

Simplified APA legislation process

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The long-anticipated simplified APA (Advance Pricing Agreement) has finally been set into legislative process and is intended to enter into force as early as 1st July 2019



Simplified APA will allow for tax deductibility of expenses incurred on trademark licenses and know-how, as well as a certain group of services normally limited to 5% EBITDA (Art. 15e of the CIT Act)



Obtaining a simplified APA is expected to be **much faster** than a standard APA (3 months compared to as many as 2 years) and **cheaper** (PLN 20,000 compared to as much as PLN 200,000)



An application for a simplified APA will also require **much less effort** on the part of the taxpayer as the scope of the necessary documents and information will be reduced



Obtaining a simplified APA will make it possible to **avoid the obligation to prepare a local file** (in Transfer Pricing) for the duration of the APA (3 years with an option for an extension)



If the mark-up on costs of services does not exceed 5%, the taxpayer will also not be obliged to procure a benchmarking study

What is important, if the simplified APA application is submitted by the end of 2019, this will allow the taxpayer to avoid the 5% EBITDA limit **also in relation to 2018**. We will follow the legislative process and keep you informed of all significant changes to the simplified APA.



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