Tax - Breaking News

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Consistent with our commitment to provide <u>updated</u> <u>information</u> on current tax issues, you may find below a list of filing obligations for the forthcoming period. We emphasize that this is not a comprehensive list, but rather a list of the most important filings.

Withholding Tax

Taxes withheld in January

By 28 March - Submission of withholding tax return for taxes withheld on the following sources of income:

- Dividends
- Interest
- Royalties, if the recipient is an individual or a non-resident entity with no permanent establishment in Greece.

The deadline for the payment of the corresponding taxes due is **31 March**.

By exception, if the beneficiary of the above mentioned income is a foreign entity or individual, and a tax resident in a country with which Greece has concluded a Double Tax Treaty, then the Treaty Rate will be applied if it is more favorable for the recipient and provided that the foreign beneficiary has already obtained a relevant tax residence certificate as required by the respective Double Tax Treaty.

By 31 March - Submission of the withholding tax return and remittance of tax withheld in the following cases:

- Salaries
- Solidarity tax
- Board of Directors fees
- Employment severance payments

 Fees for technical services, administration fees, consulting fees and other fees for such services, when the beneficiary of the income is an individual or is a nonresident entity which has a permanent establishment in Greece through which the services are provided.

Other deadlines

By 20 March – Direct electronic filing with the Bank of Greece of transactions effected within February (collections and payments of any nature) between legal entities operating in Greece and non-residents.

Obligations of enterprises arising from VAT and other indirect taxes and duties

By 15March- Payment of stamp duty on loans that were both concluded and recorded in the accounting books, during February between entrepreneurs (merchants), commercial entities and/or third parties.

By 28 March - Submission through the TAXISNET website of the initial intra community transactions listings which include amounts invoiced within February, (reported by tax registration number of the counterparty established in other EU Member States), for acquisitions and supplies of goods as well as for the provision and receipt of services.

By 31 March

- Submission through the TAXISNET website of the periodic VAT return for February and payment of the amount due. The same deadline applies for submission of periodic VAT returns with a zero or credit balance.
- Submission of Intrastat returns for intra-community acquisitions and supplies of goods effected during February. The obligation to submit exists only when the value of intra-community transactions has exceeded the applicable annual threshold, which for 2016 is set at EUR 150 000 for arrivals and EUR 90 000 for dispatches.

Obligations of enterprises towards Social Security Funds and Labor authorities

By 31 March

- Submission of the APR for the payroll period of February.
- Payment of social security contributions to IKA–ETAM and other Social Security Organizations for the payroll period of February.

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