



## Cyprus Indirect Tax News

### Extension to the temporary application of the zero VAT rate for essential items

We would like to inform you that on 28 June 2024, the Council of Ministers approved a [Decree](#) (No. 231/2024) which amends VAT Law in order to extend the imposition of the zero VAT rate on supplies of certain basic items. This is a temporary measure which will be effective from 1 July 2024 until 30 September 2024.

The zero VAT rate will apply to the following items:

- 1. Bread:** all types of bread, fresh or frozen, with or without sourdough (e.g., white, black, whole grain, multigrain, rustic, rye, corn cut, baguette, ciabatta, sliced bread, loaves, pies). Pastries, rusks and any bread with added ingredients such as raisins, nuts, herbs are not included.
- 2. Milk:** fresh milk (e.g., cow, goat, sheep), sweetened, concentrated, long-lasting, flavoured milk (e.g., chocolate, banana), vegetable milk (e.g., almond, soy, rice).
- 3. Eggs**

4. **Baby food:** powdered, dry and/or wet form, intended for consumption by children. Snacks (e.g., chips, nuts, sweets, chocolates, ice cream) are not included.
5. **Baby diapers**
6. **Products for feminine hygienic protection** (tampons, sanitary towels and incontinence pads).
7. **Adult diapers**
8. **Coffee:** unroasted, roasted beans, ground, powdered, instant coffee, flavoured coffee, caffeinated or decaffeinated in any packing. Ready-made drinks or beverages which include coffee as a raw material and which are consumed either cold or hot are not included.
9. **Sugar:** crystalline (white, brown, black), fine (haze), coarse, cubed, in sachets.
10. **Meat (fresh, chilled or frozen):**
  - Meat of bovine animals (Commodity code CN 0201 and CN 0202),
  - Meat of swine (Commodity code CN 0203),
  - Meat of sheep or goats (Commodity code CN 0204),
  - Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats (Commodity code CN ex 0206),
  - Meat and edible offal of the poultry of heading 0105 (Commodity code CN 0207),
  - Meat of rabbits or hares and edible rabbit or hare offal (Commodity code CN ex 0208).
11. **Vegetables (fresh or chilled):**
  - Tomatoes (Commodity code CN 0702),
  - Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other similar vegetables (Commodity code CN 0703),
  - Cabbages, cauliflowers and broccoli, curly cabbages, turnip rapes, brussels sprouts and similar edible products of the genus Brassica (Commodity code CN 0704),
  - Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) and chicory (*Cichorium spp.*) (Commodity code CN 0705),
  - Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, sedge, celery, radishes and similar edible roots (Commodity code CN 0706),
  - Cucumbers (Commodity code CN 0707),
  - Leguminous vegetables, shelled or not, such as peas and beans (Commodity code CN 0708),
  - Other vegetables such as asparagus, aubergines, celery, mushrooms, truffles, peppers, spinach, artichokes, unprepared olives, pumpkins, zucchini, salads other than lettuce (for example, coriander, parsley), capers, fennel (Commodity code CN 0709).

It is reminded that the zero VAT rate on the above items is already imposed from the following dates:

- Items 1-7: as from 05.05.2023
- Items 8-9: as from 01.11.2023
- Items 10-11: as from 01.12.2023

### How can we help?

We are at your disposal to discuss the above development.

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