



Analysis of the tax treatment of rents and royalties under domestic law

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Overview

- Introduction and basic concepts
- Taxation of residents and non-residents and royalty income
- Transfer pricing issues related to rents and

...ing rent and royalty income

Introduction and basic concepts

- Provides a framework to identify all the circumstances in which payments of rent and royalties are taxable in a country's tax base
- Identifies the business of the risks of base erosion and profit shifting circumstances
- Considers the responses that might be taken to prevent such base erosion

Risks of cross-border base erosion and profit shifting of deductible payments of rent and royalties

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Basic concepts

- The concept of rent
 - 9 Rent from immovable property
 - 9 Rent from movable property
- The concept of royalties

royalties

royalties with respect to

industrial; commercial and scientific

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Basic concepts

- - geographical source of rent and royalties
 - 9 Rent and royalty payments related to immovable property) usually where the property is located
 - 9 Two typical rules for rent and royalty payments for the use of movable property)

property is used

of the payer

and royalties to income

allocate rent and royalty expenses to

activities; activities taxable at ordinary

and at reduced or preferential rates

and tracing and apportionment

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Basic concepts

- Payments of rent and royalties to persons
- Payments for the use and exploration of natural resources

agreements

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Taxation of residents and non-residents on rent and royalty income

- Deduction of rent and royalty expenses from a country's tax base without an additional tax on the recipient typically arises

9 , non-resident carries on business through a fixed base or P" and rent and royalty expenses are

allocating the profits attributable to the

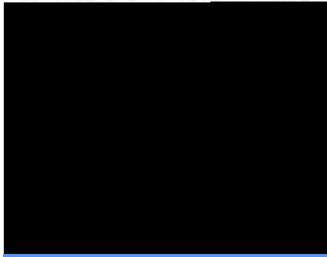
recipient receives rent and royalties from a

payer who deducts the payments

from its tax base whether or not the non-

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%on-residents with a permanent
establishment or fixed base



Transfer pricing issues related to rents and royalties

- Payments of rent or royalties to related persons)

9 Rent and royalties may not be paid to a non-resident as provided the use of property to a non-resident

Payment may be lower than the price a willing to pay insufficient payment

The country applies a patent box benefiting from that regime may be

" group may be allocated to the are higher

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Transfer pricing issues related to rents and royalties

- Two cases that are especially pertinent

9 Payments for the use of property or intangible property that has been

payer and is transferred to a non-resident related company that leases the property back to the payer

payments and contributions to SDEs or international enterprises

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Information concerning rent and royalty income and payments

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