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Türkiye Increases Withholding Tax Rate for Income from Share Buybacks to 15% for Non-Listed Companies

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On 7 July 2023, Türkiye increased the withholding tax (WHT) rate applicable to shareholders' income from share buybacks – which are deemed a distribution of dividends – from 0% to 15% through a presidential decision. The increased WHT rate of 15% applies to all companies, excluding resident entities listed on Borsa Istanbul.

based on the above, resident companies listed on Borsa Istanbul will continue to be subject to the WHT rate of 0% on income from share buybacks. However, other companies will be subject to a WHT rate of 15% for the shares they acquire starting from 7 July 2023. For previous coverage, see Türkiye Cuts Withholding Tax Rate on Income from Share Buybacks to Zero (15 February 2023).

The decision entered into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette, i.e. 7 July 2023. The text of Presidential Decision No. 7343 can be accessed here (as a PDF and in Turkish only).

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