



## **Observatory on the Protection of Taxpayers' Rights**

Below you will find a questionnaire filled in by Zhengwen Shi, Professor at the *Center for Fiscal and Tax Law Studies of CUPL* and OPTR National Reporter of China.

This set of questionnaires comprise the National Reporter's assessment on the country practice during 2021 in the protection of taxpayers' rights, and the level of fulfilment of the minimum standards and best practices on the practical protection of taxpayers' rights identified by Prof. Dr. Philip Baker and Prof. Dr. Pasquale Pistone at the 2015 IFA Congress on "The Practical Protection of Taxpayers' Fundamental Rights".

# OPTR - 2021 Questionnaire 1 - Country Practice

Dear National Reporter,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the IBFD's Observatory on the Protection of Taxpayers' Rights (OPTR).

This form collects the information on the practical implementation in domestic law of legal procedures, safeguards and guarantees associated with taxpayers' rights in 82 situations for the practical protection of taxpayers' rights, as monitored by the IBFD Observatory on the Protection of Taxpayers' Rights.

We kindly ask you to assess assertively (yes/no) the level of practical implementation of said procedures, safeguards and guarantees associated with taxpayers' rights in your country. When answering, please bear in mind the actual practice regarding each situation, regardless of whether a given procedure, safeguard or guarantee has been formally adopted in your country.

We would be very grateful if you submit us this questionnaire, duly filled out, by no later than 14 January 2022.

Feel free to contact us for any clarification you may need. We look forward to your valuable contribution to this remarkable project.

Kind regards,

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## Questionnaire 1 - Country Practice

Instructions:

1. Please answer all questions. The form will not allow you to continue/submit your responses until you have answered all questions.
2. For assertive questions, please answer with "yes" or "no" by clicking on the corresponding button.
3. For questions that require you to specify a period of time (namely, Q. 26 and Q. 45), please select the time applicable in your country to carry out the procedures indicated in the questions in practice, within the options provided.
4. For questions with more than one possible answer (namely, Q. 56), please check all necessary boxes to reflect better the practical situation of your country regarding the issue, by clicking on them.
5. When completed, please submit the survey.
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## Area 1 - Identification of taxpayers, issuing tax returns and communicating with taxpayers

1. Do taxpayers have the right to see the information held about them by the tax authority? \*

Yes

No

2. If yes, can they request the correction of errors in the information? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to the previous question)

Yes

No

3. Is it possible in your country for taxpayers to communicate electronically with the tax authority? \*

Yes

No

4. If yes, are there systems in place to prevent unauthorised access to the channel of communication? \*

Yes

No

5. In your country, is there a system of "cooperative compliance" / "enhanced relationship" which applies to some taxpayers only? \*

Yes

No

6. If yes, are there rules or procedures in place to ensure this system is available to all eligible taxpayers on a non-preferential/non discriminatory/non arbitrary basis? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 5)

Yes

No

7. Are there special arrangements for individuals who face particular difficulties (e.g. the disabled, the elderly, other special cases) to receive assistance in complying with their tax obligations? \*

Yes

No

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Yes

No

Area 2 - The issue of tax assessment

8. Does a dialogue take place in your country between the taxpayer and the tax authority before the issue of an assessment in order to reach an agreed assessment? \*

Yes

No

9. If yes, can the taxpayer request a meeting with the tax officer? \*

- Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 8)
- Yes
- No

10. If a systematic error in the assessment of tax comes to light (e.g. the tax authority loses a tax case and it is clear that tax has been collected on a wrong basis), does the tax authority act ex officio to notify all affected taxpayers and arrange repayments to them? \*

- Yes
- No

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- Yes
- No

Area 3 - Confidentiality

11. Is information held by your tax authority automatically encrypted? \*

Yes

No

12. Is access to information held by the tax authority about a specific taxpayer accessible only to the tax official(s) dealing with that taxpayer's affairs? \*

Yes

No

13. If yes, must the tax official identify himself/herself before accessing information held about a specific taxpayer? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 12)

Yes

No

14. Is access to information held about a taxpayer audited internally to check if there has been any unauthorised access to that information? \*

Yes

No



15. Are there examples of tax officials who have been criminally prosecuted in the last decade for unauthorised access to taxpayers' data? \*

Yes

No

16. Is information about the tax liability of specific taxpayers publicly available in your country? \*

Yes

No

17. Is "naming and shaming" of non-compliant taxpayers practised in your country? \*

Yes

No

18. Is there a system in your country by which the courts may authorise the public disclosure of information held by the tax authority about specific taxpayers (e.g. habeas data or freedom of information)? \*

Yes

No

19. Is there a system of protection of legally privileged communications between the taxpayer and its advisors? \*

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Yes

No

20. If yes, does this extend to advisors other than those who are legally qualified (e.g. accountants, tax advisors)? \*

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Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 19)

Yes

No

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Yes

No

Area 4 - Normal audits

21. Does the principle ne bis in idem apply to tax audits (i.e. that the taxpayer can only receive one audit in respect of the same taxable period)? \*

Yes

No

22. If yes, does this mean only one audit per tax per year? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 21)

Yes

No

23. Does the principle audi alteram partem apply in the tax audit process (i.e. does the taxpayer have to be notified of all decisions taken in the process and have the right to object and be heard before the decision is finalised)? \*

Yes

No

24. Does the taxpayer have the right to request an audit (e.g. if the taxpayer wishes to get finality of taxation for a particular year)? \*

Yes

No

25. Are there time limits applicable to the conduct of a normal audit in your country (e.g. the audit must be concluded within so many months)? \*

Yes

No

26. If yes, what is the normal limit in months? \*

1-3 months

27. Does the taxpayer have the right to be represented by a person of its choice in the audit process? \*

Yes

No

28. May the opinion of independent experts be used in the audit process? \*

Yes

No

29. Does the taxpayer have the right to receive a full report on the conclusions of the audit at the end of the process? \*

Yes

No

30. Are there limits to the frequency of audits of the same taxpayer (e.g. in respect to different periods or different taxes)? \*

Yes

No

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Yes

No

Area 5 - More intensive audits

31. Is the principle nemo tenetur applied in tax investigations (i.e. the principle against self-incrimination)? \*

Yes

No

32. If yes, is there a restriction on the use of information supplied by the taxpayer in a subsequent penalty procedure/criminal procedure? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 31)

