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Americas Tax Roundup

Latest news – Americas

[COVID-19 relief measures continue throughout Americas](#)

Jurisdictions throughout the region continue to announce new and expanded measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The list below may not include the very latest developments.

[US CARES Act provides relief for multinational private companies and individuals with business losses; US IRS clarifies interaction of NOL carryback provisions and Section 965 transition tax](#)

Among the tax provisions introduced by the US Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act are two that may be of particular interest for multinational private companies and individuals with business losses: a temporary relaxation of certain restrictions on using net operating losses (NOLs) and a temporary suspension of certain limits on using excess business losses. Also of interest, the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued instructions and other clarifying guidance for taxpayers that are claiming refunds under the new NOL carryback provisions and have Internal Revenue Code Section 965 transition tax liabilities during the carryback period.

[Uruguay extends tax return filing and payment deadlines and authorizes tax-free importation of certain medical supplies](#)

Uruguay's tax authorities have extended the deadlines for filing tax returns and paying taxes. In addition to having more time to file tax returns, in some cases taxpayers may be able to pay their taxes in installments. Additionally, Uruguay's Executive Power has issued a decree allowing certain medical supplies to be imported tax-free and also allowing the Ministry of Public Health to issue a provisional registration for certain medical supplies that are manufactured, distributed, and marketed in Uruguay.

[Puerto Rico requires employers to notify certain employees of the availability of unemployment insurance due to COVID-19](#)

The Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources has issued guidance requiring employers to notify employees of the availability of unemployment insurance if they are laid off or have their workday permanently reduced as a result of COVID-19.

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[US publishes USMCA Interim Implementation Instructions](#)

In preparation for the implementation of the US-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement (USMCA), US Customs and Border Protection has released USMCA Interim Implementation Instructions. The instructions provide general guidance as well as specifics for textile goods and automotive products. Final implementation instructions will be released prior to the 1 July 2020 entry into force and the interim instructions are subject to change. Industry can also expect publication of guidance for the trade community.



[Peru amends rules on indirect transfers of shares and modifies requirements for deducting 'wasted goods' for income tax purposes](#)

Peru's Executive Power has enacted a Supreme Decree amending the Peruvian Income Tax Law regulations and establishing new rules for determining the market value of shares in indirect transfers of Peruvian shares. Additionally, Peru's Executive Power has issued a Supreme Decree modifying the requirements for deducting "wasted goods" for income tax purposes and shortening the time in which taxpayers must notify the tax authorities before destroying wasted goods.

[Uruguay's Ministry of Economy and Finance submits bill to reduce the rural real estate contribution rate](#)

Uruguay's Ministry of Economy and Finance has submitted a bill to the General Assembly that would reduce the rural real estate contribution rate from 1.25% to 1.025% for 2020. To obtain the reduced rate, taxpayers would have to submit an affidavit with certain information to the states in which they have rural real estate within 120 days of the enactment date.

This week's tax treaty news in the Americas

- ▶ Canada, Mexico, and US: USMCA trade agreement will enter into force 1 July 2020
- ▶ Ecuador and European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland): National Assembly of Ecuador approved free trade agreement

Upcoming webcasts

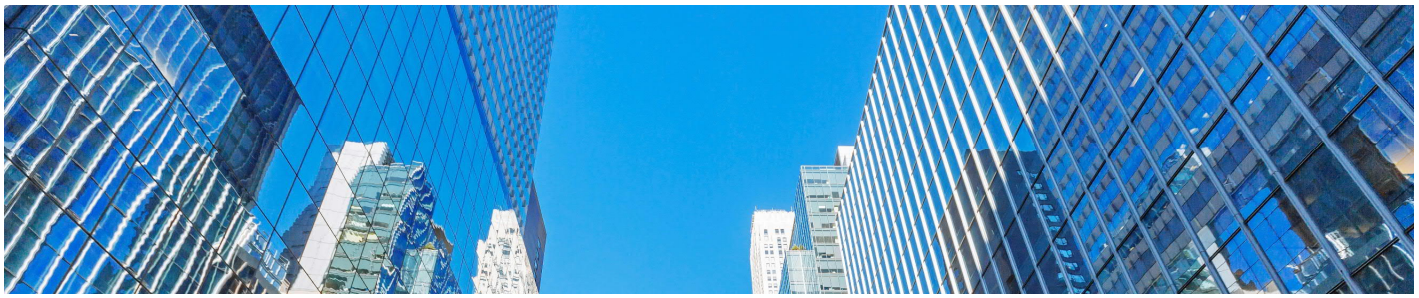
[Tax in a disrupted market: Update on major foreign tax developments \(5 May\)](#)

This sixth webcast in the series will cover tax-related COVID-19 stimulus measures around the globe and other key recent foreign tax legislative developments and proposals. Our panelists will include representatives from our EY Global Tax Desk Network covering perspectives from Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific.

This week's EY Global Tax Alerts

COVID-19 | Key Alerts and other resources from EY's Global Tax

Global Tax Alerts were issued this week with updated COVID-19 news, covering the following jurisdictions: India, Japan, Kenya, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Thailand, the United States, Uruguay and Uzbekistan. Access the Alerts, COVID-19 tax Trackers and other COVID-19 related materials [here](#).



Additional Global Tax Alerts

- ▶ [Report on recent US international tax developments – 1 May 2020](#)
- ▶ [Saudi Arabia: MLI enters into force on 1 May 2020](#)

Human Capital Alerts

- ▶ [COVID-19 update on Japan's tax treatment of individuals assigned overseas who temporarily return to Japan](#)
- ▶ [COVID-19 | New legal requirements for employers of temporary foreign workers in Canada](#)

Indirect Alerts

- ▶ [Thailand announces additional excise and customs duty related measures to support businesses during COVID-19 and duty exemption to encourage investment](#)
- ▶ [US publishes Interim Implementation Instructions and Alternative Staging Regime for auto industry; Prepares for 1 July USMCA Entry into Force](#)

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