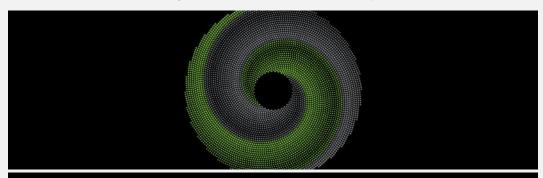
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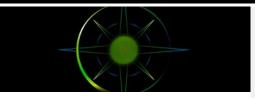
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VAT rate may increase from 1 January

Bahrain may increase the standard rate of VAT from 5% to 10% with effect as from 1 January 2022. Although the National Bureau for Revenue has not yet made an official announcement, taxpayers should start measuring the potential impact of an increased VAT rate.

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VAT on foreign e-commerce activities

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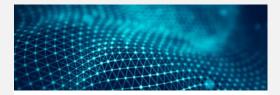
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Authorized economic operator system updated

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Malaysia: Special voluntary disclosure program for indirect taxes could be introduced

Malaysia: Sales tax technical updates (September 2021)

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Poland: CJEU: Polish regulations on intra-EU acquisition of fuel violate EU VAT directive

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