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P.R. Department of Treasury Commences Transition to SURI



The PR Department of Treasury will launch its new platform known as “Sistema Unificado de Rentas Internas” (“SURI”), with the purpose of integrating Treasury’s tax administration services. SURI will unify PRITAS (used for income tax and sales and use tax (SUT)), REFO (used for the administration of tax returns of individuals), PICO (used for the declaration and payment of imports and SUT) and other independent systems. The new system will be implemented in three phases starting on October 31, 2016. The first phase will include all SUT transactions.

Starting on October 15, 2016, all merchants must update their Merchant Certificate in the new digital system. Once the registry is updated, merchants will be able to print the new certificate, and will receive an e-mail confirming that all functions of SURI are operational. On October 31, 2016, SURI will be the only digital platform for SUT- related transactions.

On October 27, 2016, SUT.hacienda.gobierno.pr will be shut down. Additionally, the platform accessed through comerciantes.hacienda.pr.gov (PICO) will shut down on October 28, 2016. All data kept in those platforms will no longer be available. Merchants are responsible for maintaining records of all data processed to these platforms, including:

- Import declarations,
- Monthly SUT tax returns filed,
- Proof of payments for both imports and SUT.

As of today, the SURI registration portal is not available, however, you may access www.hacienda.gobierno.pr/conoce-el-sistema-unificado-de-rentas-internas-suri to obtain additional information.

The PR Treasury Department expects to launch the second phase of SURI in December 2017. This second phase will integrate tax transactions related to corporations, pass-through entities, incentives, and excise taxes. The third phase, which is expected to be implemented in December 2018, will integrate tax transactions related to individuals, withholdings, donations and estate taxes.

We are ready to assist you with this process every step of the way. Should you have any questions or would like further assistance, do not hesitate to let us know.

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