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Asia Pacific Tax Developments

China

[China: Chinese imports subject to 10% additional tariffs in US](#)

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative ('USTR') released a list of approximately \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports that will be subject to additional tariffs. The additional tariffs will be effective starting 24 September 2018, and initially will be imposed at a rate of 10%. However, beginning 1 January 2019, the rate of the additional tariffs will increase to 25%.

[More details](#)

[China: Significant reforms to personal taxes in China](#)

The Chinese Government introduced reforms to personal taxes on August 31 – the largest of such reforms in China in decades. The reforms will fundamentally change the method (and rates) by which tax is collected, and also impose new tax residency rules. The Individual Income Tax (IIT) reforms will take full effect from 1 January 2019, while the revised standard personal deduction and tax rates table will apply from 1 October 2018.

[More details](#)

China: USTR procedures for exclusions of Chinese imports from “Section 301” customs duty

The Office of the USTR released for publication in the Federal Register a notice and request for comments concerning USTR procedures for considering requests for exclusions of certain products or goods from the additional customs duty being imposed on imports from China under the “Section 301” procedures. [More details](#).

India

India: GST update, form and guidance

India’s Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs issued guidance items and circulars to make effective certain provisions relating to “tax deducted at source” (that is, tax withheld at source) and tax collected at source. These rules are given an effective date of 1 October 2018.

[More details](#)

India: U.S. ITC determination, stainless steel flanges from India

The U.S. International Trade Commission today announced that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of stainless steel flanges from India that the U.S. Commerce Department determined are subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value.

[More details](#)

Korea

Korea: New income tax treaty with Czech Republic

A new income tax treaty between the Czech Republic and South Korea is pending ratification. It is possible the treaty could enter into force at the beginning of 2019.

[More details](#)

Philippines

Philippines: No Small Fry to the BIR

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (‘BIR’) continues to surprise taxpayers with the recent issuance of Revenue Memorandum Order No. 32, further amended by Revenue Memorandum Order No. 34. Audit investigations are aimed at individual and non-individual taxpayers belonging to the small category as part of its targeted tax collection efforts and compliance monitoring. [More details](#).

Singapore

Singapore: Issue 19: Tax Dispute Resolution Quarterly - Summer 2018 Issue

A publication from KPMG LLP's Tax Dispute Resolution Services Network covers a spectrum of news and developments in tax enforcement trends, IRS practice and procedure, global tax disputes, and state and local tax issues. Some of the articles featured in this issue include:

- IRS extends CAP program
- Tax reform gives choice-of-entity new life
- Are foreign information reporting penalties assessable?
- Wayfair decision fallout
- More on OECD transfer pricing guidelines.

[More details](#)

Thailand

Thailand: Amendments to rules for work permits for foreigners working in Thailand

The Thai Cabinet issued a new law concerning work permit requirements and other administrative obligations for foreigners working in Thailand. The Amendment is intended to help facilitate better control over the process of bringing foreign workers into Thailand and to further promote cooperation amongst related sectors.

[More details](#)

Significant International Tax Developments



OECD: Saudi Arabia signs BEPS multilateral convention

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) announced that representatives of the government of Saudi Arabia signed the base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) multilateral convention (the multilateral instrument or MLI).

[More details](#)

OECD: Updated country-by-country reporting guidance; dividends received, employee numbers

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) announced the release of new guidance in a “question and answer” (Q&A) format regarding implementation of country-by-country (CbC) reporting pursuant to the base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) Action 13. The updated guidance includes a complete set of CbC guidance issued to date.

[More details](#)

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
8 November 2018	Malaysia - Tax and Business Summit 2018 Contacts: Ms. Sharon Leong Peck Sim / Ms. Fah Siew Peng / Ms. Esther Teh Mei Sum More details	One World Hotel First Avenue, Bandar Utama City Centre, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

Beyond Asia Pacific

EU: E-News from KPMG's EU Tax Centre – E-News 81

KPMG's EU Tax Centre compiles a regular update of EU tax developments that can have both a domestic and a cross-border impact. CJEU cases can have implications for your country, including:

- Infringement Procedures and Referrals to CJEU
- State Aid
- EU Institutions (COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION)
- EU Institutions (EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)
- OECD
- Local Law and Regulations
- Local Courts

[More details](#)

[Luxembourg: Non-taxation of U.S. multinational corporation not illegal state aid](#)

The European Commission today announced the findings of its investigation that the non-taxation of certain profits of a U.S. multinational corporation in Luxembourg did not lead to illegal state aid because the treatment was in line with national tax laws and the Luxembourg-United States income tax treaty.

[More details](#)

[TaxNewsFlash by Region](#)

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