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Summary of the Guideline on Voluntary Disclosure and Amnesty Programme ("VA") – Indirect Taxes

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Guideline on VA - Indirect Taxes



Details in relation to the much anticipated VA for indirect taxes have finally been released by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department ("RMCD"). It is noteworthy to mention that the programme includes amnesty, in addition to voluntary disclosure that was announced during the 2022 Budget announcement.

Set out below is a summary of the key aspects.

- The Programme includes voluntary disclosure ("VD") as well as amnesty.
- VA will be introduced in 2 phases, effective 1 January 2022, where qualified taxpayers will be granted remission of penalty and/ or tax (on a case-by-case basis):-

Details	Phase 1	Phase 2
Period	6 months from 01.01.2022 to 30.06.2022	3 months from 01.07.2022 to 30.09.2022
Remission of penalty Note 1	100% or 90%	50% or 80%
Remission of tax Note 1	10%, 20% or 30%	5%, 10% or 15%
Duty/ Tax/ Levy	Import Duty Export Duty Excise Duty Sales Tax (1.0 and 2.0) Service Tax (1.0 and 2.0) Goods and Services Tax Tourism Tax Departure Levy	
Period of coverage	Only applicable for tax, duty, levy, penalty or surcharge incurred and payable on or before 31 October 2021	

Note 1: provided full payment of duty, tax or levy is made during the respective periods



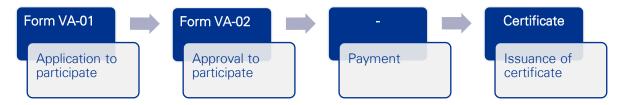
• The remission of penalty and/or tax varies depending on the scenarios.

Remission of penalty	Phase 1	Phase 2
✓ Most qualifying cases	100%	50%
 ✓ Bill of Demand ("BOD") issued on/ before 31 October 2021 but only left the remaining penalty as at 31 October 2021 	90%	80%
Remission/ exemption of tax (this list is not exhaustive)	Phase 1	Phase 2
 Registered company/ individual that underdeclared and underpaid tax/ levy Company/ individual liable to be registered but failed to register Company/ individual not liable to be registered and has imposed tax/levy but has not paid the same to the RMCD Company who has failed to account for GST/ Service Tax on imported taxable services Sales Tax licensee/ registered person who failed to apply the relevant Sales Tax valuation method on related party sales Importer/ exporter who has underpaid duty/ tax during import and export declaration AP holder where post importation VD for vehicles has been assessed Company/ individual who failed to comply with conditions attached to exemptions Company/ individual who has underdeclared and underpaid duties/ taxes on vehicles BOD issued on/ before 31 October 2021 for matters relating to the period on/ before 31 October 2021 BOD issued on/ before 31 August 2022 for matters relating to the period on/ before 31 October 2021 	10%	5%
 AP holder where imported CBU vehicles have been stored in the Warehouse for more than 48 months Vehicle excise manufacturer where the vehicles have exceeded 48 months and Excise Duty has not been paid 	20%	10%
 Business liable to be registered/ licensed, but failed to do so and has not collected tax/ duty/ levy from customers AP holder where imported used CBU vehicles have been stored in the Warehouse for more than 48 months 	30%	15%

- Taxpayers may participate in the VD before the RMCD's audit, during the audit and at the completion of the audit, provided the BOD, Notice of Assessment or Letter of Notification of Audit Results has not been received.
- Where the BOD, NA or Letter of Notification of Audit Results has been received, the taxpayer may still be able to enjoy penalty and/or tax remission under the **amnesty** programme, subject to meeting conditions.

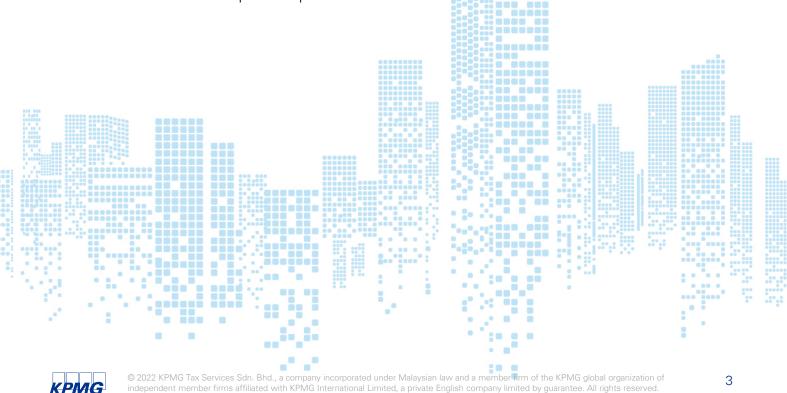


- Except where there is element of fraud, the RMCD will accept disclosure made by taxpayers in good faith.
- For taxpayers who participated in the VA, the RMCD will not conduct audit on the same transactions and periods disclosed under the VA. For transactions and periods that are not disclosed as well as periods after 31 October 2021, audit will be conducted starting 1 October 2023. A confirmation letter will be issued by the RMCD to taxpayers who participated in the VA.
- Taxpayers who have been identified by the RMCD for audit in year 2022 will be informed about the VA and be given 21 days to respond, before the RMCD conduct audit as usual. The same applies to taxpayers who are being audited but have not been issued Notice of Assessment or Notification of Audit Findings.
- However, matters that are under investigation by the Enforcement Division of RMCD would not be covered under the VA.
- In terms of process flow, an application to participate shall be made online via the VA system (Form VA-01) where taxpayers will be notified on the approval or otherwise (Form VA-02). Approved taxpayers will then be required to make relevant payment within the stipulated deadline and finally a certificate will be issued.



- A minimum compound will be imposed on compoundable offences:
 - a) RM1,000 per VD for amount of RM100,000 and above;
 - b) RM500 per VD for amount of below RM100,000. -

With this, businesses should start assessing any potential non-compliance exposures at hand as well as the associated cost and benefit, if not already done so, before coming to the decision whether to take up this "special" offer.



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