Yes

No

33. If yes to nemo tenetur, can the taxpayer raise this principle to refuse to supply basic accounting information to the tax authority? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 31)

Yes

No

34. Is there a procedure applied in your country to identify a point in time during an investigation when it becomes likely that the taxpayer may be liable for a penalty or a criminal charge, and from that time onwards the taxpayer's right not to self-incriminate is recognised? \*

Yes

No

35. If yes, is there a requirement to give the taxpayer a warning that the taxpayer can rely on the right of non-self-incrimination? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 34)

Yes

No

36. Is authorisation by a court always needed before the tax authority may enter and search premises? \*

Yes

No

37. May the tax authority enter and search the dwelling places of individuals? \*

Yes

No

38. Is a court order required before the tax authority can use interception of communications (e.g. telephone tapping or access to electronic communications)? \*

Yes

No

39. Is there a procedure in place to ensure that legally privileged material is not taken in the course of a search? \*

Yes

No

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Yes

No



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40. Is there a procedure for an internal review of an assessment/decision before the taxpayer appeals to the judiciary? \*

Yes

No

41. Does the taxpayer need permission to appeal to the first instance tribunal? \*

Yes

No

42. Does the taxpayer need permission to appeal to the second or higher instance tribunals? \*

Yes

No

43. Is it necessary for the taxpayer to bring his case first before an administrative court to quash the assessment/decision, before the case can proceed to a judicial hearing? \*

Yes

No

44. Are there time limits applicable for a tax case to complete the judicial appeal process? \*

Yes

No

45. If yes, what is the normal time it takes for a tax case to be concluded on appeal? \*

4-6 months



46. Are there any arrangements for alternative dispute resolution (e.g. mediation or arbitration) before a tax case proceeds to the judiciary? \*

Yes

No

47. Is there a system for the simplified resolution of tax disputes (e.g. by a determination on the file, or by e/filing)? \*

Yes

No

48. Is the principle audi alteram partem (i.e. each party has a right to a hearing) applied in all tax appeals? \*

Yes

No

49. Does the taxpayer have to pay some/all the tax before an appeal can be made (i.e. solve et repete)? \*

Yes

No

50. If yes, are there exceptions recognised where the taxpayer does not need to pay before appealing (i.e. can obtain an interim suspension of the tax debt)? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 49)

Yes

No

51. Does the loser have to pay the costs in a tax appeal? \*

Yes

No

52. If yes, are there situations recognised where the loser does not need to pay the costs (e.g. because of the conduct of the other party)? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 51)

Yes

No

53. If there is usually a public hearing, can the taxpayer request a hearing in camera (i.e. not in public) to preserve secrecy/confidentiality? \*

Yes

No

54. Are judgments of tax tribunals published? \*

Yes

No

55. If yes, can the taxpayer preserve its anonymity in the judgment? \*

- Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 54)
- Yes
- No

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- Yes
- No

#### Area 7 - Criminal and administrative sanctions

56. Does the principle ne bis in idem apply in your country to prevent either: \*

- The principle does not apply in my country
- The imposition of a tax penalty and the tax liability
- The imposition of more than one tax penalty for the same conduct
- The imposition of a tax penalty and a criminal liability

57. If ne bis in idem is recognised, does this prevent two parallel sets of court proceedings arising from the same factual circumstances (e.g. a tax court and a criminal court)? \*

- Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 56)
- Yes
- No

58. If the taxpayer makes a voluntary disclosure of a tax liability, can this result in a reduced or a zero penalty? \*

- Yes
- No

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- Yes
- No

Area 8 - Enforcement of taxes

59. Is a court order always necessary before the tax authorities can access a taxpayer's bank account or other assets? \*

Yes

No

60. Does the taxpayer have the right to request a deferred payment of taxes or a payment in instalments (perhaps with a guarantee)? \*

Yes

No

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Yes

No

Area 9 - Cross-border situations

61. Does the taxpayer have the right to be informed before information relating to him is exchanged in response to a specific request? \*

Yes

No

62. Does the taxpayer have a right to be informed before information is sought from third parties in response to a specific request for exchange of information? \*

Yes

No

63. If no to either of the previous two questions, did your country previously recognise the right of taxpayers to be informed and was such right removed in the context of the peer review by the Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to either question 61 or question 62)

Yes

No



64. Does the taxpayer have the right to be heard by the tax authority before the exchange of information relating to him with another country? \*

Yes

No

65. Does the taxpayer have the right to challenge before the judiciary the exchange of information relating to him with another country? \*

Yes

No

66. Does the taxpayer have the right to see any information received from another country that relates to him? \*

Yes

No

67. Does the taxpayer have the right in all cases to require a mutual agreement procedure is initiated? \*

Yes

No

68. Does the taxpayer have a right to see the communications exchanged in the context of a mutual agreement procedure? \*

Yes

No

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Yes

No

## Area 10 - Legislation

69. Is there a prohibition on retrospective tax legislation in your country? \*

Yes

No

70. If no, are there restrictions on the adoption of retrospective tax legislation in your country? \*

- Not applicable (click here if you answered "Yes" to question 69)
- Yes
- No

71. Is there a procedure in your country for public consultation before the adopting of all (or most) tax legislation? \*

- Yes
- No

72. Is tax legislation subject to constitutional review which can strike down unconstitutional laws? \*

- Yes
- No

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Yes

No

### Area 11 - Revenue practice and guidance

73. Does the tax authority in your country publish guidance (e.g. revenue manuals, circulars, etc.) as to how it applies your tax law? \*

Yes

No

74. Does your country have a generalised system of advanced rulings available to taxpayers? \*

Yes

No

75. If yes, is it legally binding? \*

- Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 74)
- Yes
- No

76. If a binding ruling is refused, does the taxpayer have a right to appeal? \*

- Yes
- No

77. If your country publishes guidance as to how it applies your tax law, can taxpayers acting in good faith rely on that published guidance (i.e. protection of legitimate expectations)? \*

- Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 76)
- Yes
- No

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Yes

No

## Area 12 - Institutional framework for protecting taxpayers' rights

78. Is there a taxpayers' charter or taxpayers' bill of rights in your country? \*

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Yes

No

79. If yes, are its provisions legally effective? \*

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Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to the previous question)

Yes

No

80. Is there a (tax) ombudsman / taxpayers' advocate / equivalent position in your country? \*

Yes

No

81. If yes, can the ombudsman intervene in an on-going dispute between the taxpayer and the tax authority (before it goes to court)? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 80)

Yes

No

82. If yes to a (tax) ombudsman, is he/she independent from the tax authority? \*

Not applicable (click here if you answered "No" to question 80)

Yes

No

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# OPTR - 2021 Questionnaire 2 - Standards of Protection

Dear National Reporter,

I would like to thank you for your participation in the IBFD Observatory on the Protection of Taxpayers' Rights (OPTR).

