Law approves changes to income tax levied on investments in FIPs

Changes introduced by Law No. 14,711/23



APPROVAL OF LAW NO. 14,711/23

O New law approved by the Federal Government



On October 31, 2023, Law No. 14,711/23 was published, which, in addition to amending the regulation of guarantees, amended provisions of Law No. 11,312/06 that regulates the levy of the withholding income tax ("WHT") on investments in Private Equity Investment Funds ("FIP"), Funds that invest in shares of Private Equity Funds ("FIC-FIP") and Funds for Investments in Emerging Companies ("FIEE").

Provisional Measure No. 1,137/22 enacted last year had already proposed similar amendments, but never entered into force.

Approval and entry into force



After the approval of Law Bill No. 4,188/21 by the House of Representatives on October 02, 2023, the text was sent for approval by the Federal Government, which approved parts of the proposed changes in Law Bill No. 4,188/21. In any case, the provisions related to the levy of the WHT on investments in FIPs, FIC-FIPs, and FIEEs were **fully maintained**.

The changes enter into force on October 31, 2023 - the date of publication of Law No. 14,711/23.

TAX CHANGES

GENERAL RULE: 15% WHT RATE ON INCOME AND GAINS ON FIP, FIC-FIP AND FIEE

Main changes

Law No. 11,312/06 - Current wording

Law No. 14,711/23 - Approved changes

Composition of the fund's portfolio (67%)



In addition to the Securities Commission ("CVM") regulations, funds must have a portfolio composed of at least 67% of shares in corporations, convertible debentures, and subscription bonuses



Funds only need to comply with the CVM's regulations

NON-RESIDENT INVESTORS: 0% WHT RATE ON INCOME AND GAINS ON FIP, FIC-FIP AND FIEE

Main changes

Law No. 11,312/06 - Current wording

Law No. 14,711/23 - Approved changes

Composition of the fund's portfolio (67%)



In addition to the CVM's rules, funds must have a portfolio composed of at least 67% of shares in corporations, convertible debentures, and subscription bonuses



Funds only need to comply with the CVM's regulations

Debt securities (5%)



Maximum investment of 5% of its shareholder's equity in debt securities, except for convertible debentures or government bonds



Revoked

Investment Entity



No restriction



The fund must be qualified as an investment entity, according to regulations to be issued by the National Monetary Council ("CMN")

FIP-IE and FIP-PD&I



No express authorization



Such funds are now covered by the tax benefit

Quota holder participation (40%)



The quota holder must not hold 40% or more of the quotas issued by the fund or of its total income



Revoked

Quota holder's tax residency



The quota holder must not reside in a jurisdiction that taxes income at 20% nominal rate or lower



The guota holder must not reside in a low-tax jurisdiction (article 24 of Law No. 9,430/96)

Sovereign wealth funds as quota holders



No express authorization



Sovereign wealth funds are now covered by the tax benefit, even if they reside in low tax jurisdictions

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