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## REVENUE REGULATION

### **RR No. 2-2026**

*March 17, 2026*

Guidelines in the Availment of the Fiscal Incentives Under Section 38 of Republic Act No. 12120, Otherwise Known as the "Philippine Natural Gas Industry Development Act".

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## REVENUE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

### **RMC No. 20-2026**

*March 16, 2026*

Guideline in the Filing of Annual Income Tax Returns and Payment of Corresponding Taxes Due Thereon for Calendar Year 2025.

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### **Tax court rejects food maker's petition vs. Davao environmental tax**

*Philippine News Agency / Benjamin Pulta / March 18, 2026*

The Court of Tax Appeals dismissed Dole Philippines Inc. – Stanfilco Division's petition against Davao City's environmental tax, ruling it is a regulatory fee—not a local tax—and thus outside the court's jurisdiction.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1271357>

### **Oil excise tax suspension to depend on oil trends – PBBM**

*Philippine News Agency / Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos / March 18, 2026*

Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said a possible suspension of fuel excise taxes will depend on global oil price trends amid Middle East tensions, with the government continuing to monitor the situation before taking action.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1271287>

### **Senate approves fuel tax relief bill**

*Philippine News Agency / Wilnard Bacelonia / March 17, 2026*

The Senate approved a bill allowing the President to suspend fuel excise taxes to ease rising oil prices, with senators noting it could provide relief but may cost the government up to ₱136 billion in lost revenue.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1271273>

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## **BIR shuts down Cebu online seller over ₱211-M undeclared sales**

*Philippine News Agency / March 14, 2026*

The Bureau of Internal Revenue shut down an online luxury goods seller in Cebu City for failing to declare over ₱211 million in sales, with at least ₱40.4 million in taxes due.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1271073>

## **Digital work, real taxes**

*Business World / Olivia Erika R. Susa / March 18, 2026*

Remote and digital income—including freelancing and online work—is taxable in the Philippines, as residents must report worldwide income even if earned from foreign clients or platforms.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/18/737299/digital-work-real-taxes/>

## **Too early' to seek fuel excise tax cut**

*Business World / Justine Irish D. Tabile / March 17, 2026*

The Department of Finance said it is too early to recommend cutting fuel excise taxes, while the government instead plans relief measures and the purchase of 2 million barrels of oil to boost buffer stocks.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/17/737010/too-early-to-seek-fuel-excise-tax-cut/>

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## **Revisiting VAT on digital services: When digital convenience meets tax complexity**

*Business World / Marc Aaron G. Magbuhat / March 16, 2026*

Republic Act No. 12023 imposes a 12% VAT on digital services in the Philippines, but its implementation has raised concerns over higher costs, unclear definitions, and compliance challenges.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/16/736769/revisiting-vat-on-digital-services-when-digital-convenience-meets-tax-complexity/>

## **BIR confiscates illicit vapes in NCR, nearby areas with ₱33-M unpaid taxes**

*ABS-CBN News / Job Manahan / March 17, 2026*

The Bureau of Internal Revenue seized over 11,000 illicit vape products across Metro Manila and nearby provinces, uncovering about ₱33 million in unpaid excise taxes.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.abs-cbn.com/news/business/2026/3/17/bir-confiscates-illicit-vapes-in-ncr-nearby-areas-with-p33-m-unpaid-taxes-2155>

## **BIR launches tax campaign, highlights taxpayers as partners in nation-building**

*Philippine Information Agency / Nida Grace P. Barcena / March 18, 2026*

The Bureau of Internal Revenue launched its tax campaign in Surigao del Sur to promote tax awareness and encourage voluntary taxpayer compliance.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

[https://pia.gov.ph/news/bir-launches-tax-campaign-highlights-taxpayers-as-partners-in-nation-building/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://pia.gov.ph/news/bir-launches-tax-campaign-highlights-taxpayers-as-partners-in-nation-building/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

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