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What's new?



Finance Bill resolutions & notes

Government have published resolutions and explanatory notes for the second 2017 Finance Bill which will take place after the summer parliamentary recess. Read the Notes and Policy Papers <a href="https://example.com/her

Draft guidance on reform to Corporation Tax loss relief
As part of the second 2017 Finance Bill, draft guidance has been published supporting the Corporation Tax loss relief reform which expands the use of brought forward corporation tax losses but restricts the use of losses over £5 million to 50% of profits. HMRC are seeking comments on this draft guidance by 25th September. Read more here

Trivial Benefits Guidance

HMRC have published further guidance and examples setting out the conditions for a benefit to be qualified as a trivial benefit and therefore exempt from being taxed. Included is an example demonstrating that a benefit can be split amongst many employees using an average cost per head. Read the full guidance here.

Future customs arrangements within EU

As Brexit negotiations in Brussels are due to begin week commencing 28th August, position papers have started being published, the first of which outlines two different possible approaches if the UK were to leave the EU Customs Union, such as the creation of a new customs partnership with the EU where the UK mirrors EU import requirements. Read the position paper here.

HMRC announces digital PAYE Settlement Agreement
In this month's Employer Bulletin from HMRC; they announced some future changes to the PSA. From 6 April 2018, an online digital service will be available for submissions and payment, the need for an annual upfront agreement will be removed and they hope to improve and clarify supporting guidance. Read here.



HMRC risk-based approach to late PAYE filing penalties continues

Late filing penalties will continue to be reviewed on a risk-assessed basis, including not charging penalties if FPSs are late but within 3 days of the payment date and there is no persistent late-filing. Read here.

IR35 compliance

HMRC has now started to conduct reviews across a number of GDs to gauge the level of compliance / understanding of the new off-payroll rules. Guidance can be viewed here or please get in touch with your usual TCoE contact here

Don't forget to regularly visit our Tax Centre of Excellence website which contains lots of other useful guidance and documentation.

Once more, we welcome feedback on this month's Bulletin and if there are any topics that you would like to see covered in the future. Email us here