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*Voluntary Disclosure and Amnesty (VA)
Programme and Impact on Risk
Management for Businesses*

25 May 2022 (Wednesday), 9.00am – 5.30pm

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The Voluntary Disclosure and Amnesty (VA) Programme was announced by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) in December 2021 to take effect from 1 January 2022. The programme is introduced to encourage businesses to come forward and declare any indirect taxes, duties, or levies that have been underpaid or inaccurately reported, as well as voluntarily settle any outstanding debts without dispute with the RMCD.

The guidelines and frequently asked questions (FAQ) have been issued to set right countless indirect tax liabilities i.e. sales tax, service tax, import duty, export duty, excise duty, GST, tourism tax and departure levy.

This seminar will highlight the common issues shared by various sectors in relation to the programme, and how this programme could impact businesses' risk management and ESG implementation.

KEY SEMINAR TAKEAWAYS

- **IDENTIFY** the measures introduced in the VA Programme
- **GUIDE** business entities on their response and action plans
- **PREPARE** businesses for the anticipated impacts of the measures
- **COMMUNICATE** the advantages of the VA Programme from the risk management and ESG perspectives
- **SHARE** common issues faced by various sectors so that businesses which have conducted compliance review can better focus to enhance their daily process

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Chief Financial Officers
- Directors
- Financial Controllers
- Accountants
- Finance Managers
- Tax Directors
- Tax Consultants

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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

8.30 am	PARTICIPANTS LOGIN TO JOIN THE SEMINAR
9.00 am –9.45 am	OVERVIEW OF VA PROGRAMME ON INDIRECT TAXES Representatives of the RMCD will explain the VA Programme on Indirect Taxes in detail, including its scope and benefits, to enable and incentivise compliance by stakeholders. SPEAKER ROSZITA DIM Deputy Director of Customs, Service Tax Policy & Implementation Branch, Internal Tax Division, Royal Malaysian Customs Department
9.45 am –10.45 am	RECENT UPDATES ON INDIRECT TAX CASES This session will keep you updated on the recent cases that emerged relating to the indirect taxes. SPEAKER AMIRA RAFIE Associate, Tax, SST & Customs, Rosli Dahlan Saravana
10.45 am –11.00 am	BREAK
11.00 am –11.45 am	COMMON PITFALLS IN MEETING EXEMPTIONS CRITERIA, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECTIFICATION UNDER THE VA PROGRAMME Given the transactional nature of indirect tax regimes, exemptions are used on a daily basis by many businesses not as a tool for relief but as a mechanism for tax to operate. Interestingly, the criteria to qualify for many of these exemptions are not stated in the approval letter but in the law, hence causing many businesses to overlook them. This session highlights the common oversights and their remedies. SPEAKER TAN ENG YEW Country Indirect Tax Leader, Deloitte Malaysia
11.45 am –12.30 pm	ATTENTION, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSES: COMMON ISSUES FACING IMPORTERS AND TRADERS What concerns might the VA Programme pose for international businesses, especially in connection with importing and trading? Get the insights in this session. SPEAKER DANY OON Executive Director, Indirect Tax, KPMG
12.30 pm –1.30 pm	BREAK
1.30 pm –2.15 pm	MANUFACTURERS, BE READY: COMMON ISSUES FACING THE INDUSTRY What issues could arise and affect the manufacturers in complying with the VA Programme? This session will share the common compliance pitfalls and how to mitigate them. SPEAKER TANG CHEE LOON Senior Manager, Indirect Tax, PwC Taxation Services Sdn Bhd
2.15 pm –3.00 pm	SERVICE SECTORS, TAKE HEED: COMMON ISSUES FACING THE SEGMENT The scope of taxable services has changed notably since the introduction of service tax in 2018. This session highlights common compliance issues for service businesses and possible solutions. SPEAKER GERMAINE SLONG Senior Manager, Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd
3.00 pm –3.15 pm	BREAK
3.15 pm –4.00 pm	WHAT SHOULD BUSINESSES DO BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER AN RMCD AUDIT? The VA programme offers different opportunities for businesses that have not undergone a tax audit as compared to businesses that have been audited and those that are presently undergoing an audit. This session applies the rules to these different scenarios so that participants can better relate to the benefits and application of the programme. SPEAKER THENESH KANNA Partner/Tax Advisor, TraTax Malaysia
4.00 pm –5.30 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION IMPACTS ON BUSINESSES AND THE WAY FORWARD This session will focus on how businesses could benefit from the VA programme, and what to expect post-VA. MODERATOR CHANDRAN TS RAMASAMY MIA Taxation Practice Committee Member PANELLISTS FAIZAL AMRAN Head of Finance, Pos Logistics Berhad ROSZITA DIM Deputy Director of Customs, Service Tax Policy & Implementation Branch, Internal Tax Division, Royal Malaysian Customs Department THENESH KANNA Partner/Tax Advisor, TraTax Malaysia
5.30 pm	END OF SEMINAR

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SEMINAR SPEAKERS



AMIRA RAFIE

Amira is an associate with Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership's Tax, SST & Customs practice and specialises in Indirect Tax. Amira, together with Mr Saravana, has represented clients in various court litigation and tax advisory matters.



CHANDRAN TS RAMASAMY

Chandran is a Tax Director in Deloitte's Indirect Tax & Global Trade Advisory (GTA) specialist group in Malaysia. He has over 25 years of experience in advisory and litigation/litigation support on indirect tax matters under the purview of the Ministry of Finance and the Royal Malaysian Customs Department. He has also been involved in advising and representing clients in anti-profiteering matters under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs. For many years, the International Tax Review publication has recognised Chandran as a highly regarded Indirect Tax Leader and Tax Controversy Leader in Malaysia. He has been appointed as a member of the Taxation Practice Committee (TPC) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and is a subject matter expert of the TPC on customs-related matters. Chandran has also been admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya.



