

Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

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

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Tax Seminar hosted by our tax experts on 23 October 2023 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Al Seef from 8:30 AM onwards. During the seminar, our expert speakers will cover:

- Basics of CIT
- Snapshot of CIT in the GCC
- Computation of taxable income
- Transfer pricing and key international tax concepts
- BEPS Pillar 2 and GloBE rules update
- Basics of e-invoicing and key features of the KSA e-invoicing model
- Lessons learnt from KSA on e-invoicing and from UAE on CIT implementation
- Practical steps Bahrain businesses can take to ensure readiness

Click [here](#) to register.

For assistance with seminar registration, please contact Khalid Seyadi (kseyadi@kpmg.com).

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.

National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) conducts 164 inspection visits in September 2023

The NBR has announced that they have successfully conducted 164 inspection visits in various governorates during September 2023. The inspections have led to detection of 28 violations resulting in imposition of administrative fines under the VAT and Excise Tax legislations.

Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) financial committee discusses tax exemptions

On 5 October 2023, the GCC Financial and Economic Cooperation Committee held its 120th meeting in Muscat, presided over by Finance Minister Sultan bin Salim AlHabsi. The meeting investigated regulations for exempting GCC industrial products from taxes, as well as the status of negotiations between GCC governments and China on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

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 and 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 Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) holds fifth meeting of 2023

On 8 October 2023, the Board of Directors of ZATCA held their fifth annual meeting for 2023, chaired by HE the Minister of Finance, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Jadaan.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) releases CIT guide for non-resident persons

The FTA has recently released a CIT guide for non-resident persons.

Click [here](#) to view the guide.

FTA issues Public Clarification on application of reverse charge mechanism (RCM) on electronic devices

The FTA has recently issued Public Clarification VATP034 on the application of RCM on electronic devices among registrants in the UAE.

Click [here](#) to view Public Clarification VATP034.

FTA conducts CIT workshop

The FTA recently conducted a virtual CIT workshop in English on 10 October 2023.

Qatar

Parliament of Turkmenistan approves Investment Protection Agreement (IPA) with Qatar

On 30 September 2023, the parliament of Turkmenistan approved an IPA with Qatar, which was initially signed on 20 March 2023.

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

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