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WHAT BUSINESSES SHOULD DO TO ADOPT VAT

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On 1st January, 2018 United Arab Emirates (UAE) will commence historical journey of Value Added Tax (VAT). As per the UAE Ministry of Finance businesses can register themselves with Federal Tax Authority (FTA) three months before roll – out which is initially 1st January, 2018.

What should businesses do prior to the registration? Planning

Businesses should look at its current business structure, models and processes. This will give an early opportunity to re-design and re-structure accordingly. The businesses processes needs attention on the input / output VAT accountability and liability towards each businesses and a group as a whole. The management of the business should be aware of regular obligations such as the accurate recording and maintenance of proper accounting records, periodical submission of returns to FTA which are subject to audit by FTA etc. once the VAT registration is completed.

Resourcing

There are Internal and external resourcing which are available to businesses. External resources comprises of VAT advisory services provided by consultants. Understanding the scope of the task and formulation of a plan to effect all necessary changes will enable business to engage in a resource allocation and budgeting process to ensure appropriate internal and external resources are dedicated to ensure all tasks are completed on time. Sufficient management resources, with the appropriate authority, to manage and drive the necessary tasks while guaranteeing the commitment of all stakeholders within the organisation to the implementation of the tax. Businesses will also need to consider the allocation of sufficient information technology and human resources to accomplish all tasks.

Technology and systems

Existing IT systems needs to be assessed and re-configuration is necessary in order to generate VAT compliant outputs is crucial. In many cases, significant changes will be required to IT platforms and present workflows and processes. Your point of sale terminals, invoice and accounting systems, information technology systems and management reporting systems, VAT will have an impact on all the business activities. Against this background, focusing on what really is important to be prepared for VAT and ongoing compliance can be considered through these elements:

- Mapping of business processes and transactions to identify which systems and how they are impacted
- Ensuring underlying Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) changes are made to reflect all relevant VAT processes
- Determine the need and beneficial use of VAT specific tools (transaction integrity checking, cash flow monitoring, automated VAT filing/reporting)
- Appropriate governance and controls to ensure VAT regulations and commercial drivers change systems are kept up to date

An important feature of VAT is its accruals nature, which means that all related systems impacted by VAT needs to reflect this and do so in the context of the VAT rules on the correct timing of the taxing point. As a transaction based tax, VAT must be verified and accounted for, producing compliant documentation for each individual transaction. Enterprise systems must be able to guarantee accuracy and the ability to generate all necessary information as required, in the event of a request or audit by the tax authorities or management.



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OUTSOURCING BOOK KEEPING SERVICES OF AXIS BUSINESS CONSULTANCY EST – CUSTOMERS IN MIND

Are you bogged down by doing in-house accounting functions that doesn't allow you the time to focus on your core business? Looking for a dependable accounting firm or financial accountant to keep up with the changing regulations in the Commercial Company laws, VAT and other legal reforms in the UAE?



Many positive reasons to outsource these services to Axis Business Consultancy Est:

Time effective: Outsourcing your business's bookkeeping operations helps you to utilize your valuable time for the further improvement in the company. Backend office functions can be a heavy distraction from the day-to- day running of things and having your bookkeeping in-house can lead to a conflict of interests. All of these time-wasters and distractions can go—out of sight, out of mind.

Cost effective: The bottom line is that by outsourcing your bookkeeping operations, you save money on paying full-time wages and benefits (sunk costs) to an employee whether productive or idle. Further, you also save on lost productivity costs that come along with hiring employees onto your payroll. By outsourcing your bookkeeping, you only pay for what you need—nothing more, nothing less.

Expertise on your side: Outsourcing gives you a great way to have full-time knowledge on your team without having to pay for it around the clock. By putting your books into the hands of highly skilled accountants who understand the best practices and how to properly staff for certain tasks, your job becomes a whole lot easier—and effective.

Team staff versus individual: When you outsource your bookkeeping, you're placing your financial records in the hands of a staff that thrives on teamwork. Unfortunately, a lone bookkeeper is often not enough to find every subtle nuance that can benefit your company. But when you outsource, you have a team of dedicated professional accountants and managers checking and double checking each other's work, helping to ensure that you receive the best and upto-date possible services. This also helps keep a separation of duties. When you have your sections running smoothly, they form together to produce a better and more cohesive unit.

Access to top systems: Applied Knowledge is Power. Outsourcing your bookkeeping operations gives you more access to the top tools in the industry. Most businesses can't afford to pay for the extremely expensive bookkeeping programs nor can they afford to spend the time keeping up with the fast paced changing laws and regulations. By outsourcing, you're essentially purchasing those tools and that knowledge by proxy, but it's even better—you don't have to actually do any of the work! Plus, these top systems create nightly backups and keep organized records and books for years, ensuring that you'll be well prepared for audit.

