

Americas Tax Roundup

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Latest news - Americas

OECD developments: detailed EY Alert now available on recent BEPS 2.0 documents; new OECD publications on financial transactions and CbC reporting A comprehensive EY Global Tax Alert offers in-depth analysis of the OECD BEPS 2.0 documents, which outline new details on proposed approaches and issues under consideration in the two-pillar approach to BEPS 2.0. For additional BEPS 2.0 discussion, join our webcast scheduled for 25 February (see upcoming webcasts below).

Two additional new publications from the OECD will also be of interest to multinational entities:

- Final report with the first guidance on financial transactions to be included in the OECD transfer pricing guidelines
- Public consultation document on the review of country-by-country (CbC) reporting, with comments invited until 6 March 2020

Uruguay deposits its MLI ratification with the OECD

On 6 February, Uruguay deposited with the OECD its instrument of ratification for the *Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting* (MLI). The MLI will enter into force for Uruguay on 1 June 2020, and certain treaties will be modified as of that date.

Canada's investment limited partnerships face SLFI compliance obligations

Canada's Selected Listed Financial Institution (SLFI) rules were extended to investment limited partnerships (ILPs) effective 1 January 2019, and certain SLFI returns for 2019 are due 30 June 2020 for ILPs that qualify as SLFIs. Partnerships qualifying as ILPs and SLFIs should ensure they are taking certain compliance steps leading up to the June filing deadline.

EY Canada releases latest issue of TaxMatters@EY

TaxMatters@EY, a monthly bulletin prepared by EY Canada, provides a summary of recent Canadian tax news, publications, and resources. The February 2020 issue highlights Canada Revenue Agency clarifications on the excluded shares exception under the tax on split income rules and a recent Tax Court of Canada decision on the deductibility of assistant and accounting/bookkeeping expenses by an employee.

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- 2019 Outlook for global tax policy and controversy | 9th edition
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- 2018-2019 EY Worldwide Transfer Pricing Reference Guide
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- 2019 Indirect Tax updated worldwide developments map
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This week's tax treaty news in the Americas

- MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) and South Korea:
 free trade agreement negotiations ongoing
- US and Kenya: free trade agreement negotiations planned

This week's EY Global Tax Alerts

Global Tax Alerts

- Report on recent US international tax developments 14 February 2020 (14 February 2020)
- Gibraltar enacts final legislation to implement Mandatory Disclosure Rules (14 February 2020)
- Romania enacts final MDR legislation (14 February 2020)
- Malta enacts legislation to implement Mandatory Disclosure Rules (14 February 2020)
- Cyprus Tax Authorities publish 10-year government bond yield rates for NID purposes (13 February 2020)
- Australia's Significant Global Entity definition expanded, impacting tax integrity laws (DPT and MAAL), reporting requirements (CbCR and generalpurpose financial statements) and related penalty provisions (13 February 2020)
- Cyprus expands treaty network as of 1 January 2020 (12 February 2020)
- Greece introduces amendments to the taxation of ships (12 February 2020)
- EU Code of Conduct Group issues six-month Work Programme under EU's Croatian Presidency (11 February 2020)
- Botswana's Finance Minister delivers 2020/21 Budget Speech (11 February 2020)
- Equatorial Guinea publishes Financial Law 2020 (11 February 2020)
- Uruguay deposits its MLI ratification with the OECD (11 February 2020)
- Portugal publishes revised draft legislation on Mandatory Disclosure Rules (10 February 2020)

OECD Alerts

- OECD releases final transfer pricing guidance on financial transactions (11 February 2020)
- OECD releases Consultation Document on the review of Country-by-Country Reporting (11 February 2020)

Transfer Pricing Alert

 Bahrain signs Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement for Country-by-Country Reporting (10 February 2020)

Indirect Alerts

- Turkey restricts importation of certain animal and agricultural products from China into free trade zones (14 February 2020)
- UK customs and VAT treatment of imports and exports after Brexit transitional period (13 February 2020)

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Forward to a colleague

- India's CBIC notifies mandatory GST e-invoicing for businesses with turnover exceeding INR100 crore (12 February 2020)
- Canada: Investment limited partnerships face SLFI compliance obligations (12 February 2020)
- French tax authorities confirm postponement of Digital Services Tax payments for 2020, but 2019 payments remain due (11 February 2020)

Upcoming webcasts

Outlook for global tax policy and controversy in 2020 (19 February)

This webcast will include a discussion of the latest developments in global tax and controversy policy, including (1) corporate income tax trends in 2020, (2) ongoing BEPS and ATAD-related implementation efforts, and (3) key tax enforcement trends and audit triggers around the world.

OECD BEPS 2.0 Update (25 February)

The OECD project on addressing the tax challenges of the digitalization of the economy (BEPS 2.0) continues to move ahead, with a target for high-level agreement in 2020. This webcast will cover how the project is expected to develop, how countries are taking unilateral actions now, and how to start preparing for changes in the tax landscape.

Recently archived webcasts now available on-demand

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EY industry, service and issue publications

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- How to manage cyber risk with a Security by Design approach

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- How boards can succeed in a politically uncertain environment
- As digital adoption accelerates, will you do less or be more?
- How chemicals companies can remain customer-centric as sectors evolve
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