Korea Announces 2023 Tax Law Amendment Proposals

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The Korean Ministry of Economy and Finance has announced the 2023 tax law amendment proposals that include deferring the Undertaxed Payment Rule (UTPR) implementation to 1 January 2025, expanding the scope of technologies eligible for research and development (R&D) tax credits, extending the concessional flat tax rate for foreign employees, strengthening some anti-avoidance provisions and several other changes in relation to international taxation.

The key proposed changes are as follows:

- deferring the implementation of the UTPR (see Korea Proposes to Defer Implementation of Global Minimum Tax Backstop Rule to 2025, Expand R&D Tax Credits (4 August 2023));
- expanding the scope of technologies eligible for R&D tax credits (see Korea Proposes to Defer Implementation of Global Minimum Tax Backstop Rule to 2025, Expand R&D Tax Credits (4 August 2023));
- extending the application timeline for the concessional flat tax rate available to foreign employees (see Korea Proposes to Extend Timeline for Foreign Employees to Apply for Concessional Tax Rate, Strengthen Reporting Requirements for Foreign Stock-based Compensation (4 August 2023));
- requiring the reporting of foreign stock-based compensation provided to employees (see Korea Proposes to Extend Timeline for Foreign Employees to Apply for Concessional Tax Rate, Strengthen Reporting Requirements for Foreign Stock-based Compensation (4 August 2023));
- shortening the deadline for submission of local files and master files (see Korea Proposes to Shorten Deadline for Submitting Local and Master Files, Impose Penalties for Late VAT Registration by Foreign Electronic Service Suppliers (4 August 2023));
- imposing penalties on foreign electronic service suppliers for failure to register for value added tax (see Korea Proposes to Shorten Deadline for Submitting Local and Master Files, Impose Penalties for Late VAT Registration by Foreign Electronic Service Suppliers (4 August 2023));
- granting special taxation for omnibus accounts used by foreign investors (see Korea Proposes Special Taxation of Foreign Investors' Omnibus Accounts, Formation of Tax Treaty Implementation Committee (4 August 2023)); and
- forming a consultative committee for tax treaty implementation (see Korea Proposes Special Taxation of Foreign Investors' Omnibus Accounts, Formation of Tax Treaty Implementation Committee (4 August 2023)).

The proposals were announced on 27 July 2023 and are subject to approval by the National Assembly.

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