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财税2018年第32号 财政部税务总局 关于调整增值税税率的通知/	01/05/2018	I. The VAT rates of 17% and 11% are adjusted to 16% and 10% respectively ("Adjustment").
Cai Shui [2018] No.32 Circular of the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation on Adjusting Value-added Tax ("VAT") Rates		II. Goods or services with VAT rate of 17% (or 11%) and export VAT refund rate of 17% (or 11%) before the Adjustment will be subject to a VAT refund rate of 16% (or 10%). During the transitional period, trading enterprises purchasing goods or services before May 1, 2018 and exporting before July 31, 2018 shall apply the VAT refund rates of export before the Adjustment. Otherwise, the new VAT refund rates (i.e. 16% and 10%) would apply. Regarding manufacturing enterprises, the VAT refund rates before the Adjustment would apply until July 31, 2018.
		III. VAT payer purchasing agricultural products, the previous applicable deduction rate of 11% is adjusted to 10% after the Adjustment except for the circumstance that the agricultural products are purchased for the production and sales or for the commission processing of the goods with 16% VAT rate. In the latter circumstance, the deduction rate is 12%.
国家税务总局公告2018年第15号 国家税务总局关于企业所得税资产损失资料留存备查有关事项的公告/ Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") [2018] No.15 Announcement of the SAT on Relevant Issues Regarding Keeping Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT") Documents of Asset Losses for Future Reference and Inspection ("Announcement 15")	A S r S S	I. Only the Breakdown Form of Tax Deduction and Tax Adjustment for Asset Losses in the Annual EIT Returns shall be completed for tax deductible asset losses. The relevant supporting documents are not required to be submitted to the competent tax authority. The enterprise shall keep them for future reference and inspection.
		II. Announcement 15 is effective for EIT Annual Filing for the year 2017 and onwards.
财税[2018]51号 关于企业职工教育经费税前扣除政策的通知/ Cai Shui [2018] No.51 Circular on the Tax Deduction Policy for Employee	01/01/2018	The expenditures in relation to employees' education are tax deductible expenses up to 8% of the total wages and salaries in computing enterprise income tax. The portion of employee education expenses exceeding the said 8% of the total wages and salaries may be carried
Education Expenses of Enterprises 财税[2018]54号 关于设备器具扣除有 关企业所得税政策的通知/	07/05/2018	If enterprises purchase new equipment in the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 with a unit price of no more than CNY 5 million, the cost of

the equipment can be expensed immediately in the

Equipment with a unit price exceeding CNY 5 million shall continue applying the old rules for accelerated depreciation.

calculation of taxable income.

Cai Shui [2018] No.54 | Circular on the Enterprise Income Tax Policy

Concerning Deductions for Equipment

NAME **DATE OF GARRIGUES EFFECTIVENESS** INSIGHT 财税[2018]50号 | 关于对营业账簿减免 01/05/2018 SD levied on the total amount of paid-in capital and 印花税的通知/ capital reserve at 0.05% is halved since May 1, 2018. Other account books which were subject to a fixed Cai Shui [2018] No. 50 | Circular on amount of CNY 5 per book will be exempted from SD Stamp Duty ("SD") Relief for Business since May 1, 2018. Account Books 国家税务总局公告2018年第14号 | 国 For an enterprise group which is required to prepare 20/05/2018 家税务总局关于明确同期资料主体文 master files, if the enterprises in the group are subject to 档提供及管理有关事项的公告/ jurisdiction of two or more tax authorities, it may choose one of the competent tax authorities and provide master Announcement of the files voluntarily. When other enterprise of the group is Administration of Taxation ("SAT") [2018] required to provide the master files by its competent tax No.14 | Announcement of the SAT on authority, it may be exempted from providing such master Relevant Issues Regarding Provision files, provided that it reports to the competent tax authority and Management of Master Files of in writing that its group enterprise has already provided Contemporaneous Documentation the master files in a proactive manner.

