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Environmental tax: potential exposure

Although the environmental tax was introduced by the Tax Code from 1 January 2011 it is only now becoming clear that there are some differences in definitions in respect of the environmental tax and this is likely to increase the scope of the tax. This tax is similar to the previously existing Environmental Pollution Charge.

The definition of waste placement is one of the most significant differences. According to the Tax Code waste placement includes storage of waste. This arguably means that even if a taxpayer stores waste products for a short period of time, then transfers to special companies for utilisation, such waste is subject to environmental tax. The tax authorities are now enforcing interpretation to assess significant liabilities.

PwC is available to provide support in respect of this issue and will continue to monitor the situation.