

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) clarifies the partial recovery calculation to licensed real estate finance providers

In the recently updated Real Estate Guide, ZATCA clarified its position that licensed real estate finance providers may exclude sales of exempt land and property from their residual VAT recovery calculations.

ZATCA invites taxpayers subject to e-invoicing to explore the e-invoicing simplified guide

On 22 June 2021, ZATCA invites taxpayers subject to e-invoicing regulation and providers of technical systems of the e-invoicing to review the e-invoicing simplified guide for through the dedicated “e-invoicing” section on ZATCA’s website.

Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic). Click [here](#) to access the dedicated e-invoicing section on ZATCA’s website.

The supervisory and inspection teams of ZATCA seizes many tax and customs violations

On 23 June 2021, ZATCA reported that it carried out a wide inspection campaign in various cities and governorates of the Kingdom with the participation of all branches of the Authority, which included more than 23,000 inspection visits to establishments and sectors subject to the tax regulations in force in the Kingdom.

Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

The World Customs Organization agrees to continue with KSA’s membership in the Customs Policies Committee

On 27 June 2021, ZATCA reported that KSA’s continuation of the membership of the Committee on Customs Policies and the Finance Committee will remain. The agreement were made during the World Customs Organization’s meetings that held virtually from 21-26 June 2021.

Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

ZATCA invites taxpayers to take advantage of its penalty waiver initiative as the deadline is approaching

With only few days left until the penalty waiver initiative will come to an end. ZATCA is inviting taxpayers to take advantage of its initiative before 30 June 2021.

Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

ZATCA publishes its procurement plan for 2021 fiscal year

On 17 June 2021, ZATCA published its procurement plan for 2021 fiscal year. Click [here](#) to access the procurement plan.

ZATCA will hold an online workshop for service providers and system developers

ZATCA invites concerned parties to attend its e-invoicing online workshop for service providers and system developers on Wednesday, 30 June 2021.

Click [here](#) to register for the online workshop.

KSA's Shura Council approves tax agreement with Chinese Taipei

On 22 June 2021, KSA's Shura Council approved the income tax agreement with Chinese Taipei, signed on 2 December 2020.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) encourages registrants to take advantage of penalty redetermination

In a press release issued on 26 June 2021, the FTA has called on tax registrants in the UAE to benefit from the penalty redetermination scheme introduced by Cabinet Decision No. 49 of 2021 on Amending Some Provisions of Cabinet Decision No. 40 of 2017 on the Administrative Penalties for Violation of Tax Laws in the UAE, which will be effective from 28th June 2021.

Click [here](#) to read more.

FTA has modified the payment section in its portal

The recent modification to the FTA's portal is the payment section, where now it shows the split between tax payable and penalties.

Austrian Council of Ministers authorizes signing of protocol to tax treaty with UAE

On 23 June 2021, the Austrian Council of Ministers authorized the signing of an amending protocol to update the Austria - UAE income tax treaty of 2003.

Oman

Sultanate of Oman Tax Authority (OTA) issues a circular that includes the tax authority's bank details for each type of tax

OTA issues circular no. 1/2021 that includes the tax authority's bank details for each type of tax, the OTA also requests taxpayers to not deposit/transfer any amounts to the Government account without checking the details of the depositing/transferring entity.

Click [here](#) to access the circular.

OTA issues a VAT taxpayer guide that includes the VAT return template

OTA has issued a VAT payer guide that contains the VAT return template. The guide also explains the administrative obligations associated with the VAT return.

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

Invitation to KPMG tax live conversation – 1,000 days of Bahrain VAT

With the Government of Bahrain having introduced VAT from 1 January 2019, we are rapidly arriving at a major milestone to mark 1,000 days of VAT in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This is a critical juncture in the journey, and the laws, policies and processes on VAT has significantly evolved over the period to a level of maturity within the marketplace. With the aim to decode the journey, and help you navigate through the complexity in terms of how it has impacted businesses, and may develop in the future to impact the marketplace; KPMG in Bahrain is conducting a complimentary live webinar on **Wednesday, 14th of July 2021.**

We are very pleased to invite you to a live conversation where our Tax specialists will be covering:

- Latest tax developments in Bahrain
- Common VAT issues
- Oman VAT & its impact on Bahraini entities
- Live Q&A and discussions

[Register now](#)

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.

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