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COVID - 19 measure: Business tax relief

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Country	Bulgaria, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 13 April 2020 - 30 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Deferral of payments
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Background information

The Bulgarian government has approved an extension of the tax declaration deadline from 31 March 2020 to 30 June 2020 for filing the annual income tax return of persons engaged in business activities as traders within the meaning of the Commercial Act.

The measure aims to ensure more liquidity for businesses during the state of emergency by delaying payment and filing of tax returns. In addition, the measure guarantees less administrative burden for businesses at present.

Preliminary estimates show that losses to the state budget will be approx. €300 million.

Content of measure

The deadline for declaring and paying corporate tax under the Corporate Income Tax Act (CITA) has been extended to 30 June 2020, according to the National Revenue Agency (NRA). By this date, the tax on expenses, on the revenues of budgetary enterprises, the tax on the income from ancillary and auxiliary activities within the meaning of the Gambling Act, as well as the tax on the operation of ships, must also be taken into account.

So far, the corporate tax reporting deadline has been 31 March 2020, with an annual activity report filed with the annual tax return.

Persons who have not performed any activity within the meaning of the Accounting Act during a given tax period should not file these documents unless a corporate or expense tax liability arises.

There are currently over 200,000 corporate tax returns applications and all the data has been sent online.

Use of measure

Currently, there is no information how many businesses will make profit from the extended deadline.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	All companies	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Bi-or tripartite social dialogue bodies

The measure was at the initiative of the Ministry of Finance and the social partners were informed of it in due time.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 23 April 2020: Declaring and paying Republican taxes and social security contributions during a state of emergency (www.nap.bg)