

CORONAVIRUS- COVID-19 EXCEPTIONAL TAX MEASURES FOR YOUR COMPANY

The government has announced restrictive measures to deal with the COVID-19 epidemic impacting business activity.

In accordance with the speech of the President of the Republic of 12 March 2020, companies encountering difficulties in paying the next tax instalments may apply for a payment deadline or, for the most serious situations, for a deposit rebate.

- **Request for payment extension**

All companies can request a postponement of their next tax due dates.

The deferral of payment will be granted for a period of 3 months following a simple request without justification on the part of companies.

For the March due dates that have already been paid, companies have the option of objecting to SEPA direct debits from their online bank or, if necessary, requesting a refund from the Corporate Tax Department.

- **Request for rebate**

For companies with the most serious economic difficulties linked to the epidemic, it is possible to apply for a deposit rebate.

The tax remission can only be granted on a precise justification by the companies of the actual decrease in activity over the period concerned (amount of turnover, comparison with N-1, amount of debts, cash situation).

We remind you that an application to the tax authorities does not suspend the payment of tax. It is therefore advisable to request at the same time the benefit of a payment deadline while waiting for the file to be examined.

- **Tax deadlines concerned**

These exceptional measures for enterprises concern the direct taxes payable by enterprises during this period (advance corporation tax; payroll tax; CVAE balance).

However, it is not possible to benefit from these measures for Value Added Tax (VAT); the Special Tax on Insurance Agreements (TSCA); the repayment of the withholding tax (PAS) by collectors.

- **How to request a delay in payment**

Companies wishing to benefit from these exceptional measures may apply to their Corporate Tax Department using the standard e-mail and form attached hereto.

ORCOM remains in contact with the contacts at the Directorate General of Public Finance and is at your disposal to provide you with the best possible support during this period.

The Tax Department

Example of email - Request for extension of payment deadline:

Madam, Sir,

Due to the economic events linked to the Coronavirus -COVID-19 epidemic in France, we would like to benefit from an extension of the payment deadline for the March tax due dates.

This request for delay concerns a deferral of ... months and then a deferral of payment of ... months.

You will find enclosed the form «request for payment delay or tax remission / difficulties related to Coronavirus - Covid 19» completed for this purpose.

This request is made following the announcement made by the President of the Republic on 12 March 2020 stating that all companies wishing to do so will be able to defer, without justification, without formality and without penalty, the payment of contributions and taxes due in March.

Thank you for acknowledging receipt of this letter.

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