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Hong Kong SAR bill on tax certainty enhancement scheme for onshore capital gains published

A bill has been published in the official gazette that sets out how onshore gains on the disposal of equity interests satisfying certain conditions could be treated as capital in nature, and thus would not be chargeable to profits tax. The proposed scheme would apply to disposals on or after 1 January 2024 and disposal gains accrued from the year of assessment 2023-24.



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Australia

Publication of certain R&D claim information to begin by late 2024

This article discusses the Australian Taxation Office's preparations for the annual publication of certain information in respect of research and development tax incentive claims, which is expected to begin in late 2024 for income years ending on or after 30 June 2022. These preparations include communications with tax agents to raise awareness of related issues.



France

Withholding tax on dividend paid to loss-making nonresident company is constitutional

The Constitutional Council has ruled that the withholding tax applicable to French-source dividends paid to a loss-making nonresident company complies with the constitution. The decision relates to situations involving a loss-making company established outside of the EU that holds a participation in the distributing

company that is considered to be a "direct investment."



Greece

Ministry of Finance issues list of noncooperative jurisdictions for FY 2022

The Minister of Finance has issued a decision updating the list of jurisdictions that are deemed noncooperative for tax purposes for fiscal year 2022. The updated list reflects the addition of Angola, the British Virgin Islands, and Nicaragua. Barbados and the Maldives are removed from the list for the entire year, while Mauritania, Rwanda, and Thailand are removed as from specific dates during 2022.



Hong Kong SAR

2023 Policy Address proposes 5% concessionary tax rate for patent box regime

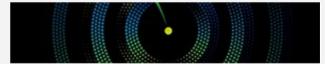
The chief executive has delivered the 2023 Policy Address, which includes an announcement of a 5% concessionary tax rate under the "patent box" incentive proposed in the 2023-24 budget. The reduced rate would apply to domestic-source profits from qualifying patents generated through research and development, with a bill expected to be introduced to the Legislative Council in the first half of 2024.



OECD

Updated FAQs released on model reporting rules for digital platforms

The OECD has released an update to a frequently asked questions document regarding model reporting rules that require digital platform operators to report certain information to tax authorities. The questions included were received from business and government delegates, and the answers are intended to clarify the model rules and to help ensure consistency in relation to their application.



United States

IRS launches compliance initiatives targeting large businesses, highwealth taxpayers

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that it has launched three new compliance programs funded with money allocated to the agency under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which include a focus on transfer pricing practices of large foreign corporations with US subsidiaries, an expansion of the Large Corporate Compliance program, and

heightened scrutiny of certain high-income, high-wealth individuals.

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