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Report

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Common system of value added tax and duration of obligation to respect a minimum standard rate

Proposal for a directive (COM(2010)0331 – C7-0173/2010 – 2010/0179(CNS))

Amendment 1

Proposal for a directive – amending act

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Pending the outcome of consultations on a new VAT strategy which is expected to address future arrangements and corresponding levels of harmonisation, it would be premature to set a permanent standard rate level or to consider changing the minimum rate level.

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(4) Pending the outcome of consultations on a new VAT strategy which is expected to address future arrangements and corresponding levels of harmonisation, it would be premature to set a permanent standard rate level or to consider changing the minimum rate level. ***The focus of the new VAT strategy should be to reform the VAT rules in a manner that actively promotes the objectives of the internal market. The new VAT strategy should aim at reducing administrative burdens, removing tax obstacles and improving the business environment, particularly for small and medium-sized and labour-intensive enterprises, whilst ensuring the robustness of the system against fraud.***

Amendment 2

Proposal for a directive – amending act
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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(5) It is therefore appropriate to maintain the current minimum standard rate at 15% for a further period long enough to ensure legal certainty, while allowing further review, ***using the Single Market Strategy as a guideline in this respect.***

Amendment 3

Proposal for a directive – amending act
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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(6) This does not preclude a further revision of VAT legislation before 31 December 2015 to address the outcome of the new VAT strategy. ***There should, if possible, be a move towards a definitive system before 31 December 2015.***

Amendment 4

Proposal for a directive – amending act
Article 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1a

Review

1. By 31 December 2013, the Commission shall submit legislative proposals to replace the current transitional minimum VAT rate level with a definitive system.

2. For the purpose of implementing paragraph 1, the Commission shall hold extensive consultations with all stakeholders, public and private, on the new VAT strategy. Those consultations shall at least address VAT rates, including reduced VAT rates, as well as the desirability of setting a maximum VAT rate, the scope of VAT, the derogations from the system, the alternative options

for the structure and functioning of VAT, including the place of taxation for intra-Union supplies. The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the outcome of those consultations.