

# Value-added Tax Flash

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## Indirect tax reform in China

### Global Indirect Taxes

Revision of the China indirect tax system remains on the radar of the Chinese Government. As reported in the [April 2011 Value-added Tax News Alert](#), any upcoming reform will likely call for a merger of the VAT and Business Tax ("BT") systems. Prior to any nation-wide reform, a local pilot reform program by industry will likely be implemented. At this point, Shanghai has volunteered to be the test locale for indirect tax reform. However, various questions remain, including but not limited to:

- Whether input credits would be limited to Shanghai taxpayers only;
- How would entities with branches in Shanghai be impacted?;
- Would there be a uniform rate or would different rates apply to types of taxpayers or services?;
- Could business systems manage a pilot program in one jurisdiction?; and
- Potential cash flow issues.

Details of the final program are not yet available. For additional information regarding indirect tax reform in China, please see '[News Flash: China Tax and Business Advisory](#).'



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