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The procedure for defining prices for affinated precious metals by the Bank of Russia

Bank of Russia Instruction No. 1993-U of 9 April 2008 amends the procedure for defining accounting prices for affinated precious metals (gold, silver, platinum and palladium) by the Bank of Russia. The above mentioned prices are used for accounting transactions with financial instruments of fixed term deals with affinated precious metals as the basic asset. The Instruction is to be officially published in the “Bank of Russia Bulletin” and comes into effect from 1 July 2008.

Accounting for profits, when holding a corporate party

According to the Department of Taxes and Tariffs of the Ministry of Finance No. 03-04-06-01/86 of 15 April 2008, if, when holding a corporate party, one can't define the economic profit of each employee (the participants of the party) there is no profit subject to PIT.

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The rules for the registration of mutual investment funds

Kommersant reports that the Federal Service for Financial Markets prepared the standard rules for closed mutual investment funds, extending the list of financial operations, which may be performed by managers of the funds, and also allow shareholders to have better control over the activity of a closed mutual investment fund. In particular, the managers of closed mutual investment funds got the right to perform the partial payment of shares for qualified investors.

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PIT for compensation for using mobile phones and personal cars for company purposes

According to the Moscow Administration of the Federal Tax Service Letter No. 28-11/4115 of 21 January 2008, the compensation for using mobile phones and personal cars for company purposes is not subject to PIT. The limit for compensation for a mobile phone is established by the company. However, when considering compensation for using a personal car, the limits established by RF Government Resolution No. 92 of 8 February 2002 should be taken into account.

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Concerning transfers for the submissions of tax returns in electronic form

The Federal Tax Service has published answers to typical questions related to the transfer of submissions of tax returns in electronic form on its website

(<http://www.nalog.ru/document.php?id=26511&topic=consulting>).

Increase of excise tax rates on alcoholic goods

The Ministry of Finance has issued a draft law on an increase in excise tax rates on alcoholic goods by 10% this year.

Double tax treaties in offshore zones

The Federal Tax Service Letter No. ShT-6-2/219@ of 25 March 2008 contains a list of Russia's double tax treaties as at 1 January 2008 as well as a list of states and territories with preferential tax regimes and where no disclosure or submission of information about performed financial transactions (offshore zones) is required.

UST rates application

The Ministry of Finance Letter No. 03-04-06-02/38 of 21 April 2008 stipulates that UST rates should apply to the tax base accumulated by an employee as a whole even if an employee was transferred from the head company to a separate subdivision.

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