

As you might be aware, the Regulations for administration of International Agreements for the Avoidance of Double Taxation concluded between Azerbaijan and other countries (the “**Regulations**”) envisage several forms, *i.e.* DTA forms, to be filled and submitted to the Ministry of Taxes (“**Ministry**”) for certification and confirmation of taxes withheld, tax exemption, as well as tax residency and other matters.

In this regard, we would like to inform you that today on the conference dedicated to the “Latest developments in tax administration” following updates were announced by the representative of the Ministry of Taxes regarding the DTA forms:

- Preliminary application for advance exemption or limited application can now be applied for all type of income derived from Azerbaijani source. Previously Regulations envisaged preliminary (advance) exemption or limited application of taxes withheld from dividends, interests, royalties and international transportation;
- Submission and execution of DTA forms has been simplified and can now be submitted electronically. For the purposes of submission scanned copy of the documents should suffice, unless otherwise specifically requested;
- Non-residents can obtain ASAN signatures abroad (from Azerbaijan embassies in the respective countries) and file the required forms remotely;
- DTA-04 form confirming that activities of a non-resident are carried out in Azerbaijan through a non-PE (permanent establishment) unit is liquidated.

The representative of the Ministry also mentioned that the new system on e-application of the DTA-forms will be launched on 01 July 2017.

It should be noted that the detailed text of the updates is yet to be published. We will keep you updated on the issue.