

## Americas Tax Center Roundup

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#### Latest news - Americas

## US trade developments: USTR announces submission process for 'List 3', Mexico ratifies USMCA, India retaliates against US

In a 20 June Notice, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published guidelines for interested parties to request a product exemption from the Section 301 "List 3" tariffs (punitive tariffs imposed on 24 September 2018 on approximately US\$200b of Chinese origin goods). Companies impacted by List 3 duties should consider submitting an exclusion request.

With respect to the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), the Mexican Senate voted on 19 June to ratify the agreement, making it the first of the three signatory countries to do so. Companies currently claiming duty-free treatment under NAFTA are encouraged to compare current rules of origin to new rules of origin for their products under the USMCA.

Separately, on 16 June 2019, India increased tariffs on 28 targeted products of US origin in response to its removal from the US's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program earlier in the month. US companies involved in US/India trade should assess the financial impact of the increased tariffs both on the US import as well as the Indian import side.

#### US IRS ends challenge to creditability of French CSG and CDRS

The US IRS has indicated that it will no longer assert that taxpayers are precluded from claiming foreign tax credits for France's contribution sociale généralisée (CSG) and contribution pour le remboursement de la dette sociale (CRDS). As a result, US citizens and resident aliens who pay the CSG and CRDS in France may now claim foreign tax credits to offset their US income tax. Additionally, they potentially may file claims for refund of US income tax by claiming foreign tax credits for CSG and CRDS paid in the last 10 years under US Internal Revenue Code Section 6511.

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### Panama issues decree on the Country-by-Country reporting requirement

Panama's government has published an Executive Decree addressing the disclosure of information in the country-by-country report (CbC report) by tax resident companies in Panama for purposes of the automatic exchange of information. Reporting entities should review the provisions of the Executive Decree, as it sets forth the thresholds for filing the report, what must be included in the report, and the ruling request procedure for any questions related to the Decree's provisions.

#### Uruguay modifies regulations on the deductibility of software expenses

The Uruguayan Executive Power has issued a regulatory Decree that limits the deductibility of software expenses. The Decree limits the deduction for software expenses incurred by corporations to the percentage at which the income for the software provider was taxed (considering that such income could be fully taxed, partially taxed, or fully exempted).

## Canada's CCA acceleration measures enacted as part of 2019 budget implementation bill

The business income tax measures contained in Bill C-97, which implements certain tax measures announced in Canada's 2019 federal budget and the 21 November 2018 federal fall economic statement, received Royal Assent on 21 June and are now enacted for US GAAP financial reporting purposes. Subject to some exceptions, they were substantively enacted on 8 April 2019 for Canadian financial reporting purposes. Most notably, the capital cost allowance (CCA) acceleration measures are now enacted.

#### Canada proposes changes to employee stock option rules

Canada's Finance Minister has tabled a Notice of Ways and Means Motion that contains proposed changes to the tax treatment of employee stock options. The proposals include a CA\$200,000 annual limit on employee stock option grants that can receive the tax-preferred treatment available under the current employee stock option rules. Companies may want to consider accelerating the grant of options if they are at risk of having the new rules apply to options granted after 31 December 2019.

## Taxation of the digitalized economy – June 2019 update: Webcast replay and slide deck available

An on-demand replay of our recent Thought Center Webcast *Taxation of the digitalized economy – June 2019 update* is now available. For those that missed the webcast, a PDF copy of the slide deck is also available.

### This week's tax treaty news in the Americas

- Brazil and Hungary: Hungary authorized negotiations for tax treaty revision
- **Brazil and Switzerland:** Brazilian Congress approved social security agreement
- MERCOSUR and European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland): free trade agreement negotiations held

### This week's EY Global Tax Alerts

## **Global Tax Alerts**

- Report on recent US international tax developments 28 June 2019 (28 June 2019)
- Spain publishes draft proposal on Mandatory Disclosure Rules (28 June 2019) – Available via GTNU
- US final, temporary and proposed regulations on GILTI and ownership attribution affect domestic pass-through owners and individuals (28 June 2019)
- Taiwan issues guidance on application of the beneficial owner requirement under Taiwan's tax treaties (28 June 2019)
- Turkey defines Banking and Insurance Transaction Tax rate as 0% for FX sales to entities with industrial registration certificate and members of Exporters' Association (28 June 2019)
- Nigeria's TAT rules on deductibility of voluntary pension contributions and use of Best of Judgment assessments by tax authorities (27 June 2019)

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- US IRS ends challenge to creditability of French CSG and CDRS (27 June 2019)
- US Senate Foreign Relations approves protocols to tax treaties (26 June 2019)
- Mauritius aligns intellectual property incentives with nexus approach (26 June 2019)
- Australian Taxation Office releases draft views on new non-concessional MIT income rules from 1 July 2019 (26 June 2019)
- UK's Tax Authority issues next batch of letters regarding Profit Diversion Compliance Facility (25 June 2019)
- Indian Government ratifies Multilateral Instrument (25 June 2019)
- Uruguay modifies regulations on deductibility of software expenses (25 June 2019)
- Canada's CCA acceleration measures enacted as part of 2019 budget implementation bill (25 June 2019)
- UAE enacts economic substance rules (24 June 2019)

## **OECD/BEPS Alerts**

- OECD releases international framework for exchange of information collected under CRS-related mandatory disclosure rules; updates XML schemas for exchange of CRS, CbCR and tax ruling information (28 June 2019) – Available via GTNU
- The Latest On BEPS 28 June 2019 (28 June 2019) Available via GTNU

## **Transfer Pricing Alert**

 Panama issues decree on the Country-by-Country reporting requirement (25 June 2019)

#### **Indirect Alert**

 USTR announces formal submission process for List 3; Mexico formally ratifies USMCA and India formally retaliates against US (26 June 2019)

## **Human Capital Alert**

 Canada provides update on proposed changes to employee stock option rules (24 June 2019)

### Recently archived webcasts now available on-demand

#### Taxation of the digital economy: June 2019 update

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