



Decree Exonerates Taxes to Help Strengthen Production and Distribution Systems of Drinking Water

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Through an extraordinary *Official Gazette* No. 6,713, Decree No. 4,711 of the Presidency of the Republic was published on July 26, 2022, which exempts the payment of value added tax (VAT), import tax and tax for determination of the regime customs the final imports of personal property carried out by the organs and entities of the National Public Administration, destined to strengthen the production and distribution systems of drinking water at the national level, through the Ministry of People's Power of Attention of the Waters. In addition, the Decree allows national sales operations of tangible personal property made to the organs and entities of the National Public Administration, strictly necessary for the execution of the projects for the rehabilitation and operation of the drinking water production systems at the national level that are indicated therein.

In the same way, the provision of independent services executed or used in the country for consideration, including those that come from abroad, contracted by the bodies or entities of the National Public Administration, is exempt from the payment of VAT, intended for the execution of projects for the rehabilitation and operation of drinking water production systems at the national level.

The Decree provides for the exemption of 367 tariff codes, with their respective tariff and commercial description. The exemptions are subject to a quarterly evaluation, in accordance with what is determined by the National Integrated Customs and Tax Administration Service (SENIAT). This decree has a duration of one year and will become effective as of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

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