DANY OON

Dany is an Executive Director with the Indirect Tax Practice in KPMG Malaysia and has considerable experience in both corporate and indirect tax. He was responsible for corporate and indirect tax compliance as well as advisory matters for numerous clients in various industries. He was seconded to KPMG Tax in Singapore in 2006 to understudy the mechanism of Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST) in which he was involved in liaison with the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) in relation to GST compliance matters and also audit related works. In addition to his KPMG experience, Dany also has practical commercial experience during his tenure with a multinational company in Malaysia, where he was primarily responsible for the company's Singapore GST compliance matters, as well as providing advisories to various business units within the company, from planning and compliance perspective. He currently focusses on indirect tax, where he handles a variety of advisory assignments relating to exemption, valuation, compliance and due diligence. He is also a regular speaker at indirect tax seminars and workshops.



FAIZAL AMRAN

Faizal is the Head of Finance / Chief Financial Officer of Pos Logistics Berhad Group, a fully owned subsidiary of Pos Malaysia Berhad. Pos Logistics offers full integrated logistics services in more than 20 countries through their affiliate companies with 26 branch offices and 12 agents throughout Malaysia, with more than 1,200 staff. Faizal has over 25 years of experience in financial services, including 12 years in the Logistics Industry. Prior to joining POS Logistics he served with MISC Berhad.



GERMAINE SL ONG

Germaine is a Senior Manager at EY with 14 years of tax experience in corporate income tax, individual income tax and indirect tax. Her clients include a wide range of local and multinational companies which are mainly in the manufacturing, electronics and technology, automotive, property development, construction, healthcare, service, consumer products and oil and gas industry. She provides advisory and compliance services on indirect tax matters covering Service Tax, Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax, Customs, and she has conducted indirect tax due diligence reviews for companies undergoing merger and acquisition. Her experience in indirect tax work also includes global trade, business restructuring and price control and anti-profiteering matter. She is a regular speaker at Indirect Tax seminars and workshops. Germaine holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) Accounting degree from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman and is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountant.



ROSZITA DIM

Roszita is Deputy Director of Customs of the Service Tax Policy & Implementation Branch, Internal Tax Division, Royal Malaysian Customs Department. She joined the Department in 1995 as a Superintendent and had served with the Kuala Lumpur & Melaka branches, the Valuation Management Section, Technical Service Division, and GST Division (LTU & Sector 5), prior to her current posting. She had also served as a lecturer, R&D Officer and Finance Officer with the Royal Malaysian Customs Academy in Melaka. Roszita holds a Master's in Corporate Communications from Universiti Putra Malaysia, an Advanced Diploma in Accountancy from ITM Shah Alam, and Diploma in Accountancy from ITM Dungun Terengganu.



TAN ENG YEW

Eng Yew is the Country Indirect Tax Leader of Deloitte Malaysia. He has over 20 years of experience in the areas of sales tax, service tax, customs, excise, and GST. He currently advises clients on indirect tax matters, and is also involved in Customs related engagements for matters such as compliance, tariff classification, valuation, Free Trade Agreements, rules of origin, due-diligence, Customs audit, and duty relief and exemption for his clients from various industries, including oil and gas, telecommunication, financial services, transport, healthcare, plantation, construction, media, trading, manufacturing and services. He has a working relationship with the various authorities including the Royal Malaysian Customs Department and the Ministry of Finance. He is currently a member of the Technical and Public Practice Committee, Examination Committee, and GST Committee of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia.



TANG CHEE LOON

Chee Loon is Senior Manager of Indirect Tax at PricewaterhouseCoopers Taxation Services Sdn Bhd and has over 14 years of indirect tax experience in consulting and practical experience in commercial sectors. He has been involved in Customs duties, SST and GST advisory and compliance for clients in various industries including services, banking & finance, media, property & construction, manufacturing, trading, oil & gas, and consumer products. His experience covers implementing and performing health checks on GST and SST; indirect tax due diligence, advisory, and compliance; managing Customs audits; evaluating incentives for business entities, and identifying tax planning opportunities including applications for import duty and sales tax exemptions for companies in various industries. Chee Loon holds an MBA from Universiti Putra Malaysia and a Bachelor of Economics from Universiti Utara Malaysia.



THENESH KANNA

Thenesh is a partner at TraTax, a firm of independent tax advisers ranked within top 10 in Malaysia for transactional tax and indirect tax. He is a fellow member of ACCA and CTIM, a member of MIA and IFA (Netherlands) and a tax agent licensed by the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia. He has authored three books on Malaysian taxation published by Wolters Kluwer (CCH), and a wide range of articles on contemporary tax matters for MIA's Accountants Today, CTIM's Tax Guardian, ACCA's AB magazine, and the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong's Asia-Pacific Journal of Taxation. Thenesh has also been interviewed on contemporary tax matters by TV2, Bernama TV, Traxx.fm (RTM4), Astro, New Straits Times and the Sun newspaper. He is also a member of ACCA's expert panel on taxation, member of Industry Advisory Panel for Taylor's School of Professional Studies, an exco member of the International Fiscal Association's Malaysian branch and is part of various committees that provide input to the Government on tax policy and technical matters. Thenesh advises clients from diverse industries on international tax and indirect tax matters.

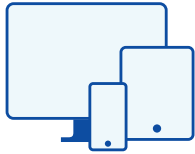
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