This form collects the information on developments occurred in 2021 regarding the implementation of 57 minimum standards and 44 best practices, distributed into 86 benchmarks, for the practical protection of taxpayers' rights as monitored by the OPTR.

We kindly ask you to provide an impartial, non-judgmental summary of events occurred in 2020 that in your opinion affect the level of compliance of a given of minimum standard/best practice in your country. These events may include, without limitation, legislation enacted, administrative rulings and/or circulars issued, case law and tax administration practices implemented, among others, as requested by this form.

You are also kindly required to assess whether the events you described represent either a step towards or a step away from the practical implementation of the given minimum standard/best practice in your country. Full instructions are provided below.

This form should be filled in as soon as any of the events mentioned above occurs and edited as many times as necessary to cover all relevant developments occurred in 2020, until no later than 14 January 2022. We appreciate very much your cooperation in this regard.

Feel free to contact us for any clarification you may need. We look forward to your valuable contribution to this remarkable project.

Kind regards,

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Instructions

1. Please answer all questions. The form will not allow you to continue/submit your responses until you have answered all questions.

2. All questions are two or three-tiered (namely, either with parts "MS" and/or "BP", and "S"). They comprise a minimum standard (MS) and /or a best practice (BP), and a "summary of relevant facts in 2021" (S), a space for providing a summarized account on facts (legislation enacted, administrative rulings, circulars, case law, tax administration

practices), in a non-judgmental way.

3. Please Indicate, by clicking on the corresponding button, whether there was an improvement or a decrease of the level of compliance of the relevant standard/best practice in your country in 2021. If there were no changes, please indicate so by clicking on the corresponding button.

4. In ALL cases where an assessment of either improvement or decrease is reported, please refer the relevant novelties in the space provided under "summary of relevant facts in 2021", for each question. Please give a summarized account of facts (legislation enacted, administrative rulings, circulars, case law, tax administration practices), in a non-judgmental way. Specify if some content is no longer applicable, due to other developments. If applicable, indicate whether the fact reported is under a minimum standard or fully complies with the best practice. In case there is nothing to report for a given minimum standard/best practice, please answer "no changes".

5. If any, make additional, non-judgmental commentaries at the space provided under "summary of relevant facts in 2021".

6. In ALL cases back up your assertions with the relevant documentary materials. While it is not mandatory, a short summary of such materials in English is appreciated. You are welcomed to send us these materials to our email: [optr@ibfd.org](mailto:optr@ibfd.org) and [c.weffe@ibfd.org](mailto:c.weffe@ibfd.org).

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## Area 1 - Identification of taxpayers, issuing tax returns and communicating with taxpayers

1 (MS). Implement safeguards to prevent impersonation when issuing a unique identification number \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

1 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

Only if answered "shifted away" or "shifted towards", please give here a summarized account of facts (legislation enacted, administrative rulings, circulars, case law, tax administration practices), in a non-judgmental way. Specify if some content is no longer applicable, due to other developments. If applicable, indicate whether the fact reported is under a minimum standard or fully complies with the best practice. Please back up your assertions with the relevant documentary materials. While it is not mandatory, a short summary of such materials in English is appreciated. You are welcomed to send us these materials to our email: [optr@ibfd.org](mailto:optr@ibfd.org) and [c.weffe@ibfd.org](mailto:c.weffe@ibfd.org). Thank you.

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2 (MS). The system of taxpayer identification should take account of religious sensitivities \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 2 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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## 3 (MS). Impose obligations of confidentiality on third parties with respect to information gathered by them for tax purposes \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 3 (BP). Where tax is withheld by third parties, the taxpayer should be excluded from liability if the third party fails to pay over the tax \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 3 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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4 (MS). Where pre/populated returns are used, these should be sent to taxpayers to correct errors. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 4 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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5 (MS). Provide a right to access to taxpayers to personal information held about them, and a right to correct inaccuracies. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

5 (BP). Publish guidance on taxpayers' rights to access information and correct inaccuracies \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 5 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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6 (MS). Where communication with taxpayers is in electronic form, institute systems to prevent impersonation or interception \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

6 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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7 (MS). Where a system of "cooperative compliance" operates, ensure it is available on a non-discriminatory and voluntary basis \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 7 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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8 (MS). Provide assistance for those who face difficulties in meeting compliance obligations, including those with disabilities, those located in remote areas, and those unable or unwilling to use electronic forms of communication \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 8 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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Yes

No

## Area 2 - The issue of tax assessment

9 (BP). Establish a constructive dialogue between taxpayers and revenue authorities to ensure a fair assessment of taxes based on equality of arms \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

## 9 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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10 (BP). Use e-filing to speed up assessments and correction of errors, particularly systematic errors \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

10 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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- Yes
- No

Area 3 - Confidentiality

11 (MS). Provide a specific legal guarantee for confidentiality, with sanctions for officials who make unauthorised disclosures (and ensure sanctions are enforced). \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

11 (BP). Encrypt information held by a tax authority about taxpayers to the highest level attainable. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

11 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2020

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12 (MS). Introduce an offence for tax officials covering up unauthorised disclosure of confidential information. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

12 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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13 (MS). Restrict access to data to those officials authorised to consult it. For encrypted data, use digital access codes. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

13 (BP). Ensure an effective fire-wall to prevent unauthorised access to data held by revenue authorities. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

