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Amendments to laws granting tax benefits (Law of Industrial and Commercial Free Trade Zones and the International Services Law)



On 15 August 2023, amendments to the Law of Industrial and Commercial Free Trade Zones and to the International Services Law were passed, which are now in effect. Therefore, following we share the most relevant aspects of both amendments:

Law of Industrial and Commercial Free Trade Zones

These amendments were passed through Legislative Decree 817 and mainly include the incorporation of new concepts, such as:

- ✓ Foodstuffs
- ✓ Animal feed
- ✓ Vertical Free Trade Zone

In addition, the definition of waste or scrap was amended, considering as such the remnant materials, substances and objects that do not have direct use and are permanently discarded because they are no longer useful for the beneficiary in the performance of their incentivized activity. Therefore, this definition now includes paper scrap and waste, obsolete or damaged office furniture, packing and packaging for goods, waste from improvements or general maintenance of infrastructure such as

doors, concrete and related items.

The following incentivized activities were also added:

- ✓ Aquaculture
- ✓ Production, processing, transformation or commercialization of animal feed

Furthermore, considerations on how Vertical Free Trade Zones will meet the area requirements were also included.

International Services Law

These amendments were passed through Legislative Decree 818 and mainly include the following:

- ✓ The addition of the definition of a Vertical Service Park and the guidelines regulating its area of construction
- ✓ The modification of the definitions of Information Technology and Business Processes
- ✓ The addition of a provision to allow remote work, which authorizes the transfer of personnel and technological equipment outside of the authorized area.

Given the above, it is important that companies that operate under these laws and new investors analyze in detail the content of these amendments, so they can take advantage of the benefits of these laws, as well as comply with the specific obligations.

This Special Provisional Law will be **in effect for a term of 90 days** from its publication in the official gazette, and so it is a good opportunity for taxpayers to perform a diagnostic assessment of their current situation and rectify their Municipal Tax obligations.

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October 2023

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Municipal Tax Obligations



Payroll Management Obligations

October 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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