海关总署令第237号 | 关于公布《中华 人民共和国海关企业信用管理办法》 的令/

Order of the General Administration of Customs ("GAC") No.237 | Order on Publishing the Measures of the Customs of the People's Republic of China for the Administration of Enterprise Credit ("Order")

01/05/2018

I. The customs classifies enterprises into authenticated enterprises (including senior authenticated enterprises and general authenticated enterprises), general enterprises and dishonest enterprises according to their credit level. Enterprises with different credit level are eligible for different administration methods.

Enterprises shall submit the Annual Report on Enterprise Credit Information of the prior year to the customs from January 1 to June 30 every year.

II. A newly established enterprise will be assessed as a general enterprise. An enterprise meeting the conditions indicated in Custom Standards of Authenticated Enterprises can be assessed as authenticated enterprise through application. If failed in the said application, the enterprise could not perform the application in one year. Enterprises with different credit level are subject to different future administrations.

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国家税务总局公告2018年第16号 | 国家税务总局关于出口退(免)税申报有关问题的公告/

Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") [2018] No.16 | Announcement of the SAT on Issues Concerning the Declaration of Export Tax Refund (Exemption) 01/05/2018

I. Export refund (exemption) pre-filing as well as the submissions of value-added tax returns, declaration list of the import goods (for processing trade), Declaration Form of Several Export Tax Refunds On Purchased Goods and Application Form for Export Tax Refunds (Exemption) with No Relevant Electronic Information are cancelled.

II. In certain circumstances, application with the competent tax authority for late filing of export tax refund (exemption) may be made due to the lack of supporting documents.

III. Some export enterprises are required to provide the evidences for receiving the foreign exchange of export goods.

IV. A manufacturing enterprise shall apply for the write-off of processing with imported materials under the manual (account book) for processing with imported materials that have been written off by customs in the previous year with the competent tax authority before April 20 of each year. In case that the enterprise fails to perform the write-off formality before April 20, the competent tax authority will not handle the enterprise's export tax refund (exemption) until the write-off formality is completed.

V. An export enterprise may request the competent tax authority in writing for the re-assessment of the administration category of export enterprises, in the case that: (a) the tax credit rating, the credit administration category of customscertified enterprises, the classified administration rating for foreign exchange administration etc. have been changed; or (b) the enterprise has objection to the result of classified administration category assessment.

海关总署公告2018年第23号 | 关于启 用保税核注清单的公告/

Announcement of the General Administration of Customs [2018] No.23 | Announcement on Using the Bonded Goods Verification Checklist ("Checklist") 01/07/2018

The Checklist is a supporting document of Golden Customs II used for Processing trading and bonded supervision businesses.

Processing trading enterprises and enterprises under bonded supervision, which have set up the bonded accounts under Golden Customs II, shall report the data and information of the Checklist to the Customs in stipulated format before going through the customs declaration procedures in the following circumstances:

- goods entering or exiting the territory of China, customs special supervision area and bonded supervision area; or
- bonded goods transferred among customs special supervision area, bonded supervision area and Processing trading enterprises.

Qualified enterprises are not required to perform filing formalities of customs declaration or list record-filing ("Filing Formalities"). Other enterprises that are still required to perform Filing Formalities may obtain the data required for customs declaration or list record-filing from Checklist automatically.

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海关总署第240号令 | 关于公布《海关 总署关于修改部分规章的决定》的令/

Order of the General Administration of Customs ("GAC") No.240 | Order on Issuing the Decision of the GAC on Revising Some Regulations ("Order")

01/07/2018

82 customs regulations are revised in the Order so as to simplify the customs procedures and formalities.

For example, Administrative Measures of the Customs of the People's Republic of China for the Reduction and Exemption of Import and Export Taxes stipulate that business license of the enterprise is no longer required for the registration and approval for tax reduction and exemption of import and export goods.