VAT & regulatory improvisation: The basis for assessing VAT can range from exempt (with potential significant economic impact on the vendor when selling to other entities) to the location of the recipient of services. Similarly changes in the Commercial Company laws Multi-country deals and time present unique opportunities and risk which require specialist advice, meaning that such issues must be analyzed up front and will be addressed competently when you outsource your book keeping to us.

Requirements of New Commercial Company Law No.2 of 2015: As per Article 26 of the new Company Law of UAE – every company shall keep the accounting records for a period of 5 years from the end of financial year of the company; All accounting records need to be maintained in accordance with "International Accounting Standards and Practices" and must be audited at least once every year (Art. 27 New CCLaw) and must be submitted to the relevant Authority. Most importantly, Art. 104 New CCLaw states that the provisions in the New CCLaw relating to Joint Stock Companies are applicable to LLCs as well. Article 348 – For failure to keep the accounting record to explain the entity's transactions (Fine AED 50,000 to AED 500,000); Article 349 – If the company fails to keep the accounting records for the period stipulated (5 years) a (Fine of AED 20,000 to 100,000) will be imposed.

Scalability options: Finally, outsourcing your bookkeeping allows you to expand or cutback in the blink of an eye. Whether you're looking to grow your business or cut down ,on spending, having a reliable team at your behest, providing you with flexibility in plans and options to help you achieve your goals.

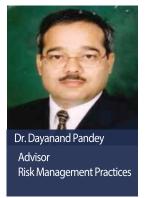
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CAPITAL ADEQUACY: PRACTICE OF RISK MANAGEMENTS IN FI's

Over the years, the banking regulations have put the additional responsibility for the 'Adequacy of Capital'. The trust in the adequacy of Capital is overwhelming. The Risk regulations have been constantly upgraded to adjust the evolving needs and paradigms of financial institutions mainly banks, but the role and importance of



Capital has never been compromised, when comes to the management of financial and other risk of banks. Basel I, II and III have put continuous emphasis on the adequacy and the quality of Capital, when comes to any type of risk faced by a FI.

The Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is an important indicator of a Financial Institution (FI) ability to meet its obligations and absorb losses. It measures the amount of capital relative to risk-weighted assets that an FI should have. CAR by itself is an insufficient guide to adequate capitalization. FI's needs a comprehensive risk management system to identify, monitor, and manage all risks that they face and set their capital levels accordingly. Capital can absorb the risk of an FI adequately provided the risks are properly identified and quantified. If Risk management structure is not robust and sound, the adequacy of Capital can be a double edged sword. If an institution is undercapitalized then the whole idea of adequacy is lost and on the contrary, if the institution is overcapitalized then the Institution makes huge compromise on the return and the financial performance. Therefore, it is important that the risk management tools are scientific and more robust, which can lead to the optimal adequacy of Capital for an FI.

In recent years, banking crisis have become increasingly common and increasingly expensive to deal with. Prudential regulation of banks is supposed to prevent or at least to reduce the frequency of such crisis. Capital adequacy requirements are then useful mainly in restricting the bank size to be small enough to avoid moral hazard problems. Such regulations can be a looser the better is the regulator's reputation for auditing ability. This also suggests that capital regulation can be a loser in economies where accounting procedures are more transparent. Existing international regulations of bank capital focuses on the need to ensure a "level playing field" for fair competition among financial institutions from different countries.

In other words, a less competent regulator should impose tighter capital adequacy requirements. This suggests that other things being equal we should not impose a uniform standard across all countries, as is currently de facto the case with the Basle accord. Such an one-size fits-all approach is likely to precipitate crises in countries with poor regulators and incessantly limit bank size in economies with very competent regulators. Capital adequacy provides innate freedom to FIs to create a portfolio of their choice based on the mandate of the board. It takes away the FIs from the clutches of Do's and Don'ts to the responsible banking practices where things follow a top down approach. The top down approach is required from the view points of corporate governance and Risk Management.



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EVENT GALLERY

Axis Auditing & Accounting launched Newsletter - Axis Auditing Times on 9th February, 2017 at Alleem Acheivers Award Night by HE Dr. Rashid Alleem, Chairman SEWA













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EVENT GALLERY



Axis Auditing & Accounting represented by Dr. Mohammad Tariq and Mr. Hussain Afkar at 2nd Edition of Bankers Meet on 15th March at 2017 Radisson Blu Resort Sharjah organised by SEWA, Sharjah









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