Government Proposes Draft Law to Transpose Minimum Taxation Directive (Pillar 2) – Details

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The Council of Ministers has published a draft Law that will transpose the Minimum Taxation Directive (2022/2523) into Spanish legislation on completion of the legislative procedure (see Government Proposes Draft Law to Transpose Minimum Taxation Directive (Pillar Two) (21 December 2023)).

The proposal was published on 20 December 2023 and it is subject to public consultation until 19 January 2024 (see Government Opens Public Consultation on the Draft Proposal to Transpose Minimum Taxation Directive (Pillar Two) (22 December 2023)). Once approved, it will come into effect from tax years commencing from 31 December 2023.

As per the Directive, the GloBE rules will apply to groups with a turnover of at least EUR 750 million over 2 of the last 4 years, even if they are purely nationally based.

It introduces a Qualified Domestic Minimum Top-Up Tax (QDMTT), apart from the GloBE rules (IIR - Income Inclusion Rule- and UTPR – Undertaxed Profits Rule). The UTPR does not apply for tax years commencing before 31 December 2025 and ending before 31 December 2026 if the ultimate parent entity is in a jurisdiction with at least a 20% nominal CIT rate.

A transitional country-by-country (CbC) safe harbour applies until 31 December 2026. For tax years starting from 31 December 2023 until 31 December 2026, the top-up tax accrued in Spain is deemed to be zero for groups submitting the CbC report and complying with one of the following conditions:

- total revenue is less than EUR 10 million and profit (loss before income tax) is less than EUR 1
 million; or
- the MNE group has a simplified effective tax rate (ETR) that is equal to or greater than the transition rate (15% in 2023 and 2024, 16% in 2025 and 17% in 2026); or
- the MNE group's profit (loss before income tax) is equal to or less than the substance-based income exclusion amount.

The draft proposal is available here (as a PDF and in Spanish only).

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