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Implementation of Tax Reform and AHV Financing in the canton of Graubünden

On 19 May 2019, the Swiss population voted by a large majority in favour of the Federal Act on Tax Reform and AHV Financing (STAF). The aim of the STAF bill and its implementation in the cantons is to achieve international acceptance of Swiss corporate taxation. The changes will affect the Swiss Federal Act on Direct Federal Tax (DBG) and the Tax Harmonisation Act (StHG) in particular and will include abolition of the cantonal tax status (privileged taxation of holding companies, mixed companies and domiciliary companies) and the introduction of internationally recognised substitute measures.

In a first reading, in the August session of 2019, the Grand Council of the canton of Graubünden discussed and passed the amendment of the cantonal tax law for the purpose of implementing the STAF bill in the canton of Graubünden. The referendum period ends on 10 December 2019. The cantonal tax bill is due to come into force (retroactively if necessary) on 1 January 2020.

In particular, the planned reduction in the profit tax rate will lead to a significant reduction of the tax burden for all companies domiciled in the canton that have not benefited from any privilege to date.

The following page provides an overview of the most important changes to the law with an impact on corporate taxation.

If you have any questions, your usual contacts or one of the following STAF experts at PwC St. Gallen will be happy to help you.

Overview of the most important planned legislative changes with their effects on corporate taxation in Graubünden

