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# Tax & Legal News – Issue 1, January 2018

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Commission announces new guidelines to improve withholding tax procedure

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Ministry of Finance clarifies questions on the Investment Tax Act 2018

Limited taxpayers: withholding tax on cross-border licensing of software

## **Tax Court Cases**

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Input VAT Refund: transmission of scanned invoice copies

German exclusion from withholding tax relief in conflict with EU law? UPDATE

Commercial transactions between friends and recognition of losses

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German Anti-Treaty-Shopping Rule infringes EU law

Exemption of loss forfeiture for troubled businesses illicit state aid?

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Foreign Tax Act: Income adjustment in accordance with community law?

Compulsory content of invoices for purpose of deduction of input VAT

VAT: Supply of goods – Finance lease with option to purchase

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## Keywords

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