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The IBFD Tax Research Platform is a single access point to the most comprehensive knowledge base in international taxation. In 2019, a redesigned and enhanced IBFD Platform was launched, giving you a more intuitive, efficient and effective online resource for all of your tax research needs.

Completely revised IBFD Platform

More intuitive: The design and navigation now provide a seamless experience across mobile and desktop.

More efficient: Detailed search filters and superior functionality empower you to quickly access and use relevant information. Easy, streamlined access to action menus, personalization settings and comparison functionality helps boost productivity.

More effective: Enhanced features, such as a drop-down menu for documents opened in a session, enable you to navigate more efficiently between different sets of information, wherever you are and no matter what device you are using.

Stay up to date with the latest specialist content

New and improved: Tax Dossiers
Our Tax Dossiers, accessible on the Platform’s home page, are regularly updated and provide you with overviews and quick links to the most relevant documents and tools on hot tax topics such as the digital economy, tax dispute resolution, State aid and tax rulings, and DAC6 implementation.

New: Tables on ATAD Implementation/Summaries of State aid Commission decisions
The new ATAD implementation tables help you monitor the measures that the 28 EU Member States have implemented based on the EU Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive (ATAD I and II), helping you to stay compliant in all relevant geographical areas. In addition, we have added detailed summaries of the Commission decisions regarding State aid and tax rulings (e.g. Starbucks, Fiat) in anticipation of the European Court of Justice’s judgments on these important decisions.

New and improved: Check MLI-affected treaties at a glance
The Treaties & Models collection provides clear overviews of MLI status updates, affected treaties and related TNS reports, saving you time by providing comparative analysis between draft and deposited versions. The MLI Country Monitor is updated in real time, reflecting the final positions adopted by the MLI member states, and you can now find MLI synthesized texts via the “Treaty Subject” and “Document Type” search functions. In addition, important editorial information now explains whether the text has been jointly or unilaterally prepared.
Trials
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1. Log in to your existing account or register for a new one for free.
2. Select the product in our online shop and click on the trial button on the product page.

**Improved: Country Tax Guides**
IBFD’s Country Tax Guides provide extensive analysis of national tax legislation, enabling you to quickly and effectively manage your global operations. This year, we expanded our country coverage with a new Country Analysis on Nigeria and Country Surveys on Andorra and Greenland. The Guides now also include in-depth descriptions of topics like Permanent Establishments, Mergers & Acquisitions and VAT/GST per country. This provides you with comprehensive overviews of the entire tax system of a country and indicates changes to local tax laws, regulations and comments on their implications.

**Nearing completion: Global Tax Treaty Commentaries (GTTC)**
This must-have collective reference work for tax treaty interpretation has recently been enriched with a chapter on Article 1, a chapter on Tax Avoidance and Treaties, including entitlement to benefits (Article 29), a chapter on Technical Services (UN Model 2017) and a chapter on Relief (methods for elimination of double taxation).

**New and improved: VAT/GST content**
We continually work on expanding our information on indirect tax systems worldwide. This year we expanded our coverage to include the newly introduced VAT legislation in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, providing you with clear explanations of the new rules and their implications – essential for any companies operating in the GCC region.

**Improved: Revamped International Tax Structuring (ITS) collection**
The ITS collection has been completely rewritten, with direct access to the tool now included. The collection presents you with all the relevant considerations for a specific transaction and the ability to compare how to implement it in various jurisdictions using the tool. Synchronized with the BEPS tables, it gives a good overview of the impact of BEPS measures on each of the 26 types of transactions.

**New: Book titles**
In 2019, the book collection was enhanced by the inclusion of new titles covering such topics as the digital economy, transfer pricing and intangibles, double taxation of interest, the definition of permanent establishment and special tax zones.

**New: International Tax Studies (ITAXS)**
This new series of papers offers in-depth studies covering topics with societal impact such as taxation in the digital economy, robots and tax reform, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and beneficial ownership in the European Union. Subscription gives access to all studies since 2018. Individual papers can also be bought via pay-per-view.
Key content enhancements to look forward to

Coming soon: New country focus to Global Tax Treaty Commentaries (GTTC)
IBFD is developing GTTC II, “Country Policy and Practice”. The first chapters will be launched in 2020 and will broaden the scope of our in-depth treaty analyses with a deeper focus on the country perspective.

Coming soon: Direct Tax Case Notes collection
The Case Law collection will be extended with country-specific summaries of domestic case law on direct tax issues, especially when the court decision addresses an inbound or outbound situation. These case notes will have a standard outline covering the relevant data, facts, legal background, issue, decision and other aspects, helping you to easily track and understand decisions that clarify or change legislation and their implications.

Coming soon: Book titles
New titles planned for release during the course of 2020 will cover a variety of topics, including investing in US securities and qualified intermediaries, customs implications of cross-border trade in goods, current tax treaty issues, tax procedures and multi-tier dispute resolution.

Coming soon: Pay-per-view journal articles now also on Baidu
If you occasionally need a journal article, you can review the article abstracts and buy individual articles on a pay-per-view basis from the IBFD website or Platform. This service will soon also be offered on Baidu Scholar for our Chinese-speaking clients.

Improving our users’ experience – Enhanced functionality and formats
Since the release of the revised Platform, we have added new features that dramatically improve ease of use, including:
- A simplified Treaty Article Export functionality. Users no longer need to preselect filters – now, you can instantly select income and capital tax treaties for exporting articles.
- You can now easily view outline elements of models (e.g. model and commentary) and treaties (e.g. treaty and technical explanation to the treaty) side by side.
- New functionality allows you to find and compare corresponding provisions between VAT laws of EU Member States (also available in English) and the VAT Directive.
- The helpful “Actions” drop-down menu, which gives you quick access to functionality such as exporting or comparing items, now stays visible when scrolling through a results list or a document, making it even easier to use.
- Other-language versions of models are now accessible through links in the result list and will soon also be available for treaties.

Key improvements to look out for

Coming soon: Tax Calendar
To help tax professionals around the world stay ahead of and prepare for key events in the tax world, IBFD’s Tax Calendar will provide you with the significant dates and deadlines you need to be aware of.