

## **NEW FISCAL AND OTHER IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID- 19 PANDEMIC IN ROMANIA**

The economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the constant changes within the legal framework have placed an additional burden on taxpayers. Consequently, the Romanian authorities have adopted several fiscal measures, with Emergency Ordinance no. 99/2020 regarding some fiscal measures, the amendment of certain normative acts and the extension of certain deadlines (hereinafter referred to as “Emergency Ordinance 99/2020”) being the latest.

### **Benefits for HORECA field**

Those taxpayers who pay a particular tax for certain activities (hotels, hostels, camping sites, restaurants, catering, bars, trailer parks, camps and other similar activities) are exempt from paying such tax for a period of 90 days starting from the day of the entering into force of Emergency Ordinance 99/2020, specifically as of 25 June 2020.

Furthermore, when recalculating the tax, the relevant taxpayers are also exempt from paying the tax owed for the period of time when they had their activity suspended, either totally or partially, due to the state of emergency. The declaration and payment of the particular tax for the first semester of 2020 must be done by 25 October 2020 (inclusive).

### **Fiscal facilities for profit tax and income tax**

Taxpayers who pay profit tax and taxpayers who pay income tax for microenterprises are granted a deduction of 10% if they pay the taxes up until the 25 July 2020 for the second trimester of 2020, respectively up until the 25 October 2020 for the third trimester of 2020. This deduction also applies accordingly to taxpayers who pay a particular tax (as identified above).

### **Suspension of enforcement for tax receivables**

The enforcement of tax receivables via garnishment or via order of payment and auction cannot be started and, if it has already been started, is suspended. This measure is applicable until 25 October 2020.

Notwithstanding the above-mentioned, for certain categories of receivables, such suspension of enforcement will not be applicable (for example, state budget receivables established through a final criminal court decision, etc.).

### **Facilities regarding tax liabilities**

As for the tax liabilities matured between the 21 March – 25 October 2020, there is no obligation to calculate or pay interest or delayed payment penalty. The afore-mentioned benefits shall cease after 25 October 2020.

For any further information and assistance with respect to the above and any other **COVID-19** related legal matters, please do not hesitate to contact us at [covidhelpdesk@peterkapartners.com](mailto:covidhelpdesk@peterkapartners.com).