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# Americas Tax Roundup

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## 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.

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### [US Trade Representative confirms US suspended involvement in BEPS 2.0 Pillar 1 negotiations](#)

The US House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing 17 June with the US Trade Representative, during which he confirmed press reports that the US suspended its involvement in the OECD negotiations to develop a new regime for taxing local profits of global companies under so-called Pillar 1 of the BEPS 2.0 project. According to press reports, the US Treasury Secretary told counterparts from other nations in a letter

that the talks had reached an impasse that prevented US agreement on even any interim implementation of Pillar 1. He further said nations were “much closer to an agreement” on the Pillar 2 minimum tax element.

### [Puerto Rico enacts additional COVID-19 stimulus measures with implications for tax years 2019 and 2020](#)

On 14 June, Puerto Rico’s governor signed into law a second round of measures to boost the economy and help support small and medium-sized businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The new legislation includes several important changes, mainly for tax years 2019 and 2020. Taxpayers should look for coming implementation guidance from the Puerto Rico Treasury Department so they can apply the measures that may be relevant to them.

### [Costa Rica’s Tax Authorities publish guidance on charging and collecting of VAT on cross-border digital services and intangible assets](#)

On 12 June, Costa Rica’s Tax Authorities published a Resolution providing guidance on charging and collecting Value-Added Tax (VAT) on cross-border digital services and intangible assets. Cross-border digital services include services rendered through internet or other digital platform services by foreign digital service providers for use in Costa Rica. The Resolution also applies to the acquisition of intangible goods by final consumers or VAT taxpayers in Costa Rica from a foreign supplier.

### [Canada: Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan 2020-21 budgets tabled](#)

The finance ministers of the Canadian provinces of Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan have tabled their province’s fiscal 2020-21 budgets. The Prince Edward Island budget contains tax measures affecting individuals and corporations. The Saskatchewan budget contains no new taxes or tax increases, but introduces or extends certain tax incentives.



### [EY's 'Latest on BEPS and Beyond' for June 2020](#)

EY's Latest on BEPS and Beyond monthly newsletter reviews global and regional BEPS-related policy trends, as well as recent BEPS-driven developments in individual countries. Highlights of the June 2020 edition include Argentine regulations implementing transfer pricing provisions enacted as part of 2017 tax reform, Chile's new Value-Added Tax on digital services rendered by foreign digital service providers, and a US announcement on allowing electronic filing and digital signatures for advance pricing agreement and mutual agreement procedure requests.

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## Recently issued EY podcasts

### [US Cross-Border Taxation weekly podcast, 19 June 2020](#)

EY's weekly US Cross-border Taxation podcast reviews the week's US international tax-related developments. Highlights this week include: US suspends involvement in OECD BEPS 2.0 Pillar 1 project; OECD issues questionnaire on coronavirus-related transfer pricing compliance concerns; US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) completes review of final Section 250 regulations; Section 163(j), other international projects under review; IRS Large Business and International (LB&I) Division provides details on Tax Cuts and Jobs Act compliance campaign.

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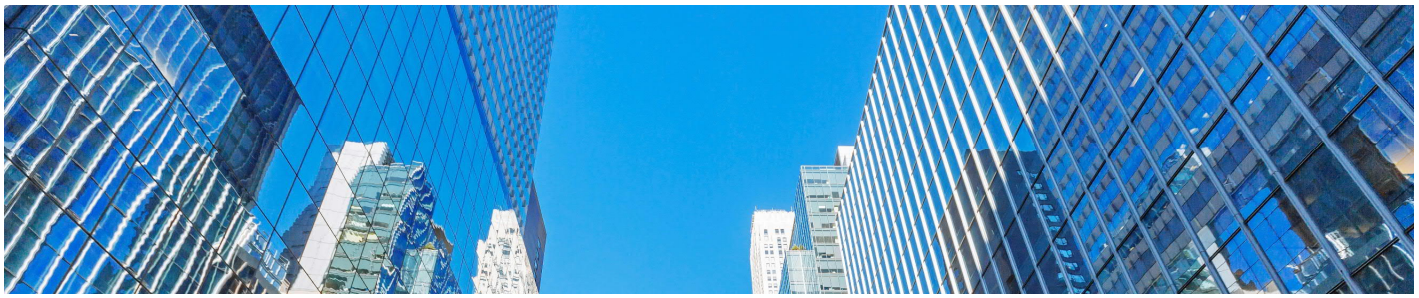
## This week's EY Global Tax Alerts

### 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: Philippines, Puerto Rico and Tanzania. Access the Alerts and other COVID-19 related materials [here](#).