13 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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14 (MS). Audit data access periodically to identify cases of unauthorised access. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 14 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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#### 15 (MS). Introduce administrative measures emphasizing confidentiality to tax officials. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 15 (BP). Appoint data protection/privacy officers at senior level and local tax offices. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 15 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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16 (MS). If a breach of confidentiality occurs, investigate fully with an appropriate level of seniority by independent persons (e.g. judges). \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

16 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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17 (MS). Provide remedies for taxpayers who are victims of unauthorised disclosure of confidential information. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

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18 (MS). Exceptions to the general rule of confidentiality should be explicitly stated in the law, narrowly drafted and interpreted. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 18 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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19 (MS). If "naming and shaming" is employed, ensure adequate safeguards (e.g. judicial authorisation after proceedings involving the taxpayer). \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

19 (BP). Require judicial authorisation before any disclosure of confidential information by revenue authorities \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 19 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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中国达到最低标准。报告期内有改进。

In China, the "naming and shaming" is employed when: Tax inspection bureau has made written decisions of tax disposal or tax administrative penalty, and the taxpayers neither applied for administrative review nor filed administrative litigation during the statutory period, or, when there is remedial procedure followed, the final decisions have gotten. The disclosure of confidential information by revenue authorities needs no judicial authorization. In the end of 2021, STA issued The Measures for the Administration of Disclosure of Violating Tax Law and Dishonesty, replacing the original Measures on the Disclosure of Cases Involving Major Tax-related Violations and Dishonesty. The new rule further strengthens the protection of taxpayers' rights, stipulates that before the tax authorities determine the subject of dishonesty, the taxpayer shall be informed, and the taxpayer has the right to state and defend, and taxpayers can apply to stop publishing dishonesty disclosure in advance.

China meets the requirements of the minimum standard. There's improvement during the report period.

依据材料：

1. 国家税务总局《重大税收违法失信主体信息公布管理办法》（国家税务总局令第54号）<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n810341/n810825/c101434/c5171862/content.html>

第2条 税务机关依照本办法的规定，向社会公布重大税收违法失信案件信息，并将信息通报相关部门，共同实施严第八条 税务机关应当在作出确定失信主体决定前向当事人送达告知文书，告知其依法享有陈述、申辩的权利。告知文书应当包括以下内容：

（一）当事人姓名或者名称、有效身份证件号码或者统一社会信用代码、地址。没有统一社会信用代码的，以税务机关赋予的纳税人识别号代替；

（二）拟确定为失信主体的事由、依据；

（三）拟向社会公布的失信信息；

（四）拟通知相关部门采取失信惩戒措施提示；

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（六）其他相关事项。

对纳入纳税信用评价范围的当事人，还应当告知其拟适用D级纳税人管理措施。

第九条 当事人在税务机关告知后5日内，可以书面或者口头提出陈述、申辩意见。当事人口头提出陈述、申辩意见的，税务机关应当制作陈述申辩笔录，并由当事人签章。

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20 (MS). No disclosure of confidential taxpayer information to politicians, or where it might be used for political purposes. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

20 (BP). Parliamentary supervision of revenue authorities should involve independent officials, subject to confidentiality obligations, examining specific taxpayer data, and then reporting to Parliament. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 20 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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21 (MS). Freedom of information legislation may allow a taxpayer to access information about himself. However, access to information by third parties should be subject to stringent safeguards: only if an independent tribunal concludes that the public interest in disclosure outweighs the right of confidentiality, and only after a hearing where the taxpayer has an opportunity to be heard. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 21 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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22 (MS). If published, tax rulings should be anonymised and details that might identify the taxpayer removed. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

22 (BP). Anonymize all tax judgments and remove details that might identify the taxpayer \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

22 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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23 (MS). Legal professional privilege should apply to tax advice. \*

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- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

23 (BP). Privilege from disclosure should apply to all tax advisors (not just lawyers) who supply similar advice to lawyers. Information imparted in circumstances of confidentiality may be privileged from disclosure. \*

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- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

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24 (MS). Where tax authorities enter premises which may contain privileged material, arrangements should be made (e.g. an independent lawyer) to protect that privilege. \*

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- Shifted towards

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Yes

No

## Area 4 - Normal audits

25 (MS). Audits should respect the following principles: (i) Proportionality. (2) Ne bis in idem (prohibition of double jeopardy). (3) Audi alteram partem (right to be heard before any decision is taken). (4) Nemo tenetur se detegere (principle against self/incrimination). Tax notices issued in violation of these principles should be null and void. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

## 25 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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26 (MS). In application of proportionality, tax authorities may only request for information that is strictly needed, not otherwise available, and must impose least burdensome impact on taxpayers. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 26 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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27 (BP). In application of ne bis in idem the taxpayer should only receive one audit per taxable period, except when facts that become known after the audit was completed. \*

- No changes
- Shift away
- Shift towards

### 27 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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28 (MS). In application of audi alteram partem, taxpayers should have the right to attend all relevant meetings with tax authorities (assisted by advisors), the right to provide factual information, and to present their views before decisions of the tax authorities become final.

\*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 28 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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29 (MS). In application of nemo tenetur, the right to remain silent should be respected in all tax audits. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

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30 (BP). Tax audits should follow a pattern that is set out in published guidelines. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 30 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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31 (BP). A manual of good practice in tax audits should be established at the global level. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 31 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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32 (BP). Taxpayers should be entitled to request the start of a tax audit (to obtain finality). \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

32 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2020

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33 (MS). Where tax authorities have resolved to start an audit, they should inform the taxpayer \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

33 (BP). Where tax authorities have resolved to start an audit, they should hold an initial meeting with the taxpayer in which they spell out the aims and procedure, together with timescale and targets. They should then disclose any additional evidence in their possession to the taxpayer. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 33 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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34 (MS). Taxpayers should be informed of information gathering from third parties. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 34 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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### 35 (BP). Reasonable time limits should be fixed for the conduct of audits. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

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务人和其他涉税当事人合法权益，必须遵循《税务稽查案件办理程序规定》中的各项规定。

中国情况符合最佳实践。报告期内没有相关新变化。

China's State Administration of Taxation formulated "Provisions on the Procedures for Handling Tax Auditing Cases" in order to regulate the procedures for handling tax auditing cases, reinforce the supervision and restraint mechanism, and protect the lawful rights and interests of taxpayers, withholding agents and other tax-related parties. Tax authorities who carry out the tax Audits must follow all the details of the Provisions.

