

Welcome to June's Technical newsdesk

Welcomes

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Angela Fearnside, Maric Glaser and Alison Ward kick off this edition with a number of indirect tax articles covering the [proposed measures to prevent VAT evasion and non-compliance by overseas sellers into the UK](#), [the possible alignment of the VAT disclosure rules with the DOTAS regime](#), [commentary on the recently published EU VAT action plan](#), and [news for consultancy businesses operating the VAT flat rate scheme](#).

A large part of the technical team's work involves responding to consultations. Sacha Dalton reports on the [CIOT's response to the EU consultation on double taxation dispute resolution mechanisms](#), and Margaret Curran and Will Silsby highlight the current open consultations on the [corporate criminal offence of failure to prevent the criminal facilitation of tax evasion](#) and [corporate contributions to grassroots sports](#). Details of all open consultations can be found on the CIOT and ATT websites.

Agents play a vital role in the operation of the tax system. Margaret and Alison provide an [update on Agent Services from HMRC](#), and I provide [more information on how Working Together is evolving](#).

Real-Time Information is an issue close to the hearts of many agents and employers. [HMRC launched its post-implementation review of RTI in April](#). Alison provides a summary of the ATT's response, and Robin Williamson summarises that from LITRG.

In a round-up of other matters, Sacha summarises the [CIOT's views on EU public country-by-country reporting](#), and Joanne Walker reports on the [recent meeting between the CIOT and LITRG with the chief executive of Revenue Scotland](#). Matthew Brown comments on the [government's welcome move to allow connected companies to share the £15,000 apprenticeship levy allowance between them](#), and Gillian Wrigley highlights [LITRG's new guide to help personnel serving in the armed forces deal with their tax affairs](#).

Finally, before our usual summary of technical submissions, we welcome a 'guest' article from Charlotte Ali, head of professional standards at the ATT, who draws attention to the [recently revised guidance on letters of engagement for tax practitioners](#).

Have a good June!