



Ukraine ratifies the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters



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On December 17, 2008 the Parliament of Ukraine adopted the Law No.0107 (“the Law”) On Ratification of the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (“the Convention”) with certain reservations. On December 23 the Law was sent for signing by the President of Ukraine.

The Convention was adopted by the member states on January 25 1988 in Strasburg but Ukraine signed it back on December 20, 2004 and since that time it has been waiting for ratification by the parliament of Ukraine.

Under the Convention the member states have agreed to provide the administrative assistance to each other in tax matters. Such assistance may involve, where appropriate, measures taken by the judicial bodies.

Such assistance shall comprise:

- Exchange of information, including simultaneous tax examinations and participation in the tax examinations abroad;
- Assistance in tax recovery, including measures of conservancy, and
- Services of documents.

The Convention contains the list of taxes and duties (levies) to which its provisions shall apply. Ukraine will particularly apply provisions of the Convention to the following taxes:

- Corporate profits tax;
- Personal income tax;
- Value-added tax;
- Land tax;
- Excise
- Compulsory Pension Fund Contributions;
- Other taxes and duties.

By ratifying the Convention Ukraine is joining a network of eleven countries who are already the members particularly including Azerbaijan, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Iceland, the Netherlands, Poland, the United States, Finland, France, and Sweden. Canada also signed but has not ratified the Convention yet.

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