

REFORM OF THE EXPAT REGIME IN BELGIUM

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This week an agreement has been reached, in the framework of the “budgetary measures” on the reform of the expat regime in Belgium.

The current special tax regime for foreign executives is based on an Administrative Circular of 8/8/1983. This regime has been set up with as a principal objective to assure maintenance and the development of foreign investments in Belgium. After 38 years this regime needed an update in order to be adapted to the legal and tax needs of today. One of the main concerns was since a long time the need for more legal certainty.

The new tax regime should promote Belgium as an attractive and competitive place to do business and to be attractive for key global talent. It must ensure international operating companies to assign and engage key global talent to Belgium at an acceptable cost (taken into account the high personal tax rates as of a relative low salary level and high social security cost).

We are glad that after all this years a legal reform is agreed by the government for the future.

More details will be provided as soon as possible.

If in the mean time you would have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

With kind regards,

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