

July 15, 2025

Important Advisory on Republic Act No. 12214 also known as Capital Markets Efficiency and Promotion Act (CMEPA).

CMEPA was signed into law on May 29, 2025 and took effect on July 1, 2025.

Republic Act No. 12214, represents a significant legislative reform aimed at fundamentally improving the competitive standing of the Philippine capital markets. The law pursues this objective through a dual-pronged strategy: first, by streamlining and rationalizing the tax treatment of passive income to make it simpler and more uniform for investors, and second, by consequently bolstering the nation's fiscal stability with a more efficient tax framework.

Withholding tax of Interest on FCDU Savings Accounts (USD) will now be increased from 15 percent to 20 percent.

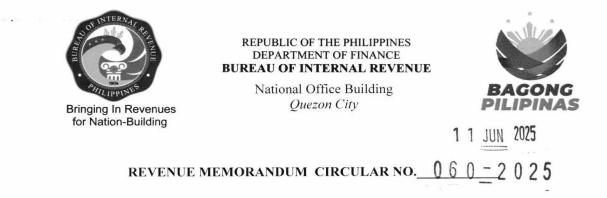
USD Time Deposit accounts to be opened or renewed after July 1 will be subject to 20 percent withholding tax. Non-resident clients with a valid tax exemption ruling from the Bureau of Internal Revenue also continue to enjoy tax-exempt status under the new policy. news link

Kindly see the attached relevant files.

Feel free to call or email us for more information about the said policy.

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**SUBJECT** : Circularizing Republic Act (RA) No. 12214, Otherwise Known as the Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act, and the Veto Message of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. Thereto

: All Internal Revenue Officers and Others Concerned

For the information and guidance of all internal revenue officials and employees concerned, attached as Annexes "A" and "B" hereof are copies of Republic Act (RA) No. 12214, Otherwise Known as the Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act or CMEPA, and the Veto Message of President Ferdinand R.Marcos Jr., both signed on May 29, 2025.

Please take note that RA No. 12214 will take effect on July 1, 2025, following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 29 of the said law.

All revenue officials and employees are enjoined to give this Circular as wide a publicity as possible.



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