

More lenient rules issued regarding invoice presentation

In respect of invoice compliance, a foreign invested enterprise in Vietnam must strictly abide by local regulations. At the same time, as a member of a multinational corporation, they may also be required to adopt the same accounting and revenue cycle software that is employed globally by their headquarters for group reporting purposes. In this situation, meeting these requirements can sometimes be a great challenge for local management, often due to language and other issues.

In an effort to resolve this dilemma and to enable foreign invested corporate taxpayers to operate in line with their global management systems, the Ministry of Finance issued Official Letter 4016/BTC-TCT on 28 March 2011, providing more lenient rules in respect of the legitimacy of official invoices.

The new rules under OL4016 should have a positive impact on a large number of foreign invested enterprises in Vietnam. Companies should proceed as a matter of haste with the required registration to enable them to enjoy the new and more favourable rules on invoice presentation.

The most important changes under OL 4016 are:

- Official invoices are now permitted to use "simplified" Vietnamese typing, i.e. Vietnamese wording without accent marks.
- Internationally recognised practice for numerical separators is now permitted on Vietnamese official invoices, i.e. the use of commas (,) as thousands separators and a full stop (.) for the decimal mark in digit grouping. In this case, it is required that to avoid any confusion, the total amount of the invoice must be restated in words.
- In order to adopt the new relaxed ruling in respect of invoice presentation, prior documented registration with the tax authority is required.



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