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HIGHLIGHTS

- President Trump announces large tariffs on imported pharmaceuticals, large trucks, and home goods
- En banc decision of Korea's Supreme Court on taxation of royalties under Korea / US treaty
 - Decision overturns more than 20 years of precedent
- Prudential Assurance case in UK
 - Is VAT chargeable for services provided to company which leaves VAT group?

- BAC case in Belgium
 - A glitch in Belgian legislation which transposed EU Interest and Royalties Directive

HAPPY FRIDAY!

Macron asks **Trump** for help with **New York** traffic; **Jimmy Kimmel** is back; and **James Comey** will have his day in court!

Meanwhile, in the tax world ...

Labuan wants fit and proper employees; **Korea's** Supreme Court finally applies domestic law; **Belgium** has a **Dutch** glitch in its **IRD**; **TOSR** prudently wins; and just when you thought the tariff situation had settled ...

Have a great weekend!

Steve

THIS WEEK'S PODCAST

(For ITB video subscribers, please log in to access the video and documents/reports)

1. Tariff wars
2. GloBE news
3. Other global developments
4. Asia Pacific
 - Australia, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore
5. Europe
 - Belgium, EU, Greece, Netherlands, UK
6. Africa
 - Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa
7. Americas
 - US
8. Treaty news

ITB series on Pillar One

- Report on Amount B in Pillar One (ITB, 23 February 2024)
- Consultation document on Amount B in Pillar One (ITB, 28 July 2023)
- Draft MLC provisions for commitments on DSTs and other relevant similar measures (ITB, 6 January 2023)
- Consultation document on Amount B in Pillar One (ITB, 16 December 2022)
- Progress Report on Amount A in Pillar One (ITB, 22 July 2022)
- Draft model rules for Amount A in Pillar One:
 - Tax certainty (ITB, 10 June 2022)
 - Regulated Financial Services exclusion from scope (ITB, 13 May 2022)
 - Extractives exclusion from scope (ITB, 22 April 2022)
 - Scope (ITB, 8 April 2022)
 - Tax base determinations (ITB, 25 February 2022)
 - Nexus and revenue sourcing (ITB, 11 February 2022)
- Inclusive Framework's final agreement on Pillars One & Two (ITB, 15 October 2021)

