

VAT Professional Development Program

Amsterdam

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VAT Professional Development Program - A professional continuing education course co-sponsored by Baker & McKenzie and LawInContext

Value Added Tax 101

This course is designed for those working for buyers and sellers of goods and services that may be subject to VAT and other indirect taxes. The course is designed to provide practical insights on the management of VAT with specific attention to VAT/GST and supply chains of goods and/or services. In particular also a company's ability to avoid expensive VAT compliance costs will be addressed as well as how irrecoverable VAT and/or penalties can be avoided.

Participants in the course will be provided access to the online VAT Invoicing Requirements Helpdesk provided by LawInContext.

Session 1: Introduction

May 20, 2009 – Jan Snel & Elwin Makkus (Amsterdam)
5 pm Zurich / 4 pm London

The opening session will focus on how the world's VAT/GST systems work with specific emphasis on the different types of VAT/GST systems, their basic principles, and of their key similarities and differences. Case studies and practical examples will be used to demonstrate the key concepts. This session is specifically designed for compliance personnel and others at companies who may have minimal knowledge of the world's VAT/GST systems, as well as those who wish to refresh their knowledge or that have a specific interest in the basics of VAT/GST systems around the world. For comparative purposes, the opening session will focus on EU countries, Canada, Mexico and China.

Session 2: Asia Pacific

June 3, 2009 – Eugene Lim (China), Amrit MacIntyre (Sydney), Rohan Shah (India), Edmund Leow (Singapore)
5 pm Zurich / 4 pm London

Session 2 will, through the use of case studies and practical examples, provide an overview of indirect taxes in India, China, Singapore and Australia. It will focus on different sales and service models in relation to these jurisdictions. A review of any recent or upcoming changes will be included in the session.

Session 3: Indirect Taxation and the Americas

June 17, 2009 – Graciela Diedrich (Juarez), Randy Schwartz (Toronto), Camilla Lagrasta (Sao Paulo), Sebastian Nordemann (Buenos Aires)
5 pm Zurich / 4 pm London

Session 3 will, through the use of case studies and practical examples, focus on indirect tax regimes in the Americas including Canada and Latin America with reference to differing systems and how this affects the supply chain.

Session 4: Europe

June 24, 2009 – Jan Snel (Amsterdam), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
5 pm Zurich / 4 pm London

Session 4 will, through the use of case studies and practical examples, consist of a review of the VAT systems of European countries in relation to supply chains in the world's biggest consumer market. Special attention will be given to the VAT changes per 2010 as well as recent case law of the European Court of Justice.

Cost

The cost for attending the course is USD \$150.00 excluding VAT and other applicable taxes. You will receive an invoice by mail which is payable upon receipt. Included is access to a selection of country information on the LawInContext VAT & Invoicing Requirement Helpdesk, a reserved spot to attend all four 90 minute lectures, relevant case studies and instruction.

Interested in participating?

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