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## Deadline to participate in Voluntary Disclosure Program extended

The Greek parliament passed a law on 4 October 2017 that extends the deadline for taxpayers to participate in the Voluntary Disclosure Program (VDP) to 31 October 2017.

The VDP allows Greek taxpayers to report previously undeclared funds, irrespective of their nature, origin and year of realization. In exchange, the taxpayer will be subject to reduced additional taxes, as compared to the additional taxes that would be levied in the absence of the VDP. Additionally, the taxpayer will avoid further tax, administrative or criminal penalties, including prosecution for money laundering.

This is the second extension of the deadline for taxpayers to sign up for the VDP. The original deadline of 31 May 2017 was extended to 30 September 2017. However, for funds declared after 31 May, the additional tax that had to be paid was increased from 8% to 12%, calculated on the amount of the main tax due. In addition, taxpayers that were under audit were assessed additional taxes at rates

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ranging from 18% to 36% (instead of the 15% to 30% rates initially imposed under the VDP).

Despite the new extension of the deadline to 31 October 2017, the rates of the additional tax due remain unchanged at 12% for taxpayers that are not under audit, and from 18% to 36% for taxpayers that are under audit.

The new provisions also revise the framework under which taxpayers under audit may participate in the VDP.

Publication of the new law in the government gazette is expected within the next few days. Taxpayers wishing to participate in the VDP should act immediately due to the impending deadline.



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