



Asia Pacific Tax Developments

China

Updated "frequently asked questions" for AEOI

China's tax authorities updated a list of "frequently asked questions" (FAQs) concerning the automatic exchange of information rules.

India

India files appeal against the WTO panel report

India has filed an appeal against the WTO panel report dated 31 October 2019, where it was held that five of India's Export promotion schemes had violated WTO Agreements.

Prior to amendments introduced in the Rules, the weighted deduction on R&D expenditure under Section 35(2AB) of the Income-tax Act cannot be curtailed based on DSIR certification

The Mumbai Bench of Income-tax Appellate Tribunal ('the Tribunal') held that under the per-amended provisions where the Research & Development facility has been approved by the Department of Industrial and Scientific Research (DSIR), the deduction cannot be denied to the taxpayer under Section 35(2AB) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 on the basis of Form No. 3CL issued by DSIR.



The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 introduced in Lok Sabha

The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (the Bill) has been introduced in Lok Sabha. The Bill, when passed will replace the Ordinance issued in September 2019.

When the term 'royalty' is defined under the India-Singapore tax treaty, the meaning of word 'process' under such definition cannot be imported from the Income-tax Act

The Mumbai Bench of the Tribunal held that payment for provision of bandwidth services to a non-resident company cannot be classified as royalty under the India-Singapore tax treaty.

Singapore

Tax implications since Mauritius has adopted BEPS multilateral instrument (MLI)

Mauritius in October 2019 ratified the multilateral instrument (MLI) pursuant to the base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) project. The MLI is the agreement that allows jurisdictions to amend their tax treaties to include tax treaty-related BEPS recommendations. Because Singapore adopted the MLI in 2019, the action by Mauritius may have implications for existing structures with payments between Singapore and Mauritius.

Taiwan

Guidance for taxpayers making a one-time transfer pricing adjustment

The Ministry of Finance issued guidance - ruling no. 10804629000 (15 November 2019)-addressing situations when multinational enterprises (MNEs) make a one-time transfer pricing adjustment to achieve an arm's length result.





Colombia: Tax measures proposed in growth promotion bill

A bill submitted by the government to the legislature is intended to promote economic growth, and will also mitigate the effects of a decision by the Constitutional Court concerning the constitutionality of Law 1943 of 2018.

Poland: Excise tax exemption for coal and gas referred to CJEU

The European Commission announced that it has referred Poland to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) for allowing energy-intensive businesses to be exempt from excise tax on coal and gas.



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