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El Salvador approves tax amnesty program

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This amnesty program applies to all taxpayers that should have declared or paid taxes or customs duties before the amnesty program entered into force.

Taxpayers paying the original or additional taxes due during the amnesty period will not have to pay interest, surcharges or additional fines. Taxpayers may request a grace period of up to seven months to pay the original or additional taxes due.

Taxpayers that benefited from previous amnesty programs, and have not paid their obligations for various reasons, may apply for the current program and make the payment within the amnesty period. In this case, taxpayers may request a grace period of up to six months to pay the pending obligations.



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