

Italy: new deadline for transfer pricing documentation

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Verona Via Leone Pancaldo 68, 37138 T: +39 045 8114111 On 12 January 2024, Legislative Decree no. 1/2024 - regarding the rationalization and simplification of certain tax rules - was officially published in the *Gazzetta Ufficiale*.

Among other things, there is a new tax calendar. From 2 May 2024, taxpayers will have to file their income tax return within nine months of the financial year-end and no longer within 11 months. Calendar-year taxpayers will therefore have to file their tax return for 2023 electronically by 30 September 2024.

This has direct and significant implications for transfer pricing (TP) compliance. TP documentation required for penalty protection purposes must be ready before the income tax return is filed. Moreover, TP documentation must be:

— digitally signed by the legal representative of the Italian entity (using digital signatures legally recognized by the tax authorities in Italy);

- digitally timestamped before the income tax return is filed.

The new filing deadline means that, from January 2024, taxpayers will have to reorganize and update their annual schedules as a matter of urgency, since they will have two months less to comply with Italian tax requirements and prepare their TP documentation.

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