### Additional Global Tax Alerts

- ▶ [Report on recent US international tax developments - 19 June 2020](#)
- ▶ [Uruguay's Executive Power extends tax incentives for construction activities](#)
- ▶ [Puerto Rico enacts additional COVID-19 stimulus measures with implications for tax years 2019 and 2020](#)
- ▶ [Canada: Prince Edward Island issues budget 2020-21](#)
- ▶ [Tanzania's Parliament passes Finance Bill, 2020](#)
- ▶ [Spanish Supreme Court rules on limits to dynamic interpretation of tax treaties](#)
- ▶ [Canada: Saskatchewan issues budget 2020-21](#)
- ▶ [Philippines enhances proposal for corporate tax reform to promote investment](#)
- ▶ [Philippines proposes law for taxation of the digital economy](#)
- ▶ [Norway's Parliamentary Finance Committee addresses uncertainty resulting from Ministry of Finance statement regarding application of GAAR](#)
- ▶ [Turkey's Central Bank now requires certain companies to submit weekly report of foreign exchange position](#)
- ▶ [Algeria enacts 2020 Complementary Finance Act including foreign direct investment incentives](#)
- ▶ [Ghana Revenue Authority issues Practice Notes on various tax issues](#)



## OECD Alerts

- ▶ [US Ways & Means trade hearing discusses BEPS 2.0 news](#)
- ▶ [The Latest on BEPS and Beyond | June 2020 edition](#)

## Transfer Pricing Alerts

- ▶ [Saudi Arabia issues taxpayer guidance for MAP](#)

## Indirect Alerts

- ▶ [Costa Rica's Tax Authorities publish guidance on charging and collecting of VAT on cross-border digital services and intangible assets](#)
- ▶ [UK announces new measures to support customs intermediaries and controls for importing goods will now apply from July 2021](#)
- ▶ [CJEU rules price adjustments require VAT deduction adjustments](#)

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## EY Industry and Tax Services publications

### Industries

#### Automotive

- ▶ [How fleet electrification is driving opportunities for US utilities](#)
- ▶ [Why collaboration is a must for automotive companies amid the pandemic](#)

#### Banking & Capital Markets

- ▶ [How the banking sector will respond to pandemic-related recession](#)

#### Mining & Metals

- ▶ [How miners can pivot from crisis to transformation](#)

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- ▶ [How divestments can offer renewed growth for life sciences companies](#)

#### Technology, Media & Entertainment, and Telecommunications

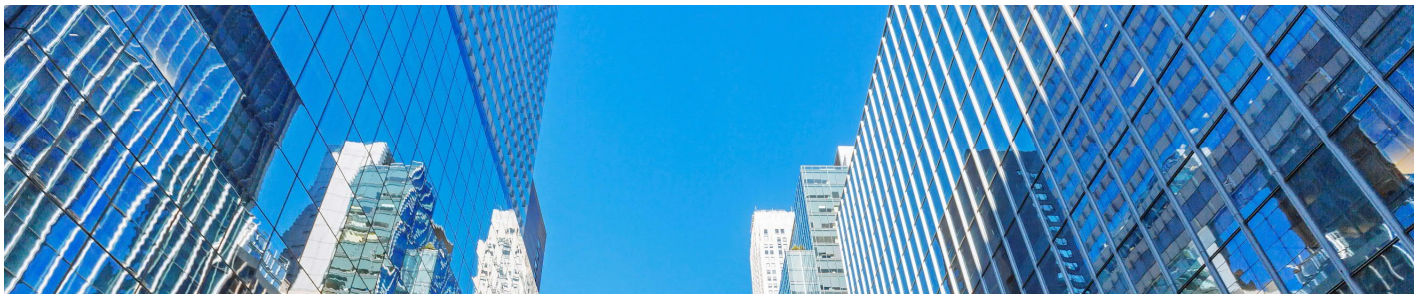
- ▶ [How tech companies have reached out to support their customers in Q1 2020](#)

### Services

#### Advisory

- ▶ [Beyond COVID-19: Will you define the new normal or watch it unfold?](#)
- ▶ [EY Megatrends: Are you reframing your future or is the future reframing you?](#)
- ▶ [COVID-19: How COOs can sustain operations and keep workers engaged](#)
- ▶ [COVID-19: How CROs can lead by building stakeholder trust](#)
- ▶ [How digital twin technology is transforming supply chains](#)
- ▶ [How data can help you innovate when change is constant](#)
- ▶ [How ancient traditions extend their reach via digital transformation](#)
- ▶ [How harnessing technology at speed is creating an engaging fan experience](#)
- ▶ [What your post-COVID-19 crisis security clean-up checklist should include](#)





## People and workforce

- ▶ How the future of work will change the digital supply chain
- ▶ COVID-19: How CIOs can keep the lights on in the pandemic and beyond

## Tax

- ▶ Why trade disputes are reshuffling supply chains and transfer pricing
- ▶ How to better satisfy your cash needs during COVID-19
- ▶ Will the road to recovery lead to an economy that's revived or reimagined?
- ▶ How to drive a more agile tax operation in a post-COVID-19 world
- ▶ How organizations can prepare for the payroll of the future
- ▶ Why resiliency planning will strengthen your business after COVID-19

## Issues

### Risk

- ▶ Board Agenda 2020: Eight priorities for boards as they tackle the COVID-19 crisis
- ▶ When you need to leap ahead, how do you shift from taking small steps?

## Comments

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