Qatar Courts and Tax Authority take action amidst COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic

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Qatar Courts Suspend Hearings for Two Weeks

The Supreme Judicial Council of Qatar announced the suspension of hearings of the Appeal Court, the Court of First Instance, labor dispute settlement committees and rental dispute settlement committees as of 15 March 2020, for a period of two weeks.

In a press statement, the Council affirmed the judges' continued work in the consideration of urgent matters and temporary matters, and the setting of new dates for the deferred sessions, bearing in mind that the Cassation Court will continue to consider its hearings at the dates specified in advance.

This action comes within the framework of the preventive efforts and measures taken by the State to limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in the interest of everyone's safety, and after coordination with the relevant authorities.

Qatar General Tax Authority Extends Tax Filing Date

The General Tax Authority issued Circular of the Chairman of the General Tax Authority No. 5 of 2020 Concerning Extending the Tax Filing Period for the Tax Year ending 31 December 2019.

Due substantial inquiries and requests by taxpayers and audit

firms requesting the extension of the deadline for tax filings for the 2019 tax year and taking into considerations the exceptional circumstances amidst the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in order to promote tax compliance by taxpayers in an adequate manner, the Circular has extended the deadline for the submission of tax returns for the tax year of 2019 for two months as of the final deadline for the submission of tax returns. The new date shall be 30 June 2020.

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