China meets the requirements of the best practice. There's no change during the report period.

依据材料：

1. 《中华人民共和国税收征收管理法实施细则》（2016）

<https://flk.npc.gov.cn/detail2.html?ZmY4MDgwODE2ZjNjYmIzYzAxNmY0MDIkJZjZmYTA1NjY%3D>

第6条 国家税务总局应当制定税务人员行为准则和服务规范。

第85条 税务机关应当建立科学的检查制度，统筹安排检查工作，严格控制对纳税人、扣缴义务人的检查次数。税务机关应当制定合理的税务稽查工作规程，负责选案、检查、审理、执行的人员的职责应当明确，并相互分离、相互制约，规范选案程序和检查行为。税务检查工作的具体办法，由国家税务总局制定。

2. 《税务稽查案件办理程序规定》

<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n810341/n810825/c101434/c5166617/content.html>

第1条 为了贯彻落实中共中央办公厅、国务院办公厅印发的《关于进一步深化税收征管改革的意见》，保障税收法律、行政法规的贯彻实施，规范税务稽查案件办理程序，强化监督制约机制，保护纳税人、扣缴义务人和其他涉税当事人合法权益，根据《中华人民共和国税收征收管理法》（以下简称税收征管法）、《中华人民共和国税收征收管理法实施细则》（以下简称税收征管法实施细则）等法律、行政法规，制定本规定。

36 (MS). Technical assistance (including representation) should be available at all stages of the audit by experts selected by the taxpayer. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 36 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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37 (MS). The completion of a tax audit should be accurately reflected in a document, notified in its full text to the taxpayer. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

37 (BP). The drafting of the final audit report should involve participation by the taxpayer, with the opportunity to correct inaccuracies of facts and to express the taxpayer's view. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards



### 37 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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38 (BP). Following an audit, a report should be prepared even if the audit does not result in additional tax or refund. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 38 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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Yes

No

### Area 5 - More intensive audits

39 (BP). More intensive audits should be limited to the extent strictly necessary to ensure an effective reaction to non-compliance. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

## 39 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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在中国，强化稽查主要是指税收违法行为的稽查和税收犯罪的侦查。税收稽查有严格的选案程序，案源包括税收检查中发现的税收违法行为，被举报的税收违法行为等。公安机关对涉嫌税收犯罪的纳税人进行立案侦查，主要是来源于税务机关等机关的移送，有立案程序的要求。国家税务总局于2021年对《税务稽查工作规程》进行了修订，并更名为《税务稽查案件办理程序规定》，《规定》在延续稽查选案规定的同时，明确要加强案源管理，同时增加了必要时稽查局可以依法在立案前进行检查的新规定。

中国符合最佳实践标准。报告期内有改进。

In China, intensive audit mainly include tax audit on tax violations and criminal investigation on tax crimes. Chinese tax law has set procedure for choosing audit objects, and the source of audit cases include the violations discovered during normal tax audit and reports from public, ect. Criminal investigation authority usually based on the cases handed over by tax agencies or other governmental institutions, booking standards shall be met. The State Administration of Taxation revised the Working Procedures for Tax Audits and renamed it the Provisions on the Procedures for Handling Tax Auditing Cases ("Provisions") in 2021. While continuing the provisions on choosing audit objects, the Provisions also specify to strengthen management of case selection, and add new provisions that the Tax Inspection Department may conduct inspection before filing a case if necessary.

China meets the requirements of the best practice. There's an improvement during the report period.

依据材料：

### 1. 《税务稽查案件办理程序规定》

<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n810341/n810825/c101434/c5166617/content.html>

第12条 稽查局应当加强稽查案源管理，全面收集整理案源信息，合理、准确地选择待查对象。案源管理依照国家税务总局有关规定执行。

第13条 待查对象确定后，经稽查局局长批准实施立案检查。必要时，依照法律法规的规定，稽查局可以在立案前进行检查。

第14条 稽查局应当统筹安排检查工作，严格控制对纳税人、扣缴义务人的检查次数。

### 2. 《中华人民共和国刑事诉讼法》（2018）

[http://www.npc.gov.cn/zgrdw/npc/xinwen/2018-11/05/content\\_2065631.htm](http://www.npc.gov.cn/zgrdw/npc/xinwen/2018-11/05/content_2065631.htm)

第109条 公安机关或者人民检察院发现犯罪事实或者犯罪嫌疑人，应当按照管辖范围，立案侦查。

第110条 任何单位和个人发现有犯罪事实或者犯罪嫌疑人，有权利也有义务向公安机关、人民检察院或者人民法院报案或者举报。

被害人对侵犯其人身、财产权利的犯罪事实或者犯罪嫌疑人，有权向公安机关、人民检察院或者人民法院报案或者控告。

公安机关、人民检察院或者人民法院对于报案、控告、举报，都应当接受。对于不属于自己管辖的，应当移送主管机关处理，并且通知报案人、控告人、举报人；对于不属于自己管辖而又必须采取紧急措施的，应当先采取紧急措施，然后移送主管机关。

### 3. 《行政执法机关移送涉嫌犯罪案件的规定》（国务院第730号）

[http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2020-08/14/content\\_5534841.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2020-08/14/content_5534841.htm)

第3条 行政执法机关在依法查处违法行为过程中，发现违法事实涉及的金额、违法事实的情节、违法事实造成的后果等，根据刑法关于破坏社会主义市场经济秩序罪、妨害社会管理秩序罪等罪的规定和最高人民

法院、最高人民法院关于破坏社会主义市场经济秩序罪、妨害社会管理秩序罪等罪的司法解释以及最高人民检察院、公安部关于经济犯罪案件的追诉标准等规定，涉嫌构成犯罪，依法需要追究刑事责任的，必须依照本规定向公安机关移送。知识产权领域的违法案件，行政执法机关根据调查收集的证据和查明的案件事实，认为存在犯罪的合理嫌疑，需要公安机关采取措施进一步获取证据以判断是否达到刑事案件立案追诉标准的，应当向公安机关移送。

40 (MS). If there is point in an audit when it becomes foreseeable that the taxpayer may be liable for a penalty or criminal charge, from that time the taxpayer should have stronger protection of his right to silence, and statements from the taxpayer should not be used in the audit procedure. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 40 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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41 (MS). Entering premises or interception of communications should be authorised by the judiciary. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 41 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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42 (MS). Authorisation within the revenue authorities should only be in cases of urgency, and subsequently reported to the judiciary for ex-post ratification. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 42 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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43 (MS). Inspection of the taxpayer's home should require authorisation by the judiciary and only be given in exceptional cases. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

43 (BP). Where tax authorities intend to search the taxpayer's premises, the taxpayer should be informed and have an opportunity to appear before the judicial authority, subject to exception where there is evidence of danger that documents will be removed or destroyed.

