

TAX ALERT

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act No 16 of 2024



March 2024

The Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act No.16 of 2024 (Amendment Act) was certified by the Speaker on 20 March 2024.

Following are the summary of the Amending Act

Increase in the VAT Rate

The standard VAT rate has been increased from 15% to **18%** for any taxable period commencing from 01 January 2024. The rate for VAT on Financial Services will continue at 18%.

Reduction in the Registration Threshold

The VAT registration threshold has been reduced to LKR 60 Mn for a period of 12 months and LKR 15 Mn per taxable period w.e.f. 01 January 2024. Previously the registration threshold was LKR 80 Mn for a period of 12 months and LKR 20 Mn per taxable period.

The requirement to register for VAT will arise from the date the VAT Amendment Act was certified by the Speaker.

As per Section 10 of the VAT Act, a person should make an application to register for VAT not later than 15 days from the date on which such person is liable to be registered.

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