

Baker Tilly TaxSnaps

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SST & E-Invoicing Updates

The Ministry of Finance ("MOF") announced a series of measures on 5 January 2026 aimed at easing compliance costs and providing transitional relief for businesses, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises ("MSMEs"). These measures focus on reducing indirect tax burdens and offering greater flexibility in the implementation of the e-Invoicing compliance requirements.

This edition of our TaxSnaps highlights the following key updates:

- (i) Update on the Sales Tax and Service Tax ("SST") measures
- (ii) The extended transitional and interim relaxation period for e-Invoicing

Update on SST Measures

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister, the MOF has issued a media statement dated 5 January 2026 [link](#) outlining updates to the SST policy, The key measures are summarised as follows:

- (i) **Service Tax on Rental and Leasing Services for MSMEs**
With effect from 1 January 2026, the much-debated Service Tax rate on rental or leasing services has been reduced from 8% to 6%.
Additionally, the annual turnover threshold for MSMEs exempt from service tax on such services has also been increased from RM1 million to RM1.5 million. In addition, newly registered MSMEs are granted a one-year exemption from service tax on rental or leasing services effective from the date of MSME registration.
- (ii) **Sales Tax Exemption on Critical Raw Materials and Inputs**
Sales tax exemption is granted effective 1 January 2026 on critical raw materials or inputs used by registered manufacturers in the production of essential goods. This includes inputs used in agricultural and livestock production, such as animal feed, fertilisers and pesticides with the objective of ensuring more competitive as well as price stability for essential goods.
- (iii) **Extended Service Tax Exemption for Certain Construction Contracts**
Construction service contracts signed before 1 July 2025 that do not contain a **reviewable clause** will continue to enjoy service tax exemption. The exemption period which was initially to run from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 is now extended by one additional year until 30 June 2027, allowing eligible contracts to benefit from up to two years of service tax exemption.
- (iv) **Service Tax Exemption for Construction of Religious Buildings**
Construction services relating to religious buildings including surau, mosques, temples, churches and shrines are granted service tax exemption with effect from 1 July 2025.

We will keep you updated should there be any further clarification or guidance issued by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department in relation to the above SST measures.

Extended Transitional and Interim Relaxation Period for e-Invoicing

In a media statement [<link>](#) issued by the Inland Revenue Board ("IRB") on 5 January 2026, the IRB announced that taxpayers which are subjected to Phase 4 of e-Invoicing (with annual sales of between RM1 million and RM5 million) will be granted an extended interim relaxation period of 12 months from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026, replacing the previously-announced 6-month period.

During this interim relaxation period, taxpayers are allowed to carry out the following:

- Issuance of consolidated e-Invoices for all activities and transactions, including those listed under Section 3.7 of the e-Invoicing Specific Guidelines, even if there are e-Invoices being requested by the buyers;
- Issuance of consolidated self-billed e-Invoices for all self-billing situations as outlined under Section 8.3 of the e-Invoicing Specific Guidelines; and
- Insert any transaction description in the "Product or Service Description" field.

In addition, no penalties will be imposed for non-compliance during the above interim relaxation period, provided the taxpayers comply with the prescribed e-Invoicing requirements.

The media statement further provides that taxpayers in the Wholesale and Retail Construction Materials sector are allowed to issue consolidated e-Invoices with effect from 1 January 2026. Under this concession, e-Invoices are only required for transactions exceeding RM10,000 or where an e-Invoice is specifically requested by the buyer.

* The updated e-Invoicing Specific Guidelines are available [\[here\]](#).

The measures covered in this edition of TaxSnaps are intended to provide businesses with an update whilst also alerting our clients and businesses at large on transitional relief measures that can be availed. Do consult us should you require any clarification on how these changes may apply to your business or if further clarification is required. We would be pleased to assist you in assessing the impact of these developments and addressing any questions you may have.

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