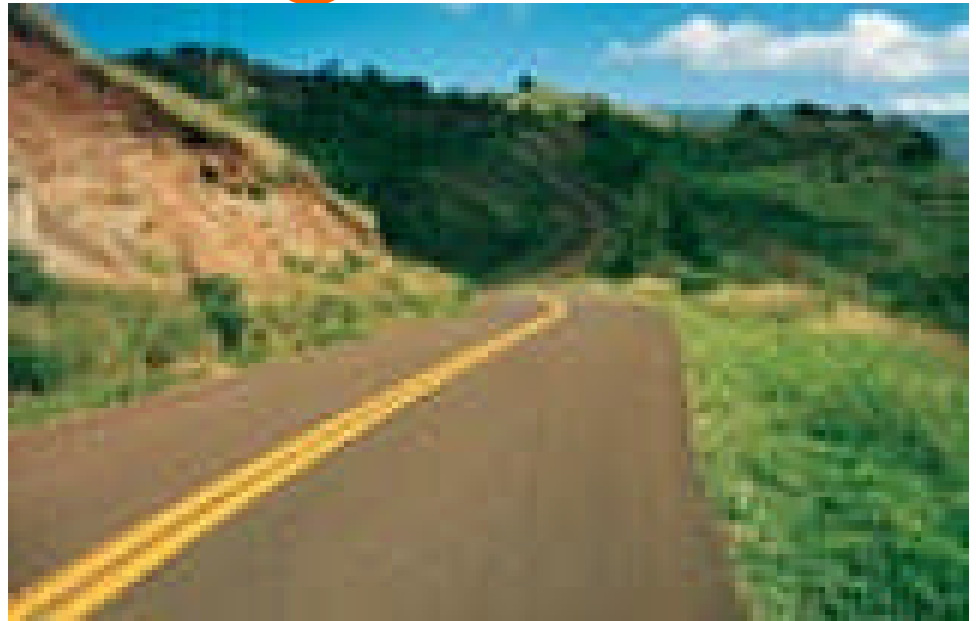


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A week after the obligation of using a vignette for motorway travel came into force, the Ministry of Finance (MF) published an opinion regarding the tax treatment of vignette costs, which states that the reimbursement of the vignette costs by employer to employee is not included in the employee's tax base if he used his personal car for a business trip. However, this is only true if the business trip is documented with a written travel order (which documents that the use of a motorway is reasonable) and invoice for the vignette. Reimbursement of the vignette cost should not exceed the costs of one annual vignette or two semi-annual vignettes. If these conditions are not met, the reimbursement is taxed in accordance with the Personal income tax Act.

When an employee is using a company's car for his private purposes, and this benefit is taxable according to Article 43 of the Personal income tax Act, MF is of opinion that the vignette costs are already included in the taxable

benefit as a vignette is bound to the car.

In addition to the MF's original opinion, the Tax Authorities published an opinion at the end of July 2008 which provides guidance regarding the tax treatment of reimbursement of costs from the Corporate income tax Act (CITA-2) point of view. Tax authorities stated that in accordance with Article 35 of CITA-2, reimbursement of the costs of the vignette under the above-mentioned conditions is considered to be a tax deductible cost in the actual amount.

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Decree on the Management of Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries and Accumulators

The “*Decree on the Management of Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries and Accumulators*” was published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia on 30 July 2008. The regulations set out special rules regarding the placing on the market of batteries and accumulators and, in particular, prohibit placing on the market batteries and accumulators which contain certain dangerous substances. It also defines specific rules for the collection, recycling and disposal of waste batteries and accumulators.

The decree requires companies and other legal entities to collect waste batteries. Producers, acquirers and importers are responsible for setting up separate collection facilities for waste batteries and accumulators at those locations where batteries and accumulators are sold. Separate collection facilities must also be provided at waste disposal centres.

The decree also prohibits the placing on the market of batteries and accumulators containing certain dangerous substances such as mercury and cadmium. Furthermore, requirements for the labelling of batteries and accumulators are also specified. The prohibition and labelling requirements apply to batteries and accumulators which are placed on the market in Slovenia, for the first time, after 26 September 2008.

Existing producers must fulfil the requirements of the decree by 31 May 2009 in order to be included on the list of registered producers of batteries and accumulators.

Distributors, public service providers, producers and collectors of waste batteries and accumulators have until 26 September 2009 to put in place the required arrangements for the treatment of waste batteries and accumulators.

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