

TAX ALERT

The tax department in charge of the regularization of overseas assets will close on December 31, 2017

According to the press release dated September 15, 2017 (published on September 19, 2017), Mr Gerald Darmanin, the French Minister in charge of Public Accounts announced the closing of the tax department dedicated to the spontaneous regularization of foreign assets (the so-called "Service de Traitement des Déclarations Rectificatives, "STDR") will close on December 31, 2017.

It is specified that only complete files including the amended tax returns and corresponding additional taxes will benefit from the reduced penalties provided by the ministerial circulars.

After January 1st 2018, the amended tax returns will no longer benefit from the reduced penalties.

In an interview to the French daily "Libération", Mr Darmanin wishes to invest into technological and computer equipment in order to make the fight against international tax fraud more efficient. He added that the automatic Exchange of bank information will allow the French tax administration "*to benefit from powerful means to identify tax evaders*".