



Dear Reader,

Greetings from Moore Bahrain!

Do you know when a Taxable person is obliged to pay VAT on its supplies? Let us understand the same as per the rules concerning date of supply under the Bahrain VAT Law

Type of transaction	Date of Supply
Import of goods	Earliest of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> date when goods enter the territory of the Implementing States* and are imported; or <input type="checkbox"/> date when goods are released from a customs duty suspension arrangement, if they were placed under one of these arrangements upon entry into the territory of the Implementing States*
Supply of goods/Provision of services	Earliest of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> date of supply (defined below) <input type="checkbox"/> date of issuance of tax invoice <input type="checkbox"/> date of partial or full receipt of consideration and to the extent of the received amount
Supply of services/goods on successive basis (continuous supply)	Earliest of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> date of issue of tax invoice or any other equivalent document <input type="checkbox"/> due date of payment of the amount specified in the invoice <input type="checkbox"/> date of actual payment <p>When none of the above occurs within 12 months of the start of the supply, a VAT due date will be at the end of the 12-month period and at the end of any subsequent 12-month period if none of the above occurs in the meantime.</p>

Date of supply for goods/services

Transaction	Date of Supply
Supply of goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Without transportation: Date of placing the goods at the customer's disposal➤ With transportation: Date of commencement of transportation or dispatch of goods➤ With installation or assembly: Date of completion of installation or assembly
Supply of services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Actual date of completion of services➤ Receipt/ approval by the client➤ Issuance of a certification of completion

Notes:

- Date of issuance of Invoice can be different from the 'date of supply' as per the provision of Bahrain VAT Law. Thus, for the purpose of discharging of VAT liability on sales/supplies and reporting in VAT return, the 'date of supply' should be determined
- Tax invoice should be issued within 15 days of the month following the month during which the supply took place
- Besides the general date of supply, specific date of supply provisions also applies for different nature of supplies e.g., vouchers, vending machine etc.

*All GCC countries have not yet implemented the VAT law as per the Unified VAT Agreement. Accordingly, Kingdom of Bahrain should only be treated as the Implementing State for the purpose of this provision.

Hope you will find it useful. In case you seek any clarifications please write to us on tax@msbahrain.com or give us a call on +973 17200144.

Thanks & Regards,

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