



Tax update!

GTA's new Excise Tax Warehouse Licensing Service

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Dear All,

The General Tax Authority (GTA) has recently announced the launch of a new Excise Tax Warehouse Licensing Service, effective from 1 April 2026. This is a significant development for businesses involved in the production, processing, possession, storage or receipt of excise goods in Qatar.

We expect that this new service will support the implementation of future excise tax on sweetened beverages in Qatar, similar to the regime already in force in certain neighbouring GCC countries.

Key benefits of the Tax Warehouse regime.

The new service allows excise taxpayers to produce, process, store, possess, and receive excisable goods and related raw materials in licensed premises under a tax suspension regime, deferring excise tax liability until the goods are released into the local market. This structure enhances cash flow and working capital, supports production continuity and more efficient inventory and supply chain management, and at the same time simplifies administrative procedures and contributes to a more attractive and efficient business and investment environment in Qatar.

What should impacted businesses do now?

Impacted excise taxpayers are advised to start taking practical steps now to assess eligibility, quantify benefits, and prepare their operations, systems, and documentation so they can leverage the new tax warehouse regime. Some proposed practical steps:

- Assess whether current activities with excise goods qualify for the tax warehouse regime.
- Identify which sites / premises should be licensed as excise tax warehouses.
- Estimate potential cash flow benefits from deferring excise tax.
- Update administrative procedures to benefit from simplified refund processes.
- Strengthen controls and documentation to meet GTA requirements.
- Coordinate with tax, finance, supply chain and IT on implementation and compliance.

How can we help?

Our local indirect tax and system consultants can support your business across both the functional / advisory and systems / administrative dimensions of the new excise tax warehouse regime. From a tax and regulatory perspective, we can analyse current excise footprint and assess whether obtaining a tax warehouse licence is beneficial, interpret the emerging GTA requirements and align them with your operating model, and advise on the design of warehouse flows and control frameworks that are both compliant and practical.

We can also support you in preparing licence applications and managing communications with the GTA, as well as reviewing the impact of the new regime on your sales and purchase contracts.

On the systems and operational side, we can review your ERP and warehouse management landscape and assist in designing the necessary changes to clearly track tax-suspended versus tax-paid goods, automate excise tax calculation and timing (e.g. recognition at the point of local release), and generate accurate data for GTA reporting and internal controls.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact us.

Best regards,



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