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- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 43 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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44 (BP). Access to bank information should require judicial authorisation. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

44 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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45 (BP). Authorisation by the judiciary should be necessary for the interception of telephone communications and monitoring of internet access. Specialised offices within the judiciary should be established to supervise these actions. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 45 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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46 (MS). Seizure of documents should be subject to a requirement to give reasons why seizure is indispensable, and to fix the time when documents will be returned; seizure should be limited in time. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 46 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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47 (BP). If data are held on a computer hard drive, then a backup should be made in the presence of the taxpayer's advisors and the original left with the taxpayer. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 47 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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48 (MS). Where invasive techniques are applied, they should be limited in time to avoid a disproportionate impact on taxpayers. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 48 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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## Area 6 - Reviews and appeals

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## 49 (BP). E-filing of requests for internal review to ensure the effective and speedy handling of the review process. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

#### 49 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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#### 50 (MS). The right to appeal should not depend upon prior exhaustion of administrative reviews. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 50 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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51 (BP). Reviews and appeals should not exceed two years. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

51 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

Only if answered "shifted away" or "shifted towards", please give here a summarized account of facts (legislation enacted, administrative rulings, circulars, case law, tax administration practices), in a non-judgmental way. Specify if some content is no longer applicable, due to other developments. If applicable, indicate whether the fact reported is under a minimum standard or fully complies with the best practice. Please back up your assertions with the relevant documentary materials. While it is not mandatory, a short summary of such materials in English is appreciated. You are welcomed to send us these materials to our email: [optr@ibfd.org](mailto:optr@ibfd.org) and [c.weffe@ibfd.org](mailto:c.weffe@ibfd.org). Thank you.

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52 (MS). Audi alteram partem should apply in administrative reviews and judicial appeals. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

52 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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53 (MS). Where tax must be paid in whole or in part before an appeal, there must be an effective mechanism for providing interim suspension of payment. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

53 (BP). An appeal should not require prior payment of tax in all cases. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 53 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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54 (BP). The state should bear some or all of the costs of an appeal, whatever the outcome.

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- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

54 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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55 (MS). Legal assistance should be provided for those taxpayers who cannot afford it. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 55 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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### 56 (MS). Taxpayers should have the right to request the exclusion of the public from a tax appeal hearing. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 56 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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57 (MS). Tax judgments should be published. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

57 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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- Yes
- No

Area 7 - Criminal and administrative sanctions



58 (MS). Proportionality and ne bis in idem should apply to tax penalties. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

58 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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59 (BP). Where administrative and criminal sanctions may both apply, only one procedure and one sanction should be applied. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 59 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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### 60 (BP). Voluntary disclosure should lead to reduction of penalties. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 60 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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中国行政法和刑法规定，违法行为人主动纠正违法行为可以给予免罚、减轻或从轻处罚，该规定在税务行政处罚裁量中也有涉及。2021年《行政处罚法》修订，进一步明确。

中国情况符合最佳实践标准。报告期内有改进。

In China, if the offenders correct the illegal action voluntary and timely, their administrative penalty and/or criminal punishment may be exempted or lessened. Meanwhile the "tax penalty discretion standard" contain similar rules. In 2021, the revised Law on Administrative Penalty specified the rule further.

China meets the requirements of the best practice. There's improvement during the report period.

依据材料：

1. 《中华人民共和国行政处罚法》（2021）<https://flk.npc.gov.cn/detail2.html?ZmY4MDgwODE3NzAzYWRkMjAxNzczNzNkZjZhNDNIMzM%3D>

第三十二条 当事人有下列情形之一，应当从轻或者减轻行政处罚：

- （一）主动消除或者减轻违法行为危害后果的；
- （二）受他人胁迫或者诱骗实施违法行为的；
- （三）主动供述行政机关尚未掌握的违法行为的；
- （四）配合行政机关查处违法行为有立功表现的；
- （五）法律、法规、规章规定其他应当从轻或者减轻行政处罚的。

2. 《税务行政处罚裁量权行使规则》（国家税务总局公告2016年第78号）<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n810341/n810765/n1990035/201612/c2506180/content.html>

第十五条 当事人有下列情形之一的，应当依法从轻或者减轻行政处罚：

- （一）主动消除或者减轻违法行为危害后果的；
- （二）受他人胁迫有违法行为的；
- （三）配合税务机关查处违法行为有立功表现的；
- （四）其他依法应当从轻或者减轻行政处罚的。

3. 《中华人民共和国刑法》（2020）<https://flk.npc.gov.cn/detail2.html?ZmY4MDgxODE3OTZhNjM2YTAXNzk4MjJhMTk2NDJOTI%3D>

第六十七条 犯罪以后自动投案，如实供述自己的罪行的，是自首。对于自首的犯罪分子，可以从轻或者减轻处罚。其中，犯罪较轻的，可以免除处罚。

被采取强制措施的犯罪嫌疑人、被告人和正在服刑的罪犯，如实供述司法机关还未掌握的本人其他罪行的，以自首论。

犯罪嫌疑人虽不具有前两款规定的自首情节，但是如实供述自己罪行的，可以从轻处罚；因其如实供述自己罪行，避免特别严重后果发生的，可以减轻处罚。

61 (MS). Sanctions should not be increased simply to encourage taxpayers to make voluntary disclosures. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 61 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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- Yes
- No

### Area 8 - Enforcement of taxes

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62 (MS). Collection of taxes should never deprive taxpayers of their minimum necessary for living. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 62 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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63 (BP). Authorisation by the judiciary should be required before seizing assets or bank accounts \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 63 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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### 64 (MS). Taxpayers should have the right to request delayed payment of arrears. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 64 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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前提出申请，省、自治区、直辖市国家税务局、地方税务局有权对是否延期缴纳税款作出决定。

介于2021年经济下行压力以及新冠疫情的反复，报告期内，中国出台一系列有关税款减免和延期申报的政策。

Taxpayers are entitled to apply for delaying tax payment under certain conditions. According to the law, if taxpayers have special difficulties and apply for delaying tax payment, they should apply before the expiry of the tax period set by law or the decision of tax authority, the provincial level Tax Bureaus have the authority to decide whether to allow. Based on the pressure of the economy and Covid-19, China made a series of official documents for taxpayer to delay the payments of arrears.

