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On May  $23^{th}$  2019, the Emergency Ordinance supplementing Law 227/2015 on the Tax Code was published. The applicability of the reduced VAT rate of 5% was extended to mountain, bio and traditional food. The amendment enters into force as of June  $1^{st}$ , 2019.

### Amendments to fiscal legislation

On May 23<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Emergency Ordinance regarding certain modifications to normative acts with reference to the health insurance contribution, due for the period 2014-2017, was published.



#### **Amendments to the Tax Code**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, Emergency Ordinance no. 31/2019 on the completion of Law 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code was published in the Official Gazette no. 403.

This ordinance extends the applicability of the reduced VAT rate of 5% for the supply of high-quality food.

This category includes mountain, bio and traditional products.

In order to apply the reduced VAT rate of 5%, the products must be authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Practical aspects to be considered by companies:

- The invoice must be accompanied by a copy of the certification document issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, except for deliveries to final consumers;
- Changing the accounting systems (for example: tax codes);
- Updating the electronic cash registers.

The change will enter into force on June  $1^{st}$ , 2019.

For further questions regarding the aspects mentioned in this alert, please contact us.



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### Amendments to the fiscal legislation

On May 23th 2019, the Emergency Ordinance no. 31/2019 was published.

This Ordinance extends the payment deadlines for the mandatory health insurance contribution due by individuals and established through tax decisions for the period 2014 – 2017. The payment deadlines are:

- For the tax decisions issued between March 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, inclusive, and the date of entry into force of the presence Ordinance, inclusive, the payment deadline is 120 days from the date of entry into force of the Ordinance;
- For the tax decisions issued after the day of entry into force of the Ordinance, the payment deadline is 120 days from the date of issue of the tax decision.

For payment in advance, an incentive of 10% is granted, if the payment is performed within 60 days from entry into force of the Ordinance, respectively the communication of the tax decision.

The tax decisions for the health insurance contribution issued for certain types of taxpayers during July  $1^{st}$ , 2017 until December  $31^{st}$ , 2017 will be canceled.

The procedure for applying the cancellation of the health insurance contribution will be approve through Order of the Minister of Public Finance within 30 days from the date of entry into force of the Ordinance.

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