



## Collection and Assessments Tax Law amended

28 July 2017 - The House of Representatives amended the Collection and Assessments of Taxes Law on 14 July 2017. The main amendments are listed below:

- **Additional monetary charge of 5% for late payment of taxes**

An additional monetary charge of 5% will be imposed on the tax due if the omission continues more than 2 months from the payment deadline. This 5% additional charge is supplementary to the 5% monetary penalty imposed when a tax payer omits to settle its tax obligations within the statutory deadlines.

- **Issue of tax assessment notices**

Tax assessments will be served personally or with registered or non-registered post or via emails. Therefore, it is imperative for taxpayers to check and update their correspondence details included in the Cyprus Tax Authorities' database.

- **Tax assessment issued after a Court decision**

A tax assessment issued after a Court decision, will not be subject to the statutory time limit of 6 or 12 years. We would like to remind you that the statute of limitation in Cyprus is six years, extended to twelve years in case of fraud or willful default.

- **Submission of tax returns through TAXISnet electronic system**

The 2017 tax returns and tax returns of the following years will be mandatory to be submitted electronically through the TAXISnet electronic system or through any other mean approved by the Commissioner of Taxation.

- **Administrative fines**

If a taxpayer fails to comply with the provisions of the Assessment and Collection of Taxes Law or the relevant Regulations or the Notifications or the Decrees issued from time to time, the Commissioner of Taxation can impose an administrative fine of up to €20.000 depending on the level of non-compliance.

In addition, the Commissioner of Taxation could impose material penalties for non-compliance with the Decrees issued from time to time relating to the Exchange of Information up to an amount of €20.000.

As always, The Taxation Department of Costas Tsielepis & Co Ltd is at your disposal should you require any further information or clarifications.