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ADDENDUM 6

Poland – Co-operative Compliance Programme for large taxpayers (PL014) [2020 CoCG decision]

I. Background

1. In 2020, the Code of Conduct Group decided to put the use of the recently introduced Polish Cooperative Compliance Programme (CCP) under monitoring because taxpayers in a CCP could ask for a ruling to secure the non-application of the general anti-abuse rule (GAAR).
2. Poland was thus invited to provide data on the overall number of taxpayers in a CCP and whether any rulings regarding the non-application of the GAAR have been granted.

3. We recall that taxpayers with an annual turnover of more EUR 50 million are eligible for the Polish CCP. There were 2,700 eligible taxpayers, but the Polish CCP was implemented in a staggered manner, based on which it was initially open to only 300 taxpayers.

II. Preliminary assessment

4. The monitoring started in tax year 2021. This year Poland provided data covering tax years 2022 and 2023.
5. From the information provided, it arises that while no taxpayer entered a CCP agreement in 2021, ten taxpayers did so in 2022/2023.
6. However, none of the 25 rulings issued concerned the application of the GAAR – which is the object of the monitoring. For completeness, we note that the breakdown of taxpayers per category indicates that three taxpayers are domestically-owned companies (Polish shareholders), while the remaining seven are foreign (or partly foreign) owned companies.
7. In light of the absence of any ruling regarding the application of the GAAR in the context of the CCP in 2022/2023, the Commission Services hold the view that the Polish CCP measure has not affected business location in the EU in a significant way.

III. Follow-up:

- i. The Group agreed with the preliminary conclusion that the PL014 CCP does not seem to have affected the business location among the Member States in a significant way.
- ii. The Group agreed that the monitoring should continue.

Annex: Poland – PL014 - Co-operative compliance programme for large taxpayers [2020 CoCG decision]

Poland - PL014	2021	2022/2023 Data as of the end of 09.2023
The number of qualifying taxpayers;	2700	3971
the number of taxpayers having entered a CC agreement;	0	10
How many of the taxpayers having entered a CC agreement were residents and how many were non-residents (domestic PE of foreign taxpayers);	0	10 residents; 0 non-residents
Within the resident taxpayers, how many had final Polish shareholder(s) and how many had final foreign shareholder(s);	0	3 - Polish shareholder 6 - foreign shareholders 1 – 50%/50% Polish and

		foreign shareholders
The overall number of taxpayers in a CC agreement having concluded any of the tax agreements (with the number of tax rulings, APAs or safeguarding opinions on the non-application of the GAAR);	0	8 taxpayers (25 tax rulings, 0 APA, 0 GAAR)
How many of the taxpayers having concluded any of the tax rulings were residents and how many were non-residents (domestic PE of foreign taxpayers);	0	8 residents
The number of taxpayers having received a safeguarding opinion on the non-application of the GAAR;	0	0
How many of such taxpayers were domestic owned (final Polish shareholder) and how many were foreign owned (final foreign shareholder);	0	not applicable
In respect of what type of transaction/ arrangements have the safeguarding opinions been issued;	0	not applicable
What were the amounts involved by those arrangements	not applicable	not applicable

Any other relevant data		29.03.2022 the first CCA was concluded

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