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Tax – Mesures taken in France.

DEFERRAL OF DIRECT TAX PAYMENTS

Companies can request to postpone, without penalty and condition, the payment of their next direct tax installments (advance payment of corporate income tax, payroll tax, Corporate Property Tax called “CFE”, Contribution on the added value of companies called “CVAE”) using a special form available on the French tax authorities website.

If payments for March have already been done, two solutions are possible:

- Companies that still have the possibility to do so should reject the SEPA Direct Debit corresponding to this payment with their online bank;
- Alternatively, they can request a refund from the corporate tax authority once the direct debit has been processed.

However, requests for direct tax rebates have a different regime and must be justified, as these can only be granted in the event of serious difficulties which cannot be overcome by deferring payment.

NOTE: VAT and assimilated taxes are excluded from the measure, as the repayment of withholding tax by collectors.

ACCELERATED REPAYMENT OF CORPORATE TAX RECEIVABLES

Companies benefiting from one or more tax credits refundable in 2020 can speed up the process and request immediately the refund of the balance of the available claim, after deduction, if applicable, from their corporate tax due for the 2019 financial year, without waiting for the filing of the income statement. This request can be made online at impots.gouv.fr.

This system applies to all tax credits that can be refunded in 2020, such as the CICE and the CIR. The system also applies to certain sectors in difficulty (cinema, audiovisual, phonographic, performing arts and video games tax credits).

CFE AND PROPERTY TAX

Possibility to suspend monthly contracts for the payment of the “CFE” or property tax, on the following website: impots.gouv.fr or by contacting the Service Deduction Centre: the remaining amount will be deducted from the balance, without penalty.



Independent professions

As it was already the case, it is possible to modulate the rate and withholding tax on salary at any time.

It is also possible to defer the payment of withholding tax installments on professional income from one month to another up to three times if the installments are monthly, or from one quarter to the next if the installments are quarterly. Any action taken on the individual area of the following website "impots.gouv.fr" before the 22nd of the month will be taken into account for the following month.

NOTE: *In order to facilitate all procedures, the French Tax Authorities provides sample applications, available on the impots.gouv.fr website, to be sent to the corporate tax department.*

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