海关总署、国家税务总局公告2018年 第10号 | 关于进行《海关专用缴款书》 打印改革试点的公告/

Announcement of the General Administration of Customs and the State Administration of Taxation [2018] No.10 | Announcement on Pilot Reform of Printing Customs Special Payment Receipt ("Receipt")

19/01/2018

The pilot reform will be carried out in Shanghai Customs and Nanjing Customs:

Enterprises choose to pay taxes through e-payment, can opt to either self-printing the electronic Receipt online at http://online.customs.gov.cn or apply the paper Receipt with the competent customs.

财税2018年第33号 | 财政部税务总局 关于统一增值税小规模纳税人标准的 通知/

Cai Shui [2018] No.33 | Circular of the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") on Unifying the Criteria for Small-scale Value-added Tax ("VAT") Payers

国家税务总局公告2018年第18号 | 国家税务总局关于统一小规模纳税人标准等若干增值税问题的公告/

Announcement of the SAT [2018] No.18 | Announcement of the SAT on Several Value-added Tax ("VAT") Issues of Unifying the Criteria for Small-scale VAT Payers

01/05/2018

- I. The upper limit of the annual sales income (i.e. including VAT taxable sales income, VAT exempted sales income, sales income indicated on the VAT invoices issued by the tax authority and sales income adjusted in tax assessments and tax audits) for small-scale VAT payers is RMB 5 million.
- II. In the case that an enterprise has registered as a general VAT payer according to the old standards of sales revenue, it can switch back to small-scale VAT payer before December 31, 2018. The input VAT that has not been deducted shall be transferred out.

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国家税务总局公告2018年第20号 | 国家税务总局关于统一小规模纳税人标准有关出口退(免)税问题的公告/

Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") [2018] No.20 | Announcement of the SAT on Export Tax Refund (Exemption) Issues Concerning Unifying the Criteria of Small-scale Value-added Tax ("VAT") Payers

01/05/2018

According to Cai Shui [2018] No.33 mentioned above, general VAT payers meeting certain conditions can switch to small-scale VAT payers ("Switching Taxpayers"). The transactions which are eligible for VAT refund policies ("Eligible Transactions") before the switch are still eligible for VAT refund policies after the switch. Eligible Transactions are subject to VAT exemption policy from the next tax filing period after switch.

海关总署公告2018年第19号 | 关于以企业为单元加工贸易监管模式改革扩大试点的公告/

Announcement of the General Administration of Customs [2018] No.19 | Announcement on Expanding the Pilot Reform of the Processing Trade Supervision Mode Based on An Enterprise as A Unit ("Pilot Reform") 05/03/2018

- I. The customs of 26 cities are included in the Pilot Reform, including Shenyang, Shanghai, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Ningbo, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Huangpu, etc.
- II. An enterprise that implements the Pilot Reform must be a manufacturing enterprise that conducts processing trade business in its own name and meets one of the following conditions:
 - The customs credit rating of the enterprise is general authenticated or above; or
 - The customs credit rating of the enterprise is general. The enterprise has transparent and clear goods flow and data flow, a complete logical chain, and traceable consumption of materials in respect of its internal processing trade.
- III. The scope of the Pilot Reform includes: establishment (change) of accounting books, import and export, outward processing, transfer of goods for further processing, domestic sales, transfer of surplus materials, verification and declaration, verification and cancelation, and aftersales maintenance by the company or the group.

财税[2018]22号 | 关于开展个人税收递延型商业养老保险试点的通知/

Cai Shui [2018] No.22 | Circular on Launching the Pilot Program for Individual Income Tax ("IIT") Deferral Commercial Pension Insurance ("Pilot Program")

01/05/2018

- I. Shanghai, Fujian and Suzhou Industrial Park will be covered by the Pilot Program. The duration of the Pilot Program will be one year.
- II. The premium of qualified commercial pension insurance bought through individual's commercial pension account can be deducted before IIT. The upper limit of the deduction is the lower of 6% of the monthly salary or RMB 1,000 for individual who receives salary or continuous remuneration for personal services.

