from digitalization of the economy, the OECD had previously sought public comments on the Draft Model Rules for Domestic Legislation on Scope under Amount A of Pillar One. The OECD has now received and published the public comments on the Extractives Exclusion under Pillar One Amount A.

Click [here](#) to access the public comments.

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism (MoICT) extends Economic Substance (ES) return deadline for certain entities

For entities who did not have their financial statements for FY 2021 audited by 31 March 2022, the MoICT has extended the deadline for ES return submission to mid-August 2022. Further, entities who have submitted their ES returns based on unaudited financial statements may be required to resubmit their ES return based on their audited financial statements.

Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) releases statistical bulletin as of March 2022

The CBB has released its statistical bulletin as of March 2022 which includes the annual change in money supply, public debt instruments, local non-bank deposits etc.

Click [here](#) to access the statistical bulletin released by the CBB.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) issues simplified guide on Zakat treatment of debts

ZATCA has recently issued a simplified guide on Zakat treatment of debts which explains different types of debts.

Click [here](#) to access the simplified guide

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Ministry of Finance (MoF) launches Federal Corporate Income Tax (CIT) public consultation

The UAE MoF has launched a digital public consultation on the CIT proposed to be introduced in the UAE for financial years beginning on or after 1 June 2023. The public consultation document includes significantly more detail than the FAQs. However, the document does not reflect the final view of the UAE government.

Businesses across sectors as well as individuals are sharing their feedback on the proposed CIT regime, which will be carefully considered by the MoF while finalizing the legislation.

Click [here](#) to read the MoF's public consultation document.

UAE and Turkey discuss Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

UAE and Turkey have officially launched discussions on a CEPA to enhance bilateral trade ties by reducing tariffs, promoting free movement of goods, facilitating capital flows and reducing trade barriers.

Czech Republic and UAE hold second round of negotiations for tax treaty

Czech Republic and UAE have recently held second round of negotiations for a tax treaty. The new tax treaty, once finalized, will replace the Czech Republic - UAE income and capital tax treaty (1996).

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) shares various infographics

The FTA has recently shared several infographics on its social media platforms including the following:

- Steps for registering designated zones for excise tax
- License renewal of registration for exhibitions and conferences service
- Objecting to a special input tax apportionment method decision of the FTA
- Registration of customs clearance company service

Oman

Muscat Electricity Distribution Company (MEDC) launches service for updating VAT details

The MEDC has recently launched a service where occupants/tenants of residential/commercial/government properties can update their VAT registration related details for them to claim the input VAT on their electricity bills.

The above is for general information only and is not intended to address the circumstances of any particular scenario. Please seek professional advice in relation to your particular circumstances.

For a detailed discussion on how the above updates may impact your business, [contact us](#).

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