



TAX UPDATE

NEW TAX MEASURES PROPOSED IN THE 'EMERGENCY ECONOMIC MEASURES FOR COVID-19'

1. Promulgation of laws, cabinet orders and ministerial ordinances for new tax measures proposed in the 'Emergency Economic Measures'

The laws for new tax measures proposed in the 'Emergency Economic Measures for COVID-19', which were passed by the Japanese National Diet on 30 April 2020, were promulgated on the same day with related cabinet orders and ministerial ordinances.

2. National Tax Agency — Launch of new web pages

Corresponding to the promulgation of the laws in 1. above, the National Tax Agency has released the following information on the web page for the new tax measures proposed in the 'Emergency Economic Measures for COVID-19' (Japanese only):

■ Grace period for tax payments

An application form for the grace period and an English page '[For taxpayers who face difficulty paying their national tax due to the influence of the novel coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)', etc. are newly introduced and the existing FAQs are updated.

The administrative guidance for the grace period for tax payments in the above promulgated bills was also published on 1 May 2020.

■ Special rules for selection of taxable company status for consumption tax

A leaflet showing the outline of the special rules, Q&A and administrative guidance have been published.

■ The exemption of stamp duty on a contract for a special loan

A leaflet showing the outline of the special rules, Q&A and administrative guidance have been published.

3. National Tax Agency — Update of FAQs

The National Tax Agency updated the following FAQs (Japanese only) on 30 April 2020:

- (1) 'FAQ about the tax treatments for the tax filing and tax payment procedures, etc. relating to COVID-19'

Corresponding to the promulgated bills in 1. above, some Q&As relating to the new tax measures proposed in the 'Emergency Economic Measures for COVID-19' are updated and added. In addition, a Q&A about the individual extension of filing and payment due dates of interim tax are added.

- (2) 'FAQ about the procedures for extension of filing and payment due dates for corporation tax, local corporation tax, consumption tax and withholding income tax by individual application'

- (3) 'FAQ about the procedures for extension of filing and payment due dates for individual income tax, gift tax and individual consumption tax by individual application'

Consistent with the additional Q&A about the individual extension of filing and payment due dates of interim tax in the FAQ (1) above, the image of interim tax returns is added in the section which explains how to describe the statement 'application of the individual extension due to the coronavirus' in a blank space on the tax returns.

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