China meets the requirements of the minimum standard. There's improvement during the report period.

依据材料：1. 《财政部 税务总局关于延续实施应对疫情部分税费优惠政策的公告》

<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n359/c5162489/content.html>; 《国家税务总局关于充分发挥税收职能作用 助力打赢疫情防控阻击战若干措施的通知》（税总发〔2020〕14号）<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n810341/n810825/c101434/c5143585/content.html>; 《国家税务总局关于开展2020年“便民办税春风行动”的意见》（税总发〔2020〕11号）<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n810341/n810825/c101434/c5145201/content.html>。

2. 《中华人民共和国税收征收管理法》（2015）<https://flk.npc.gov.cn/detail2.html?MmM5MDImZGQ2NzhiZjE3OTAxNjc4YmY3OGNmZjA3ODU%3D>

第 31 条 纳税人、扣缴义务人按照法律、行政法规规定或者税务机关依照法律、行政法规的规定确定的期限，缴纳或者解缴税款。

纳税人因有特殊困难，不能按期缴纳税款的，经省、自治区、直辖市国家税务局、地方税务局批准，可以延期缴纳税款，但是最长不得超过三个月。

3. 《中华人民共和国税收征收管理法实施细则》（2016）<https://flk.npc.gov.cn/detail2.html?ZmY4MDgwODE2ZjNjYmlzYzAxNmY0MDIkJzZmYTA1NjY%3D>

第 41 条 纳税人有下列情形之一的，属于税收征管法第 31 条所称特殊困难：（一）因不可抗力，导致纳税人发生较大损失，正常生产经营活动受到较大影响的；（二）当期货币资金在扣除应付职工工资、社会保险费后，不足以缴纳税款的。计划单列市国家税务局、地方税务局可以参照税收征管法第 31 条第 2 款的批准权限，审批纳税人延期缴纳税款。

第 42 条 纳税人需要延期缴纳税款的，应当在缴纳税款期限届满前提出申请，并报送下列材料：申请延期缴纳税款报告，当期货币资金余额情况及所有银行存款账户的对账单，资产负债表，应付职工工资和社会保险费等税务机关要求提供的支出预算。税务机关应当自收到申请延期缴纳税款报告之日起 20 日内作出批准或者不予批准的决定；不予批准的，从缴纳税款期限届满之日起加收滞纳金。

65 (BP). Bankruptcy of taxpayers should be avoided, by partial remission of the debt or structured plans for deferred payment. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 65 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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### 66 (MS). Temporary suspension of tax enforcement should follow natural disasters. \*

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- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards



## 66 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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如前所述，纳税人因有特殊困难的可以申请延期缴纳税款，其中“特殊困难”包括自然灾害等不可抗力，因发生自然灾害不能按期缴纳税款的，纳税人可以申请延期缴纳；中国为支持和帮助一些地震重大受灾地区开展灾后恢复重建工作出台了一些政策，对受灾地区的相关企业和个人给予税根据收减免优惠。上述规定和相关政策表明了中国注重对受自然灾害影响的纳税人的利益保护。除此之外，根据《中华人民共和国行政强制法》，当事人履行行政决定确有困难或者暂无履行能力的，行政机关应中止执行。这里的“困难”应包括不可抗力，如自然灾害等。新冠疫情期间，税收的申报和缴纳都有延期政策，对小规模纳税人提供增值税减免，对受疫情影响较大的小微企业和特定行业有税收减免政策。

中国情况符合最低标准。报告期内有改进。

As stated above, taxpayers can apply for suspension due to special difficulties, including force majeure such as natural disasters. The taxpayer may apply for deferred payment due to natural disaster. China has some policies to support and assist some earthquake-stricken areas in post-disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction, granting tax credits to relevant enterprises and individuals in affected areas. The above regulations and related policies demonstrate China's focus on protecting the interests of taxpayers affected by natural disasters. In addition, according to China's Administrative Compulsion law, the administration shall suspend execution if people have difficulties or have no ability to perform the administrative decisions. The "difficulties" here should include force majeure, such as natural disasters.

China meets the requirements of the minimum standard. There's improvement during the report period.

依据材料：

《国家税务总局 财政部关于制造业中小微企业延缓缴纳2021年第四季度部分税费有关事项的公告》等等 <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/chinatax/n362/c5170139/content.html>。

《中华人民共和国行政强制法》（2012） <https://flk.npc.gov.cn/detail2.html?MmM5MDImZGQ2NzhiZjE3OTAxNjc4YmY3MmY3YTA2MTM%3D>

第 39 条 有下列情形之一的，中止执行：（一）当事人履行行政决定确有困难或者暂无履行能力的；（二）第三人对执行标的主张权利，确有理由的；（三）执行可能造成难以弥补的损失，且中止执行不损害公共利益的；（四）行政机关认为需要中止执行的其他情形。

中止执行的情形消失后，行政机关应当恢复执行。对没有明显社会危害，当事人确无能力履行，中止执行满三年未恢复执行的，行政机关不再执行。

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Yes

No

### Area 9 - Cross-border situations

67 (MS). The requesting state should notify the taxpayer of cross-border requests for information, unless it has specific grounds for considering that this would prejudice the process of investigation. The requested state should inform the taxpayer unless it has a reasoned request from the requesting state that the taxpayer should not be informed on grounds that it would prejudice the investigation. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

67 (BP). The taxpayer should be informed that a cross-border request for information is to be made. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

### 67 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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68 (BP). Where a cross-border request for information is made, the requested state should also be asked to supply information that assists the taxpayer. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 68 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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69 (BP). Provisions should be included in tax treaties setting specific conditions for exchange of information. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 69 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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70 (MS). If information is sought from third parties, judicial authorisation should be necessary. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 70 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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71 (BP). The taxpayer should be given access to information received by the requesting state. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 71 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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72 (BP). Information should not be supplied in response to a request where the originating cause was the acquisition of stolen or illegally obtained information. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 72 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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Stolen or illegal information: At present, China has specified that illegal information should not be supplied. According to the provisions on Personal Information Protection Law of the People's Republic of China, it is clear that no entity or individual may illegally provide the personal information. If the information of individual taxpayers is obtained illegally in international exchange of tax information, it will also be prohibited the rules of personal information protection in principle.

