

# Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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## Bahrain

### **Recent data from Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) highlights stabilization in Corporate Income Tax (CIT) rates worldwide**

According to new OECD data, statutory CIT rates are stabilizing worldwide after a period of falling rates. According to the report, signing of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Inclusive Framework by over 140 countries (including Bahrain) may have contributed to the stabilization.

Click [here](#) to read more.

As highlighted in our previous publications, we expect Bahrain to soon implement a broad-based CIT similar to other jurisdictions that applies to most businesses. You may access our publications on this subject by following the links below.

- [Introduction of Corporate Income Tax in Bahrain](#)
- [How to calculate taxable income?](#)
- [What is transfer pricing?](#)

We recommend that Bahrain businesses conduct a preliminary CIT impact analysis. Businesses that act proactively will be more capable of dealing with the challenges that implementation of CIT is likely to bring.

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

### **Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority (ZATCA) updates rules on customs exemptions for returned goods**

ZATCA has recently updated the rules related to customs duties exemption for returned goods. This includes customs procedures related to goods that are temporarily exported.

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

## United Arab Emirates (UAE)

### **UAE Ministry of Finance (MoF) extends FATCA/CRS submission deadline for 2023 reporting period on the UAE's system**

The deadline for submission of annual data/nil returns for the 2023 reporting period for UAE financial institutions has been extended until 15 July 2024 from the original deadline of 30 June 2024.

### **Federal Tax Authority (FTA) reminds juridical persons to submit their Corporate Tax (CT) registration application**

The FTA has reminded juridical resident persons with trade licenses issued in May (regardless of the year of issuance), to submit their CT registration application to the FTA by 31 July 2024. Failure to submit the application by the deadline may result in imposition of administrative penalties.

## FTA conducts CT registration workshop

On 9 July 2024, the FTA conducted a virtual workshop on CT registration and registration deadlines.

## Oman

### Oman Tax Authority (OTA) launches 'Tax Culture' initiative

The OTA recently announced the launch of its 'Tax Culture' initiative in the Dhofar Governorate which will run from 15 July to 15 August 2024. The initiative will be implemented at various locations throughout the month, with the aim of spreading tax awareness among the public.

### Egyptian Council of Ministers approves tax treaty with Oman

On 9 July 2024, the Egyptian Council of Ministers approved the Egypt – Oman Income Tax Treaty (2023).

## Kuwait

### Kuwait approves double tax treaty with the UAE

On 13 July 2024, Kuwait issued a new decree-law approving the double tax treaty with the UAE, further to an agreement concluded between the two countries on 11 February 2024.

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

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