
MEDIA STATEMENT

Publication of the 2019 Draft Income Tax Amendment Bill for public comment

The National Treasury and the South African Revenue Service (SARS) today publish, for public comment, the 2019 Draft Income Tax Amendment Bill, to give effect to Budget announcements on environmental tax incentives. On Sunday, 21 July 2019, National Treasury and the South African Revenue Service (SARS) published the 2019 Draft Rates and Monetary Amounts and Amendment of Revenue Laws Bill (Draft Rates Bill), 2019 Draft Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (2019 Draft TLAB) and the 2019 Draft Tax Administration Laws Amendment Bill (2019 Draft TALAB) for public comment. All these bills will be tabled in Parliament after revising the bills to take account of public comments received, as well as any recommendations made following hearings on the draft bills in Parliament.

The 2019 Draft Income Tax Amendment Bill contains environmental tax incentive announcements made in Chapter 4 the 2019 Budget Review that deal with the repeal of the exemption for certified emissions reductions as well as the extension of the of the energy efficiency savings incentives. The changes contained in the 2019 Draft Income Tax Amendment Bill provide the necessary legislative amendments required to implement the carbon tax, which came into effect on 1 June 2019.

As with other 2019 Draft Tax Bills, in considering the comments and submissions received on the 2019 Draft Income Tax Amendment Bill, National Treasury and SARS will also engage with stakeholders through workshops that are normally held after the receipt of written comments on the draft bills. The Standing and Select Committees on Finance in Parliament are expected to make a similar call for public comment, and convene public hearings on these draft bills before their formal introduction in Parliament. Thereafter, a response document on the comments received will be presented at the parliamentary committee hearings, after which the bills will then be revised, taking into account public

comments and recommendations made during committee hearings, before they are tabled formally in Parliament for its consideration.

The 2019 Draft Income Tax Amendment Bill and the 2019 Draft Explanatory Memorandum containing a comprehensive description of the proposed environmental tax incentive amendments can be found on the National Treasury (www.treasury.gov.za) and SARS (www.sars.gov.za) websites.

Due date for public comments

National Treasury and SARS hereby invite comments in writing on the 2019 Draft Income Tax Amendment Bill. Please forward written comments to the Treasury's tax policy depository at 2019AnnexCProp@treasury.gov.za and Adele Collins at acollins@sars.gov.za by close of business on 23 August 2019.

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