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## Asia Pacific Tax Developments

### Australia

#### [ATO's compliance program for private groups](#)

KPMG Australia hosted senior ATO officers on 25 February regarding the compliance program for the Top 500, Next 5,000 and medium and emerging private groups.

#### [Looking to do business in Papua New Guinea? Here's what you should consider](#)

KPMG Australia outlines key considerations for companies seeking to expand business in the Pacific nation.

#### [Stamp tax relief for bushfire victims in New South Wales](#)

The government of New South Wales announced it will provide relief from the stamp tax (duty) for those individual taxpayers who lost their homes during the bushfires and who choose to purchase a replacement home elsewhere rather than rebuild.

#### [Tax an impediment to super fund mergers – myth or reality?](#)

A notion in the Legislation before Parliament says that tax implications are a disincentive preventing superannuation funds from merging is a myth, but questions remain as to whether current tax relief measures go far enough.



# Cambodia

## [Investment - Implementation of Cambodian National Single Window \(CNSW\)](#)

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The CDC officially launched its online system for providing public services on 2 February 2020. The CNSW will facilitate imports for investment projects including the import of production equipment, construction materials, and production inputs to be used in the investment projects.

## [Tax relief for garment, tourism sectors](#)

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The Ministry of Economy and Finance issued guidance directing the tax department to implement measures to support the garment and tourism sectors.

## [VAT and basic food items](#)

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The Ministry of Economy and Finance issued guidance—Prakas No. 168 MEF. Prk (21 February 2020)—regarding the value added tax (VAT) imposed on certain basic food items that are to be treated as a “state charge” for a two-year period, from 1 January 2020 through 31 December 2021.

# China

## [Goods imported from United States, process for exclusion from tariffs](#)

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The Tariff Commission of China's State Council issued guidance - Announcement 2 - on the exclusion of goods under market-oriented procurement from additional tariff against the United States.

# India

## [Amnesty Scheme's announced by state \(Kerala and West Bengal\) to settle pre-GST regime indirect tax dispute](#)

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The new amnesty scheme for Kerala & West Bengal has been announced with the aim to provide mutual benefit both to the taxpayer and the revenue and settle the disputes which were not settled in the earlier announced amnesty scheme.

## [Equipment and service contracts treated as “composite contract” for tax purposes](#)

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The Delhi Bench of the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal issued a decision concluding that contracts for the supply of equipment and contracts for services were in the nature of a “composite contract” for income tax purposes because each contract was dependent on the other and could not be seen independently.

# Japan

## [Extensions for individual tax returns](#)

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Japan's tax authority announced extensions of the due dates for return filing and tax payments related to the 2019 tax year of individual taxpayers.

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# Malaysia

## [Service tax and digital services](#)

The Ministry of Finance in late 2019 issued a release concerning service tax and the implications of the tax on imported services, including digital services. Effective 1 January 2020, digital services provided by foreign service providers (registered) are also subject to the 6% service tax.

# Taiwan

## [Updated CRS reporting guidance](#)

The tax authority of Taiwan announced that financial institutions must report all financial account information through the common reporting standard (CRS) financial institution portal between 1 June 2020 and 30 June 2020.



## Significant International Tax Developments

### [OECD: Draft model rules, reporting for platform operators and sellers in “sharing and gig economy”](#)

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on 19 February 2020 issued a draft of model rules that can be used by jurisdictions to collect information related to transactions and income realized by platform sellers in the sharing and gig economy.



## Calendar of events

Date	Event	Location
06 April 2020	<a href="#">Tax Talk: Preparing You for the Tax of the Future</a> Contacts: <a href="#">Karen Lee</a>	Xchange, Level 10, KPMG Tower, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia



## Beyond Asia Pacific

### [Germany: Tax rules during Brexit transition period; group exemption from real estate transfer tax](#)

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Tax legislation in Germany is intended to respond to the need for rules in various areas of German tax and financial market laws with regard to “Brexit” and during the transition period that ends 31 December 2020 (unless the transition period is extended until 31 December 2022).

### [Nigeria: Status of implementation of BEPS recommendations](#)

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The base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) project—an initiative of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the G20 nations—was launched in 2013 to address the issues of profit shifting and tax avoidance by multinational enterprises.



## TaxNewsFlash by region

For the latest tax developments from other regions see the following links:

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[Americas](#)

[Europe](#)

[United States](#)



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