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Council Directive on faster and safer relief of excess withholding taxes published in the Official Journal

Latest developments

The **Council Directive on faster and safer relief of excess withholding taxes ("Faster")** has been published today in the [Official Journal of the EU](#). This Directive will enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication.

Background

On 10 December 2024, the Council of the EU adopted the proposal for a "Faster" Directive (see [here](#)). Previously, in November 2024, the European Parliament adopted its non-legally-binding [report on the initiative](#).

More background information on the initiative has been shared by the secretariat (see [ECO-TAX-24-118](#)).

Next steps

- 31 December 2028, deadline for member states to transpose the directive into national legislation.
- 1 January 2030, entry into force of national rule.

For more info

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