

Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

KPMG Tax Seminar on the changing tax landscape in Bahrain and the region

On 23 October, KPMG Bahrain's tax team hosted a seminar focusing on the changing tax landscape in Bahrain and the region. Our expert speakers led engaging discussions covering BEPS Pillar 2, e-invoicing, corporate tax and transfer pricing. With more than 200 business leaders and finance professionals attending the session, the seminar provided an in-depth discussion on key aspects of the upcoming developments in tax in Bahrain and the region.

Click [here](#) to access the materials presented at the seminar.

Whilst the date of implementation of CIT or e-invoicing in Bahrain has not yet been announced, our seminars are intended to provide Bahrain businesses with insights on leading practice. Businesses that act proactively will be better prepared to deal with the challenges of the rapidly evolving tax landscape.

Introduction of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) regulation for specified goods

The European Union (EU) has introduced the CBAM regulation which applies to specified imports of goods (identified by their CN code) into the EU within the following 6 emissions-intensive sectors: electricity, iron and steel, cement, aluminum, fertilizers, and hydrogen. The CBAM comes into effect on 1 October 2023 with a transitional period that runs until 31 December 2025, during which the obligations of the EU importer shall be limited to reporting obligations. The first quarterly report is due by 31 January 2024.

Bahrain businesses that are exporting CBAM covered goods to the EU should assess the impact that the CBAM regulations will have on their operations.

For a discussion about how CBAM impacts your business, please [contact us](#).

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) publishes amended income tax law as draft

ZATCA has recently published a draft of the amended KSA income tax law, which is proposed to replace the current income tax law, on their public consultation platform 'Istitlaa'. The deadline to submit comments and feedback on the draft through 'Istitlaa' is 25 December 2023.

Click [here](#) to view the draft income tax law.

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ZATCA publishes amended zakat and tax procedural law as draft

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ZATCA signs agreement with the National Committee for Tobacco Control

ZATCA has recently announced that they have signed a co-operation agreement with the National Committee for Tobacco Control on the sidelines of the Global Health Exhibition. The agreement aims to exchange experiences and enhance joint co-operation between the two parties.

ZATCA releases newest issue of their magazine

ZATCA has recently released the 73rd issue of their magazine on their website which highlights information about ZATCA's activities during Q3 2023.

Click [here](#) to view the ZATCA magazine (in Arabic).

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) releases Ministerial Decision on determination of parts of electronic devices

On 25 October 2023, FTA issued the Ministerial Decision No. 262 of 2023 on the criteria to be followed in the determination of parts and pieces of electronic devices. The Ministerial Decision will come into effect on 30 October 2023.

Click [here](#) to view Ministerial Decision No. 262 of 2023.

FTA signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ajman City University

The FTA has recently announced that it has signed an MOU with Ajman City University to enhance joint co-operation and strategic partnership, exchange experiences to contribute to the development of the local community.

Qatar

Qatar approves draft budget law

Qatar's Cabinet has recently approved the draft budget law for the 2024 financial year and referred it to the Shura Council for their consideration.

General Tax Authority (GTA) conducts BEPS Pillar 2 rules workshop

On 31 October 2023, the GTA conducted a workshop on the BEPS Pillar 2 rules rules, in co-operation with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

For a detailed discussion on how the above updates may impact your business, [contact us](#).

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