

**OVERVIEW OF TAX EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015**

## REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

The Russian Government has determined a list of goods, the producers and importers of which will be obligated to ensure partial recycling or to pay the environmental charge.

<http://government.ru> , 28 September 2015

The Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment has sent a draft resolution to be discussed and approved. The draft resolution sets the rates of the environmental charge that will be in effect from 2016.

[www.kommersant.ru](http://www.kommersant.ru) , 29 September 2015

## PRACTICE

More than a third (35%) of the growing proceeds from corporate taxes and VAT is down to tax administration, said *Mikhail Mishustin*, the head of the Russian Federal Tax Service.

[www.nalog.ru](http://www.nalog.ru) , 10 September 2015

The Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce has set up a tribunal to settle the dispute between Russia and Exxon under the Sakhalin-1 project. The company failed to agree with the Russian Government over a \$500 million tax refund, which the company believes it overpaid as a Sakhalin-1 project operator.

[www.kommersant.ru](http://www.kommersant.ru) , 16 September 2015

Volkswagen Group Rus LLC has filed an appeal with the Russian Supreme Court seeking that judgments of lower courts be set aside. The company is trying to challenge RUB 583 million of additional tax assessments made by the tax authority. The grounds for the above additional assessments was the conclusion of the tax authority that the company had wrongly applied a tax benefit set by the law of the Kaluga Region "On property tax" dated 10 November 2003.

[www.rapsinews.ru](http://www.rapsinews.ru) , 2 September 2015