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国家税务总局公告2018年第21号 | 国家税务总局关于开展个人税收递延型商业养老保险试点有关征管问题的公告/

Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") [2018] No. 21 | Announcement of the SAT on Tax Collection and Administration Issues Concerning the Pilot Program for Individual Income Tax ("IIT") Deferral Commercial Pension Insurance ("Pilot Program")

III. The investment income generated is subject to IIT when the commercial pension is received by the individual in at least 15 instalments, unless the individual is deceased, totally disabled or seriously ill. 25% of the pension is IIT exempted. The remaining 75% of the pension will be classified as other income and be subject to IIT at 10%. The IIT shall be withheld by the insurance company.

财税[2018]47号 | 关于抗癌药品增值税 政策的通知/

Cai Shui [2018] No.47 | Circular on Value-added Tax ("VAT") Policies on Anti-cancer Drugs

01/05/2018

- I. General VAT payers that manufacture and sell, wholesale, or retail anticancer drugs may choose to use simplified tax calculation method applying a tax rate of 3%. The above simplified method once chosen may not be changed within 36 months.
- II. Import VAT rate for anticancer drugs is reduced to 3%.
- III. Taxpayers shall calculate the sales revenue for anticancer drugs separately. Otherwise, the simplified calculation method is not applicable.

税委会公告[2018]3号 | 国务院关税税则委员会关于降低汽车整车及零部件进口关税的公告/

Announcement of the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council [2018] No.3 | Announcement of the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council on Reducing Import Tariffs on Finished Automobiles and Auto Components

01/07/2018

The import tariff of finished automobiles under 135 HS Codes will be reduced from 25% to 15%. The import tariff of finished automobiles under another 4 HS Codes will be reduced from 20% to 15%. The 8%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25% import tariffs of items under 79 HS codes for auto components will be reduced to 6%. More details could be found in the official website of the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China.

财税[2018]44号 | 关于将服务贸易创新 发展试点地区技术先进型服务企业所 得税政策推广至全国实施的通知/

Cai Shui [2018] No.44 | Circular on Promoting the Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT") Policyfor Advanced Technology Service Enterprises ("ATSE") from Pilot Areas to Nationwide in Relation to the Innovative Development of Service Trade

19/05/2018

The certified ATSE may apply reduced EIT rate of 15% since January 1, 2018.

The scope of the ATSE has been widened to computer and information services, research and development and technology services, culture technology services and traditional Chinese medicine services.

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 Tax Filing Issues on Value-added Tax Returns
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 Announcement of the General Administration of Customs [2018] No.26 | Announcement on Cancelling Printing
 Certification Form of Export Goods Declaration Form (Specially for Export Refund)
- 3. 中华人民共和国商务部公告2018年第34号 |关于对原产于美国的部分进口商品加征关税的公告/
 Announcement of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China [2018] No.34 | Announcement on Imposing Additional Tariff on Some Imported Products Originating from the U.S.
- 4. 税委会[2018]13号 | 国务院关税税则委员会对原产于美国的部分进口商品中止关税减让义务的通知/ Shui Wei Hui [2018] No.13 | Circular of the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council on Suspending Obligations to Offer Tariff Concessions to Some Imported Goods Originating from the U.S.
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 Announcement of the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council [2018] No.2 | Announcement of the Customs
 Tariff Commission of the State Council on Reducing Import Tariffs on Drugs
- 7. 国家税务总局公告2018年第13号 | 国家税务总局关于发布《资源税征收管理规程》的公告/
 Announcement of the SAT [2018] No.13 | Announcement of the SAT on Issuing the Procedures for the Administration of Resource Tax Collection
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- 10. 国家税务总局公告2018年第25号 | 国家税务总局关于外贸综合服务企业办理出口货物退(免)税有关事项的公告/ Announcement of the SAT [2018] No.25 | Announcement of the SAT on Issues Concerning Handling Tax Refund (Exemption) on Exported Goods by Comprehensive Foreign Trade Service Enterprises
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