China meets the requirements of the best practice. There's an improvement during the report period.

依据材料：

《国际税收情报交换工作规程》（国税发[2006]70号）

[http://www.pkulaw.cn/fulltext\\_form.aspx?Db=chl&Gid=3020d02c49508ff1bdfb&keyword=%e5%9b%bd%e9%99%85%e7%a8%8e%e6%94%b6%e6%83%85%e6%8a%a5%e4%ba%a4%e6%8d%a2%e5%b7%a5%e4%bd%9c%e8%a7%84%e7%a8%8b&EncodingName=&Search\\_Mode=accurate&Search\\_IsTitle=0](http://www.pkulaw.cn/fulltext_form.aspx?Db=chl&Gid=3020d02c49508ff1bdfb&keyword=%e5%9b%bd%e9%99%85%e7%a8%8e%e6%94%b6%e6%83%85%e6%8a%a5%e4%ba%a4%e6%8d%a2%e5%b7%a5%e4%bd%9c%e8%a7%84%e7%a8%8b&EncodingName=&Search_Mode=accurate&Search_IsTitle=0)

第 34 条 省以下税务机关收到缔约国请求、提供或者我国向缔约国请求、提供的三类情报后，应按下列程序办理：（三）调查使用：按调查要求和时限，将三类情报与税收征管信息比对；凡发现有疑点或有税收违法嫌疑的，应依照税收法律、法规的规定，通过询问、检查、稽查等手段进行核查。

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<http://www.npc.gov.cn/npc/c30834/202108/a8c4e3672c74491a80b53a172bb753fe.shtml>

第十条 任何组织、个人不得非法收集、使用、加工、传输他人个人信息，不得非法买卖、提供或者公开他人个人信息；不得从事危害国家安全、公共利益的个人信息处理活动。

73 (BP). A requesting state should provide confirmation of confidentiality to the requested state. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 73 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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74 (MS). A state should not be entitled to receive information if it is unable to provide independent, verifiable evidence that it observes high standards of data protection. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 74 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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75 (BP). For automatic exchange of financial information, the taxpayer should be notified of the proposed exchange in sufficient time to exercise data protection rights. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards



## 75 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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中国情况符合最佳实践标准。报告期内有改进。

China has prescribed that, when requiring taxpayer to report the changes of financial information, financial institutions should obligate sufficient time for taxpayer. Where a personal information processor provides personal information to any party outside China, it or he shall notify individuals of the overseas recipient's information, purposes and methods of processing, categories of personal information, the methods and procedures for individuals' exercise of the rights under the law over the overseas recipient, and other matters, and obtain individuals' separate consent.

China meets the requirements of the best practice. There's an improvement during the report period.

依据材料：

1. 《非居民金融账户涉税信息尽职调查管理办法》（国家税务总局公告2017年第14号）

<http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/n810341/n810755/c2623078/content.html>

第 32 条 金融机构应当建立账户持有人信息变化监控机制，包括要求账户持有人在本办法规定的相关信息变化之日起三十日内告知金融机构。金融机构在知道或者应当知道账户持有人相关信息发生变化之日起九十日内或者本年度 12 月 31 日前根据有关尽职调查程序重新识别账户持有人或者有关控制人是否为非居民。

2. 《中华人民共和国个人信息保护法》

<http://www.npc.gov.cn/npc/c30834/202108/a8c4e3672c74491a80b53a172bb753fe.shtml>

第39条 个人信息处理者向中华人民共和国境外提供个人信息的，应当向个人告知境外接收方的名称或者姓名、联系方式、处理目的、处理方式、个人信息的种类以及个人向境外接收方行使本法规定权利的方式和程序等事项，并取得个人的单独同意。

## 76 (BP). Taxpayers should have a right to request initiation of mutual agreement procedure. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 76 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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77 (MS). Taxpayers should have a right to participate in mutual agreement procedure by being heard and being informed as to the progress of the procedure. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

## 77 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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Yes

No

### Area 10 - Legislation

78 (MS). Retrospective tax legislation should only be permitted in limited circumstances which are spelt out in detail. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

78 (BP). Retrospective tax legislation should ideally be banned completely. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

### 78 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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### 79 (BP). Public consultation should precede the making of tax policy and tax law. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 79 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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Yes

No

## Area 11 - Revenue practice and guidance

80 (MS). Taxpayers should be entitled to access all relevant legal material, comprising legislation, administrative regulations, rulings, manuals and other guidance. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

## 80 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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81 (MS). Where legal material is available primarily on the internet, arrangements should be made to provide it to those who do not have access to the internet. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 81 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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82 (MS). Binding rulings should only be published in an anonymised form \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 82 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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83 (MS). Where a taxpayer relies upon published guidance of a revenue authority which subsequently proves to be inaccurate, changes should apply only prospectively. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 83 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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No

## Area 12 - Institutional framework for protecting taxpayers' rights

84 (MS). Adoption of a charter or statement of taxpayers' rights should be a minimum standard. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards

84 (BP). A separate statement of taxpayers' rights under audit should be provided to taxpayers who are audited. \*

No changes

Shifted away

Shifted towards



#### 84 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2020

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85 (BP). A taxpayer advocate or ombudsman should be established to scrutinise the operations of the tax authority, handle specific complaints, and intervene in appropriate cases. Best practice is the establishment of a separate office within the tax authority but independent from normal operations of that authority. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

#### 85 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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86 (BP). The organisational structure for the protection of taxpayers' rights should operate at local level as well as nationally. \*

- No changes
- Shifted away
- Shifted towards

### 86 (S). Summary of relevant facts in 2021

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