



ICEbreakers: Global VAT Services

Value Added Tax – The Impact

Outside the US, VAT (or goods and services tax, where applicable) is the predominant transaction tax levied on supplies of goods and services. VAT is sometimes compared to sales and use tax in the US, but it is fundamentally different, in that VAT is levied on each B2B and B2C transaction in the supply chain, including intercompany transactions. As a result, any US-based multinational businesses operating overseas likely will be affected by VAT compliance and related reporting obligations.

Some of the VAT obligations faced by businesses operating globally include:

- The requirement to register for VAT purposes when selling into, or setting up operations in, a new country;
- Determining the correct treatment in respect of the various rates and exemptions that may apply;
- Assessing whether automated ERP/other tax technology may be effective in meeting indirect tax reporting requirements for often complex international supply chains;
- Managing global indirect tax compliance, including the level of automation and considerations relating to in-sourcing versus out-sourcing;
- Monitoring the indirect tax implications associated with M&A deals, corporate restructuring, business model optimization, and changes to existing transactions and supply flows arising from external drivers such as BEPS.

Deloitte's Global Indirect Tax Capabilities

- 30+ US-based global Indirect Tax professionals from Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific.
- Geographically spread across the US with major hubs in Chicago, New York and San Francisco.
- Experience in providing tax technical support, guidance on effective process implementation, and leveraging effective technology solutions.
- Ability to offer indirect tax compliance outsourcing and coordination services, while helping businesses address relevant changes from a technical, organizational, and process perspective.
- Fully integrated with Deloitte's global network of member firms, consisting of more than 2,300 indirect tax professionals.



Recent Global VAT Services team publications

- **Global Indirect Tax News (GITN)** – A monthly update summarizing recent indirect tax developments.
- **GCC (UAE): Implementation of VAT** - Latest position regarding the new VAT regime in the UAE.
- **GCC (KSA): Implementation of VAT** - Latest position regarding the new VAT regime in the KSA.
- **India GST: A Tax Transformation** – A publication outlining the compliance measures and challenges facing taxpayers.
- **Australian GST on low value goods** – Discussion paper on the possible GST collection models for low value imported goods.

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