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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Publication of the 2nd revised COVID-19 Draft Tax Bill and extension of time for public comments on specific 2020 tax proposals**

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National Treasury and the South African Revenue Service (SARS) publish the 2nd revised 2020 Draft Disaster Management Tax Relief Bill and revised Draft Notice on Expanding Access to Living Annuity Funds. These are published to provide early feedback on issues raised through public comment on the revised COVID-19 Draft Tax Bills published on 1 May 2020 that are time critical for payroll and other aspects to be implemented in May 2020.

The 3rd revised 2020 Draft Disaster Management Tax Relief Bill and 2020 Draft Disaster Management Tax Relief Administration Bill, as well as the Notice on Expanding Access to Living Annuity Funds, will be published by the end of May to take into account all public comments received on the revised COVID-19 Draft Tax Bills published on 1 May 2020. They provide the necessary legislative amendments required to implement the tax measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Bills will be tabled in Parliament later this year for enactment. The Notice on Expanding Access to Living Annuity Funds will be published in the Government Gazette.

The draft Bills published on 1 April 2020, the revised draft Bills published on 1 May 2020 and the 2nd revised draft Bill published today, revised draft Notice and Draft Explanatory Memorandum containing a comprehensive description of the proposed tax amendments regarding COVID-19 tax measures can be found on the National Treasury ([www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za)) and SARS ([www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za)) websites.

#### **Extension of time for public comments on specific 2020 tax proposals**

On 9 April 2020, National Treasury issued a media statement extending the submission date for public comments of the following 2020 tax proposals, "Tax Treatment of Excessive Debt Financing, Interest Deductions and Other Financial Payments" from 17 April 2020 to 29 May 2020. Due to the subsequent postponement of the implementation of the effective date of this proposal from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2022, the deadline for submission of public comments is hereby further extended from 29 May to 30 September 2020. The due date for comments in respect of the proposal to introduce export taxes on scrap metal remains as 29 May 2020.

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