July 2026

Integration of Municipal Sales and Use Tax into SURI

Puerto Rico Act 72-2025 amended Section 6080.14 of the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 2011, as amended, to allow the Department of the Treasury and the Municipal Finance Corporation (COFIM) to integrate the filing and payment of the 1% Municipal Sales and Use Tax (SUT) into the Unified Internal Revenue System (SURI).

To implement these changes, the Puerto Rico Department of the Treasury issued Internal Revenue Circular Letter No. 26-13, which establishes the procedures and reporting requirements for the integration of the Municipal SUT into SURI, including the use of the revised Monthly Sales and Use Tax Return (Form SC 2915).

The Puerto Rico Treasury Department (PRTD) will now receive and process Municipal SUT information and payments through SURI for the 73 participating municipalities, while municipalities retain ownership of their revenues and related authority.

The Non-Participating Municipalities are: Bayamón, Carolina, Guaynabo, Mayagüez, and San Juan. Merchants must continue filing and paying Municipal SUT directly to these municipalities using its established procedures and platforms.

For participating municipalities, there will no longer be a separate SUT filing with COFIM or the municipality.

Effective Date

The new requirements apply beginning with the July 2026 Monthly SUT Return, due on August 20, 2026. The consolidated filing and payment process will be available in SURI starting August 1, 2026.

New SURI Tax Accounts

Sales and Use – State Account will remain the primary account and will be used to:

- File Monthly SUT Returns.
- Amend returns.
- Access filed returns.
- Pay State SUT.
- Update the Merchant Registry.
- Add, modify, or close business locations.

Please contact your account service partner should you have any questions or comments or if you need additional information regarding these matters.

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New SURI Tax Accounts (continued)

Sales and Use – Municipal Account will only be used to:

- Display Municipal SUT balances for participating municipalities.
- Make Municipal SUT payments.
- Pay Municipal SUT on:
  - ✓ Non-location-specific taxable transactions.
  - ✓ Multilevel marketing transactions.
  - ✓ Imported goods for use.

New Monthly SUT Return

A revised Monthly SUT Return has been issued and includes three new schedules:

- Schedule 7 SUT: Municipal Sales Summary
- Schedule 8 SUT: Inventory Use and Self-Consumption
- Schedule 9 SUT: Municipal Reconciliation of Tangible Personal Property Sales and Exempt Sales

Updating Business Locations

Municipal SUT allocation is based on the location information contained in the Merchant Registry. If a merchant opens a new location, the location must be added to SURI before filing. Otherwise, the system may not properly assign sales and tax information to the correct municipality.

Filing Process

Merchants will continue filing through the Sales and Use – State Account in SURI.

The system will automatically group taxable and exempt sales by municipality, determine Municipal SUT liability for participating municipalities, and transfer the Municipal SUT balance to the Municipal Account.

All locations must still be reported, including locations in non-participating municipalities.

Additional Information Required

Certain transactions that may not impact State SUT calculations must still be reported for Municipal SUT purposes, including:

- Food and food ingredients taxable at the municipal level.
- Sales to resellers holding a valid Municipal SUT Exemption and Reseller Certificate.
- Inventory withdrawals.
- Self-consumption of inventory.

Merchants must continue to replenish any bond amounts used for import transactions when filing their Monthly SUT Return.

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Single Municipal Payment

Municipal SUT will appear as a single consolidated balance.

Merchants will make one Municipal SUT payment, not make separate payments by municipality. Merchant cannot choose which municipality receives a payment.

SURI will automatically distribute the payment among participating municipalities according to the information reported on the return.

Partial payment will be allocated proportionally among all participating municipalities included in the return. It cannot be applied to a specific municipality.

Any remaining balance will still accrue interest, surcharges and be subject to penalties, and continue appearing in the Municipal Account until fully paid.

Credits, Adjustments, and State and Municipal Claims

For periods beginning July 2026, existing State SUT credits may continue to be claimed on the Monthly SUT Return, subject to applicable requirements.

Treasury does not have authority to grant Municipal SUT credits. Municipal SUT shown on the return must be paid in full. Municipal balances will continue to appear in SURI until paid. Any Municipal SUT overpayment may be applied to future Municipal SUT liabilities.

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