

Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) announces tax violations reported due to field inspections for 2022

The NBR has announced that in 2022 they have conducted over 3,000 inspection visits within local markets of Bahrain in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) in which 1700 violations were detected.

Bahrain named chairman of Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO)

As per local news reports, Bahrain has assumed the 2023 chairmanship of the DCO. The DCO is targeting a 30% share of the global digital GDP and 30 million new jobs by 2030 as part of its new roadmap.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) urges taxpayers to benefit from amnesty scheme

ZATCA has recently reminded all taxpayers to take advantage of the tax amnesty which has been extended until 31 May 2023.

Click [here](#) to read the press release.

South Africa publishes English synthesized text of KSA-South Africa Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (MLI)

On 27 January 2023, the South African Revenue Service has published the English synthesized text of the KSA - South Africa Income and Capital Tax Treaty (2007), displaying the modifications made to the treaty by the MLI.

KSA and Hong Kong to commence negotiations for Investment Protection Agreement (IPA)

According to a press release published by the government of Hong Kong, negotiations for an IPA between KSA and Hong Kong will commence soon.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) announces webinar for VAT incurred on mosques

The FTA has recently announced they will host a webinar to raise awareness about the refund procedures for VAT incurred on the construction, operation, and maintenance of mosques on 8 February 2023 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

FTA announces corporate tax awareness session in Arabic

The FTA has recently announced that the next corporate tax awareness session will take place in Ras Al Khaimah on 22 February 2023 and will be fully conducted in Arabic.

FTA opens corporate tax registration window on EmaraTax

The FTA has recently announced that they have opened the taxpayer registration window for UAE corporate tax on the EmaraTax portal.

UAE and Tanzania hold first round of negotiations for IPA

The UAE Ministry of Finance has recently announced that the first round of negotiations for an IPA between the UAE and Tanzania was held in Dar es Salaam.

South Africa publishes English synthesized text of UAE-South Africa MLI

On 27 January 2023, the South African Revenue Service published the English synthesized text of the UAE - South Africa Income Tax Treaty (2015), displaying the modifications made to the treaty by the MLI.

Qatar

General Tax Authority (GTA) announces prohibition of tobacco products without Digital Excise Stamps

The GTA has announced that as of 1 February 2023, entry and trade of tobacco products (such as cigars or shisha tobacco) without valid and activated Digital Time Stamp will be prohibited in Qatar.

South Africa publishes English synthesized text of Qatar-South Africa MLI

On 27 January 2023, the South African Revenue Service published the English synthesized text of the Qatar - South Africa Income Tax Treaty (2015), displaying the modifications made to the treaty by the MLI.

Oman

South Africa publishes English synthesized text of Oman-South Africa MLI

On 27 January 2023, the South African Revenue Service published the English synthesized text of the Oman - South Africa Income Tax Treaty (2002), as amended by the 2011 protocol, displaying the modifications made to the treaty by the MLI.

Oman and Kazakhstan express need for concluding tax treaty

According to a press release published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, Oman and Kazakhstan have stressed the need to conclude a tax treaty, during a meeting between officials of the two countries held in Oman.

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

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