

## Americas Tax Center Roundup

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This week's edition contains two weeks' worth of news.

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### **Latest news - Americas**

#### US Senate sets up tax treaty votes for week of 15 July

On 11 July, the US Senate Majority Leader announced that the Senate will proceed to consideration of protocols amending tax treaties with Spain, Switzerland, Japan and Luxembourg the week of 15 July. The four protocols were approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee 25 June, after awaiting action in the Senate for nearly a decade due to information sharing concerns. The Foreign Relations Committee has not yet considered the new tax treaties with Chile, Hungary and Poland.

# <u>OECD releases updated framework and technology resources for exchange of taxpayer information</u>

The OECD has released the international administrative and operational framework for the exchange of information collected under the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) Mandatory Disclosure Rules (MDRs). The framework includes the MDR extensible mark-up language (XML) Schema and User Guide to support the operational and technical side of the MDR exchanges. While designed for tax administrations, multinational enterprises can leverage these resources for submitting country-by-country reports or, in the future, to report required information under the CRS MDRs.

# <u>G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration reiterates endorsement of OECD workplan for development of new international tax rules</u>

The G20 Leaders' Summit in Osaka, Japan, on 28-29 June 2019 concluded with the issuance of a declaration on key topics discussed at the meeting. These topics included international tax developments. Importantly, the G20 Leaders' endorsed the OECD's current workplan for revised profit allocation and nexus rules and new global minimum tax rules, as well as the aggressive timeline for this ambitious project.

#### Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA) amendments have tax implications

As of 13 June 2019, private corporations incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA) are required to maintain a register of shareholders who, directly or indirectly, exercise "significant control" over a

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corporation. These amendments are expected to be followed by similar amendments to the counterpart legislation in the Canadian provinces and territories. Canadian tax authorities may seek this information for purposes of administering and enforcing certain tax legislation.

#### Canada: Prince Edward Island budget 2019-20 tabled

Prince Edward Island's finance minister tabled the Canadian province's fiscal 2019-20 budget on 25 June. The budget contains tax measures affecting individuals and corporations.

### 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 July 2019 issue discusses: (1) how blockchain technology could transform indirect tax, (2) new regulations introduced in Quebec around the taxation of short-term rental property owners, and (3) a recent Federal Court of Appeals decision that a "return of capital" prohibits interest deductibility for a taxpayer.

## Latest update on OECD's BEPS project available (28 June 2019)

EY has released its latest update on developments related to the OECD's BEPS project. With respect to the Americas, the update highlights (1) an Argentine Resolution amending the binding inquiry (ruling) system for tax and social security purposes, (2) Canada's ratification of the Multilateral Instrument, and (3) Panama's issuance of a Decree establishing the regulatory framework for country-by-country reporting.

#### EY's 2019 Worldwide Corporate Tax Guide is now available

Updated for 2019, EY's Worldwide Corporate Tax Guide provides at-a-glance information as well as details on: (1) taxes on corporate income and gains; (2) determination of trading income; (3) other significant taxes; (4) miscellaneous matters (including foreign-exchange controls, debt-to-equity rules, transfer pricing, controlled foreign companies and anti-avoidance legislation); and (5) treaty withholding tax rates.

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

- Argentina and Japan: tax treaty signed
- Canada and Albania: Albanian Council of Ministers approved social security agreement
- Peru and China: free trade agreement negotiations held
- Uruguay and South Korea: social security agreement signed
- US and Japan: US Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved tax treaty protocol
- US and Luxembourg: US Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved tax treaty protocol
- US and Spain: US Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved tax treaty protocol
- **US and Switzerland:** US Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved tax treaty protocol

#### This week's EY Global Tax Alerts

#### **Global Tax Alerts**

- Report on recent US international tax developments 12 July 2019 (12 July 2019)
- Japan and Argentina sign new tax treaty (12 July 2019)
- US Senate sets up tax treaty votes for next week (12 July 2019)
- Canada: Tax implications of Canada Business Corporations Act changes (12 July 2019)
- UK publishes draft Finance Bill 2019-20 clauses (12 July 2019)
- Russia's Government submits major Tax Code Amendment Bill to State
   Duma (11 July 2019)

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- Australian Taxation Office proposes expansion of Reportable Tax Position schedule requirements to private groups (11 July 2019)
- Israel expands its Innovation Box Regime to pharmaceutical companies (10 July 2019)
- Denmark publishes draft proposal on Mandatory Disclosure Rules (10 July 2019)
- Belgium deposits instrument of ratification for MLI (9 July 2019)
- Nigerian TAT rules that gratuities paid to retired employees are exempt from Personal Income Tax (9 July 2019)
- Slovakia passes draft legislation to implement EU Mandatory Disclosure Rules (8 July 2019)
- Dutch Government publishes draft legislation on implementation of EU ATAD 2 (3 July 2019)
- Poland defers key impact of withholding tax reform (2 July 2019)

## **OECD/BEPS Alerts**

- OECD releases updated framework and multiple technology resources in relation to technology-driven exchange of certain taxpayer information (1 July 2019)
- G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration reiterates endorsement of OECD workplan for development of new international tax rules (1 July 2019)

## **Transfer Pricing Alert**

 Belarusian tax authorities to begin requesting transfer pricing documentation for 2018 as of 1 June 2019 (8 July 2019)

### **Indirect Alerts**

- US initiates action against France's digital services tax, issues additional exclusions on China origin goods and supplements list of products under EU Subsidies dispute (12 July 2019)
- UK releases draft clauses and guidance on Digital Services Tax (12 July 2019)
- Pakistan Sindh Revenue Board issues indirect sales tax notifications effective 1 July 2019 (8 July 2019)
- France's Parliamentary Commission agrees on Digital Services Tax (3 July 2019)
- Zambia postpones implementation of Sales Tax Bill (2 July 2019)

### **Human Capital Alert**

• India's 2019/20 Finance Bill discussed

## Recently archived webcasts now available on-demand

## Global payroll challenges for US employers

In an increasingly global economy, payroll, tax, and HR professionals are challenged to understand and comply with a vast array of new rules and to incorporate these requirements into existing policies and practices. A recent webcast reviewed international trends that are influencing payroll and HR systems and policies.

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- How AI and robotics may change tax job duties

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- Seven disagreements that fueled tax clashes through the ages
- Why indirect taxes are the next frontier in controversy
- How innovation deepens insights for tax authorities
- Can thinking big keep your tax controversy small?
- How multi-jurisdictional taxes could result in double taxation
- Three ways blockchain can help implement smart contracts
- How a carrot could get you a free theater performance
- How establishing a first-time fund raises complexities

#### Issues

#### Growth

- Why global IPO activity has continued to slow in Q2 2019
- Why your next big bet should be in food innovation
- Is AI the start of the truly creative human?
- How to reshape your business with agility and build resilience
- Family enterprises take dual paths to grow revenue and build resilience
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