

# Weekly Alert

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Welcome to 2019 issue 21 of Weekly Alert covering technical development in taxation around the globe.

### TAX – Hong Kong

#### 1. Business Registration Notice – Fillable PDF Forms with 2-Dimensional Barcode

On 28 May 2019, the Inland Revenue Department issued a notice regarding business registration in Hong Kong.

Every person carrying on a sole proprietorship or partnership business in Hong Kong regardless of the mode of business must notify the Business Registration Office of any change in writing within 1 month of such change. Five new PDF forms with 2-dimensional barcode are introduced to facilitate the notification process. The duly completed and signed forms can be submitted by post. Submission by facsimile transmission is not accepted.

##### **Business Registration Notice**

[https://www.ird.gov.hk/eng/pdf/2019/br\\_201905\\_e.pdf](https://www.ird.gov.hk/eng/pdf/2019/br_201905_e.pdf)

### TAX – PRC

#### 1. Notice on 2019 Key Tasks for Transparency of Tax Administration System (关于印发《2019年税务系统政务公开工作要点》的通知)

On 22 May 2019, the General Office of the State Taxation Administration (“STA”) issued the Notice on “2019 Key Tasks for Transparency of Tax Administration System”.

According to the Notice, tax policy documents and explanatory notes should be drafted, submitted for approval, and released simultaneously. Also, all levels of tax authorities shall proactively make policy documents public. Tax authorities can release the tax information through their websites and promote their online services.

##### **税总办发〔2019〕58号**

<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/n810341/n810755/c4380772/content.html>

## 2. **Notice on Tax Deduction Policy for Service Charges and Commissions of Insurance Enterprises** (关于保险企业手续费及佣金支出税前扣除政策的公告)

On 28 May 2019, the Ministry of Finance and the STA jointly released the “*Notice on Tax Deduction Policy for Service Charges and Commissions of Insurance Enterprises*”.

Pursuant to the Notice, the service charges and commissions paid by an insurance enterprise are deductible up to 18% of its insurance premiums. This Notice took effect retrospectively from 1 January 2019.

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[http://szs.mof.gov.cn/zhengwuxinxi/zhengcefabu/201905/t20190529\\_3267613.html](http://szs.mof.gov.cn/zhengwuxinxi/zhengcefabu/201905/t20190529_3267613.html)

## TAX – International

### 1. **Treasury Releases Report on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States**

On 28 May 2019, the US Department of the Treasury delivered to Congress the semi-annual Report on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States.

The US Treasury will continue its enhanced bilateral engagement with China regarding exchange rate issues, given that the renminbi has fallen against the dollar by 8% over the last year in the context of an extremely large and widening bilateral trade surplus. The Treasury continues to urge China to take the necessary steps to avoid a persistently weak currency.

**Treasury Releases Report on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States**

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm696>

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