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Indirect Tax dispute resolution in the UAE

Managing and mitigating indirect tax disputes

Managing tax disputes and risks has never been more important due to rapid developments across taxes in the Middle East. Developing a strategy from the outset ensures the highest levels of quality and success. In each case, we seek to identify the client's unique circumstances and needs, helping to develop an efficient case management and dispute resolution strategy. We bring extensive regional and cross-border capabilities to effectively manage Indirect Tax disputes including deep specialism in Value Added Tax (VAT), excise tax, customs duties and penalties.

Our approach

Deloitte offers an integrated approach to Indirect Tax dispute resolution and advises on the entire spectrum of tax controversy – before, during and after any dispute resolution process. In the United Arab Emirates (UAE), this will include assistance with advice related to audits, tax assessments, reconsiderations, and appeals to the Tax Disputes Resolution Committee (TDRC) and Courts.



Advisory: We take a holistic approach to reviewing business or individual's tax obligations and will advise on a wide range of issues, including assistance with tax advice, clarification requests, audits, tax assessments and penalties. We will provide our point of view and set out the optimum options, assist with responding to the queries of the Federal Tax Authority (FTA) and provide representation at any meeting.

Dispute resolution strategy: The team will provide legal, procedural, technical, commercial and strategic advice when examining tax disputes. Our specialists are highly experienced in interpreting tax statutes, examining evidence and documents, and assessing the merits of an individual case. We will provide our expert tax and legal technical views, and determine the options, risks, and benefits.

Litigation assistance: The team will provide a full range of Indirect Tax and litigation support in developing tax technical and litigation arguments, drafting legal and expert submissions, and gathering and reviewing evidence. We will prepare case documents and submissions to include technical and procedural arguments. When required, we will work with local law firms to represent you at the TDRC and Courts. Our network and partnership with some of the best local and global law firms gives us a unique insight in to the particular legal processes in the UAE.

Dispute resolution process

Where taxpayers disagree with a decision or assessment of the FTA, the first step is to submit an application for reconsideration. If the outcome of the reconsideration is not favorable to the taxpayer, the taxpayer may appeal further to TDRC and appellate Courts. Specific procedures and deadlines must be followed in respect of every appeal. Our team provides an expert view and understanding of the intricate procedural aspects of the Courts in partnership with the local law firms who have vast experience of the UAE legal and Court's process over many years.

Why Deloitte?

We have considerable experience in dealing with international tax authorities and tax dispute resolution across the Middle East, including in the UAE. Our collective local, regional and global expertise makes us ideally suited to advise across the full range of tax issues.



Team of qualified tax and legal professionals with deep tax technical expertise



Expertise in VAT, excise tax, customs, Global trade and penalties, and support of the largest tax practice in the Middle East



Expert knowledge of tax legislation and procedures, including a deep understanding of policies behind Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) tax legislations



Ability to utilise our vast local, regional and global network of tax experts for seamless transition between the provision of tax advice and dispute resolution



Vast experience in managing and advising on all aspects of tax dispute resolution in respect of complex and high profile cases



Support network of local and global renowned law firms for an expert and consistent approach when advocacy services are required

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