



# **Asia Pacific Tax Developments**

## **Australia**

<u>Director's liability for underpayments: The risks of being 'involved'</u>

Directors of companies that underpay their workers are at risk of being personally liable for breaches of the law. This could include personal liability of directors for the entire amount of underpaid entitlements, as well as significant penalties. Directors could soon also face the risk of jail time for deliberately and systematically underpaying employees.

## China

New IIT-Preferential Policy for foreign High-end Talent and Urgently-Needed Talent Working in the GBA

The Ministry of Finance ("MOF") and the State Taxation Administration ("STA") jointly issued a notice "About the individual income tax preferential treatment of individuals in the Greater Bay Area" to promote and support of the development of the Greater Bay Area by attracting foreign high-end, urgently-needed talents.

New VAT policies, implementation rules reflect international "best practices"

Various agencies in China jointly released new policies and implementation rules under the Value Added Tax regime.



## India

#### Arrangement for country-by-country report exchanges with United States is signed

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) issued a release announcing that representatives of the governments of India and the United States have signed an arrangement (a bilateral competent authority arrangement) to allow for the exchange of country-by-country (CbC) reports.

### Korea

#### Regulations for implementing FATCA and AEOI

A revised version of regulations was issued to implement the AEOI under a new name, and to reflect changes to the reporting of financial institutions and the list of reportable jurisdictions.

# **Singapore**

#### CRS entity classification self-review tool

The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore announced that a common reporting standard entity classification selfreview tool is available for use.



# **Significant International Tax Developments**

#### OECD: New rules endorsed, collection of VAT/GST from online marketplaces

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) issued a release reporting that delegates from over 100 jurisdictions, including regional and international organisations, have unanimously endorsed new rules that will ensure the collection of additional value added tax / goods and services tax (VAT/GST) revenues.

#### OECD: Taxation of digital economy, public consultation update

The OECD moved towards implementing its Policy Note Addressing the Tax Challenges of the Digitalised Economy in mid-March with a two-day public consultation on its proposals. The consultation was significantly oversubscribed, with more than 400 people from 100 countries taking part.





Africa: Summaries of indirect tax regimes, VAT/GST compliance issues in 20 African countries

The 2019 Africa indirect tax guide which includes a summary of the indirect tax regimes and compliance administrative issues in Africa.

<u>European Parliament adopts TAX3 Committee's recommendations on Financial</u>
<u>Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance</u>

On March 26, 2019, the European Parliament adopted in plenary the final report on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance adopted by the TAX3 Committee (Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance). The final report emphasizes the urgent need for tax reform to strengthen the fight against financial crimes and aggressive tax planning. The report provides recommendations for new rules that increase administrative cooperation, and for the establishment of new European and global bodies to address these issue



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