

Information Sheet No.76

VAT relaxations due to Covid -19 released by Cyprus Government

VAT Amending Law 2020 (L.24(I)/2020

As per the VAT (Amending) Law of 2020 (L.24(I)/ 2020), it is provided the right of the waive of the payment of VAT (the imposition of penalties and interest – including penal penalties- are waived), for parties registered with the VAT Register for VAT quarters ending 29th February 2020 (due 10 April 2020), 31st March 2020 (due 10 May 2020) and 30th April 2020 (due 10 June 2020) if the VAT declaration is submitted by the due date and any VAT payable is paid by 10 November 2020.

The application of the amendments does not apply to the below categories:

- Producers of electricity;
- Collection and distribution of water (for water supply);
- Groceries and supermarkets that are mainly for food;
- Convenience stores and mini markets;
- Retailing of a variety of goods in department store where food, beverages and tobacco are not predominant;
- Retail of fruit and vegetables – fruit shops;
- Retail sale of meat and meat products including poultry;
- Retail sale of fish and seafood - fish and mollusks;
- Retail sale of bread and other bakery;
- Retail sale of confectionery products;
- Retail sale of fuel;
- Retail sale of computers, peripherals and software;
- Retail sale of books;
- Retail sale of newspapers and stationary;
- Retail sale of toys of all kinds except videogames;
- Pharmacies;
- The Cyprus Telecommunications Authority (CYTA);
- Internet services;
- Satellite telecommunications services;
- Other telecommunication services, other than CYTA.

It is emphasized that the penalty for the late submission of the VAT returns still applies.

NOTES:

The above is intended to provide a brief guide only. It is essential that appropriate professional advice is obtained. P.G. Economides & Co Ltd will be glad to assist you in this respect. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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