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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.

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[Canada provides relief on imports of certain medical goods](#)

The Department of Finance Canada has announced that it will waive tariffs on certain medical goods, including personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks and gloves. Because PPE imported into Canada may face tariffs as high as 18% ad valorem, the waiving of tariffs will significantly reduce the cost of importing PPE into Canada. Finance Canada has stated that tariff relief on these goods will remain in place for as long as necessary to deal with the COVID-19 crisis.

[OECD hosts webcast to provide update on its tax work during COVID-19 crisis](#)

The OECD Secretariat hosted a webcast to provide an update on its current work related to the COVID-19 crisis and to explain how the OECD has adapted its work on various projects because of the crisis. The webcast announced that the planned BEPS 2.0 July meeting of the Inclusive Framework on BEPS will be postponed to October 2020; work on the project will continue into 2021.

[Peru establishes carryforward rule for losses incurred during fiscal year 2020 and enacts special depreciation rules due to COVID-19](#)

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, Peru's Executive Power has issued a legislative decree that establishes a special rule for carrying forward losses incurred during fiscal year 2020, extending the period for which 2020 losses may be carried forward to offset 100% of profits. In addition, Peru's Executive Power has established special depreciation rules to allow taxpayers to claim more depreciation for certain assets.

[Mexico's Tax Administration issues additional regulations on the obligations for foreign digital service providers](#)

The Mexican Tax Administration Service has published amendments to the temporary regulations for 2020, including additional regulations on the new obligation for foreign digital service providers to register, collect, and remit value-added tax (VAT) in Mexico. These new obligations were included in the 2020 tax reform and are generally effective 1 June 2020. The regulations clarify when monthly returns and payments for digital services provided by foreign providers are due, among other issues.



[Mexico: Baja California's Congress approves new tax legislation, including an emissions tax](#)

Baja California's Congress has approved legislation that would, among other things, establish a new emissions tax. The emissions tax would replace the tax on the first sale of gasoline and other crude oil derivatives that was effective 1 January 2020. Entities and individuals in the state of Baja California would be subject to the new emissions tax on the sale of gasoline, diesel, natural gas, and liquified petroleum gas to final consumers.

[Brazilian Congressman proposes digital services tax](#)

A Brazilian congressman has proposed a bill that would establish an annual federal digital services tax (DST) called the "Contribution for Intervention in the Economic Domain – Digital" (CIDE-Digital). Similar to the DSTs introduced in many European / OECD countries, the CIDE-Digital is targeted at large digital groups whose annual worldwide gross revenue and local gross revenue exceed R\$3 billion and R\$100 million, respectively.

[Colombia issues holding company regime regulations](#)

The Colombian government has issued a decree establishing the procedure for applying for the Colombian holding company (CHC) regime. The CHC regime provides a tax exemption for certain revenue to qualifying entities.

Upcoming webcasts

[Continuing developments on BEPS 2.0 in the new economic environment \(28 May\)](#)

This webcast will cover the latest developments with respect to the OECD's project on addressing the tax challenges of the digital economy (BEPS 2.0), current country actions with respect to digital services taxes, and how the global health crisis and economic downturn is affecting country activity in both areas.

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: Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, New Zealand, the OECD, Peru, Puerto Rico and Tanzania. Access the Alerts and other COVID-19 related materials, including our EY Tax Trackers, [here](#).

Additional Global Tax Alerts

- ▶ [Report on recent US international tax developments - 15 May 2020](#)
- ▶ [PE Watch: Latest developments and trends | May 2020](#)
- ▶ [Norway proposes Revised Fiscal Budget 2020](#)
- ▶ [Hong Kong conducts compulsory spontaneous exchange of information for certain tax rulings](#)
- ▶ [Russia notifies OECD of entry into effect of the MLI for 27 of its tax treaties from 1 January 2021](#)
- ▶ [France publishes additional official tax guidelines on Mandatory Disclosure Rules](#)

Transfer Pricing Alerts

- ▶ [Hong Kong conducts compulsory spontaneous exchange of information for certain tax rulings](#)
- ▶ [OECD holds public consultation on 2020 review of country-by-country reporting](#)
- ▶ [US IRS announces modifications for filing APA and MAP requests, addresses questions on pending and executed APAs](#)



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EY Industry and Tax Services publications

Industries

Banking and Capital Markets

- ▶ Podcast replay: How COVID-19 is helping banks build operational resilience

Energy

- ▶ In the wake of a human crisis, do climate goals take a back seat?
- ▶ Why US renewables are looking beyond subsidies
- ▶ Why investors are putting sustainability at the top of the agenda
- ▶ Why battery storage must be at the heart of the low-carbon transition

Mining & Metals

- ▶ How can adversity accelerate mining's transformation?
- ▶ COVID-19: How miners can keep workers healthy, productive and engaged
- ▶ COVID-19: How mining companies can build more resilient supply chains

Health

- ▶ COVID-19: How healthcare providers can stay vigilant to cyber threats
- ▶ COVID-19: Four solutions helping governments, healthcare and citizens

Technology

- ▶ Do you have know-how that's needed now?

Telecommunications

- ▶ COVID-19: How the telecoms industry is pursuing a renewed purpose

Services

Advisory

- ▶ How automation is enabling COVID-19 test result reporting at speed

Tax

- ▶ How big data affects the global tax landscape
- ▶ How governments are adjusting consumption taxes to tackle the crisis

People and workforce

- ▶ How to build a payroll operation that can outlast the pandemic
- ▶ Three focus areas for mobility leaders during COVID-19



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