

Belgium/ COVID 19 - Tax measures to reduce cashflow difficulties

- ✓ **Tax payments/ 2-months extension** (automatic, ordinary current due payments):
 - **Corporate, Legal entities, non-resident corporate tax** for tax year 2019 with tax assessment as from 12 March 2020.
 - **Wage tax**
 - February and March returns (or Q1 2020 return) ⇒ due date shifted respectively to 13 May and 15 June 2020;
 - April return ⇒ due date shifted to 15 July 2020.
 - **VAT**
 - February and March returns (or Q1 2020 return) ⇒ due date shifted respectively to 20 May and 20 June 2020 (returns due earlier).
 - April return ⇒ due date shifted to 20 July 2020 (return due earlier).
- ✓ **Tax payments/ facilitation measures:** payment of tax debt, late interest exemption, fine waiver (upon conditions + request by 30 June 2020 at the latest).
- ✓ **VAT refund: Accelerated refund** of the VAT credit resulting from the February VAT return, by 30 April 2020.
- ✓ **Payment of excise duties, packaging tax and VAT payment for alcohol and beverages** are extended from one to four weeks until 30 June 2020.
- ✓ Tax deductibility for **write-downs on receivables:** COVID-19 constitutes exceptional circumstances.
- ✓ **Advance payments:** increased rate for Q3 (6.75%) and Q4 (5.25%) for companies making advance payments (conditions).
- ✓ Special **allowances for workers:** social and tax-exempt allowance for homeworking (up to €126.94/day), by (fast-track) ruling request; tax free overtime allowance for the 'essential sectors' (limits and conditions).
- ✓ **Compensation for mandatory closure** of businesses and **other regional or local tax aids** are announced/on track.

General and summarized information by 23 April 2020. A large scope of measures are taken in the challenging context of Covid19. We focus here on the cashflows. Do not hesitate to contact us for update or additional information at office@avisius.law



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