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UPDATE on COVID-19

The Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism

EDITOR'S NOTE:

At this critical moment in the world's fight against the COVID-19, the Special Edition of the BRITACOM Update on COVID-19 is issued, aiming to provide a platform for BRITACOM Council Members, Observers and other stakeholders to exchange views and share experience in responding to the outbreak. Issue 9 is about measures against COVID-19 provided by the Angolan Revenue Administration (AGT). Pamphlet (in Portuguese) stating the measures is also attached. Later we will share more experience of tax administrations from countries and regions and views of international organizations and tax experts with you. If you would like to make contributions to the Special Edition, please contact us via email britacom@163.com.

Angolan Revenue Administration (AGT)

Measures Against COVID-19

1. New Operating Hours for TaxPayers

Considering the situation that the country is currently going through and in order to avoid the

spread of COVID-19, new operating hours for tax payers have been arranged. Minimum Services

will be available to tax payers at the Tax and Customs Offices from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 1

pm.

2. Access to Remote Channels

For tax obligations purposes, the following remote channels are available:

Taxpayer Support Center | Hours: 08h00 - 14h00

tel: +244 923167272 | e-mail: agt.callcenter@minfin.gov.ao

Taxpayer Portal | Hours: Available 24h

Website: https://portaldocontribuinte.minfin.gov.ao

Asycuda | Hours: Available 24h

Email: enpa.tecnica@minfin.gv.ao; enpa.funcional@minfin.gov.ao

3. Remote Service Provision

Employees who fall into the risk group, should work remotely (via e-mail and telephone), namely:

(1) employees over the age of 54;

(2) employees with proven pathologies such as diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular

diseases, respiratory diseases, among others;

(3) pregnant women;

(4) mothers with children under the age of 12.

4. External Inspections

All external inspection services are suspended.

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5. Payment of Industrial Tax | Group B & A

Deadline for Group B Taxpayers has been extended until the 29th May 2020 and Group A deadline has been extended until the 30th June 2020.

6. Value added tax | VAT

An allocation of a 12-month tax credit on the value of VAT to taxpayers who pay this tax on the import of capital goods and raw materials to produce goods that are part of the basic food basket as defined in Presidential Decree no. 23 / 19, of 14 May.

7. Limited Access to Tax and Customs Offices

Recommendations to access the Tax and Customs offices services only in extreme cases.

8. Property Tax

Property tax can be paid in four installments, the 1st until the end of April, the 2nd until the end of June, the 3rd until the end of August and the 4th until the end of October.

9. Useful covid-19 prevention information

During the pandemic, several communication materials have been produced, printed and distributed (website, Tax Offices, Customs Offices, social networks) containing a range of information on the measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

10. Limited and Fast Services

The Customs Offices at the Airports, Ports and at the national Borders are to guarantee minimum services to allow for the immediate clearance of goods, particularly goods that are imported to help the COVID-19 pandemic.

11. Clearance of Goods

The customs clearance process must be managed in a swift manner, prioritizing medicines, hospital equipment and food products. The absence of documentation should not condition the clearance of goods, so the requirement for supporting documents to the Single Customs Declaration is suspended, with only the BL, transport waybill and commercial invoice required until the situation normalizes.

12. Export of Food Products

Exports of nationalized food products, as well as medicines and medical equipment, including those carried by the inhabitants of border areas are suspended.





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