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Cyprus Indirect Tax News Temporary application of the zero VAT rate for essential items

We would like to inform you that on 31 October 2024, the Council of Ministers approved a <u>Decree</u> (No. 349/2024) which amends the VAT Law in order to impose a zero VAT rate on supplies of certain basic items. This is a temporary measure which will be effective from **4 November 2024 until 31 December 2025**.

The zero VAT rate will apply to the following items:

- 1. Baby milk (powdered and/or wet form)
- 2. Baby diapers and adult diapers
- **3. Products for feminine hygienic protection** (tampons, sanitary towels and incontinence pads)
- 4. Vegetables (fresh or chilled):
 - Potatoes (Commodity code CN 0701),
 - Tomatoes (Commodity code CN 0702),
 - Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other similar vegetables (Commodity code CN 0703),
 - Cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli, curly cabbage, turnips (Commodity code CN 0704),

- Lettuce (Lactuca sativa) and chicory (Cichorium spp.) (Commodity code CN 0705),
- Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots (Commodity code CN 0706),
- Cucumbers and gherkins (Commodity code CN 0707),
- Leguminous vegetables, shelled or not, such as peas and beans (Commodity code CN 0708),
- Other vegetables such as asparagus, aubergines (eggplants), celery, mushrooms, truffles, peppers, spinach, artichokes, unprepared olives, pumpkins, zucchini, salad vegetables other than lettuce and chicory (for example, coriander, parsley), capers, fennel (Commodity code CN 0709).

5. Fruits (fresh):

- Bananas (Commodity code CN 0803),
- Figs (Commodity code CN 0804),
- Citrus fruit such as oranges, mandarins, clementines, grapefruit, pomelos, lemons and limes (Commodity code CN 0805),
- Grapes (Commodity code CN 0806),
- Melons and watermelons (Commodity code CN 0807),
- Apples and pears (Commodity code CN 0808),
- Apricots, peaches, cherries, nectarines and plums (Commodity code CN 0809),
- Strawberries and kiwi (Commodity code CN 0810).

How can we help?

We are at your disposal to discuss the above developments.

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