ITB series on Pillar Two

- GloBE Implementation Framework:
 - GloBE Information Return (ITB, 28 July 2023)
 - Tax Certainty for the GloBE rules (ITB, 13 January 2023)
 - GloBE Information Return (ITB, 13 January 2023)
 - Guidance on Safe Harbours and Penalty Relief (ITB, 6 January 2023)
- GloBE model rules:
 - January 2025 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Application of Article 9.1 to deferred tax assets arising from tax benefits provided by General Government (Parts 1 & 2) (ITB, 30 May & 13 June 2025)
 - June 2024 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Treatment of Securitisation Vehicles (ITB, 23 May 2025)
 - June 2024 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Allocation of profits and taxes in structures including Flow-through Entities (Parts 1 to 5) (ITB, 28 March; 4 & 11 April; 2 & 9 May 2025)
 - June 2024 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Allocation of profits and taxes in structures including Flow-through Entities (Parts 1 to 4) (ITB, 28 March; 4 & 11 April; 2 May 2025)
 - June 2024 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Allocation of Cross-border Current Taxes (Parts 1 to 5) (ITB, 15 & 22 November; 6, 13 & 20 December 2024)
 - June 2024 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Divergences between GloBE and accounting carrying values (Parts 1 to 7) (ITB, 23 & 30 August; 6 & 13 September; 4, 11 & 18 October 2024)
 - June 2024 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: DTL recapture (Parts 1 to 4) (ITB, 28 June; 5, 12 & 19 July 2024)
 - December 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Transitional filing deadlines, and Simplified Calculation Safe Harbour (ITB, 26 April 2024)
 - December 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Allocation of blended CFC taxes (Parts 1 & 2) (ITB, 5 & 12 April 2024)
 - December 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Additional guidance on application of GloBE rules (ITB, 22 March 2024)
 - December 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Transitional CbCR Safe Harbour (Parts 1 to 4) (ITB, 19 January; 16 February; 1 & 8 March 2024)
 - GloBE rules commence operation in 2024 (ITB, 12 January 2024)
 - December 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: overview (ITB, 22 December 2023)
 - July 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Transitional UTPR Safe Harbour & Summary of Safe Harbours (ITB, 8 December 2023)
 - July 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: QDMTT Safe Harbour (Parts 1 & 2) (ITB, 10 & 17 November 2023)
 - July 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: QDMTTs (Parts 1 to 6) (ITB, 15, 22 & 29 September; 6 & 27 October; 3 November 2023)
 - July 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Substance-based Income Exclusion (Parts 1 & 2) (ITB, 18 & 25 August 2023)
 - July 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Tax credits (Parts 1 to 3) (ITB, 4, 11 & 18 August 2023)
 - July 2023 Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: overview (ITB, 28 July 2023)
 - Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Transition (Parts 1 to 3) (ITB, 16 & 23 June; 14 July 2023)
 - Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Income & taxes (Parts 1 to 8) (ITB, 31 March; 14, 21 & 28 April; 5, 12 May; 2 & 9 June 2023)
 - Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Scope (Parts 1 to 3) (ITB, 10, 17 & 24 March 2023)
 - Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: Allocation of taxes arising under Blended CFC Tax Regimes (ITB, 3 March 2023)
 - Administrative Guidance on GloBE rules: QDMTTs (Parts 1 & 2) (ITB, 10 & 24 February 2023)
 - Art. 7.4 on ETR computation for Investment Entities (ITB, 2 December 2022)
 - Corporate Restructurings and Holding Structures (Parts 1 to 7) (ITB, 23 & 30 September; 7, 14 & 21 October; 11 & 18 November 2022)
 - Scope (Parts 1 & 2) (ITB, 24 June; 1 July 2022)
 - Charging Provisions (Parts 1 to 5) (ITB, 6, 13 & 20 May; 10 & 17 June 2022)
 - Computation of Effective Tax Rate and Top-up Tax (Parts 1 to 6) (ITB, 18 & 25 March; 1, 8, 22 & 29 April 2022)
 - Flow-through Entities and Hybrid Entities (ITB, 4 March 2022)
 - Computation of Adjusted Covered Taxes (Parts 1 to 9) (ITB, 11, 18 & 25 February; 29 July; 5, 12, 19 & 26 August; 16 September 2022)
 - Computation of GloBE Income or Loss (Parts 1 to 4) (ITB, 7, 14, 21 & 28 January 2022)
- Subject to Tax Rule (STTR):
 - STTR (Part 4) (ITB, 15 December 2023)
 - STTR (Parts 1 to 3) (ITB, 6 & 20 October; 3 November 2023)
 - Subject to Tax Rule (STTR): overview (ITB, 28 July 2023)

WORTH READING

Robert Goulder

["V.O.S. Selections, Part 2: Will SCOTUS Rescue Trump's Tariffs?"](#)

Tax Notes Today International, Tax Analysts, 19 September 2025. [Part 1 was listed in "Worth Reading" on 24 September 2025.]

C. Jeunink, M. Emonts, and E. Boomsma

["Intellectual Property Ownership in the Legal and Transfer Pricing Landscape"](#)

International Transfer Pricing Journal, IBFD, 2025 (Vol. 32), No. 6.

Poonam Khaira Sidhu

["Switching On the PPT: India's ITAT on SC Lowy and Sky High Leasing"](#)

Tax Notes Today International, Tax Analysts, 23 September 2025.

INTERNATIONAL TAX QUIZ

THIS WEEK'S NEW QUIZ

XCo, a company located in jurisdiction X, is the UPE of an MNE Group which is "within scope" of the GloBE rules.

XCo directly owns 100% of YCo, 55% of ZCo, and 100% of ACo, respectively located in jurisdictions Y, Z, and A. These 4 companies are the only companies in the MNE Group.

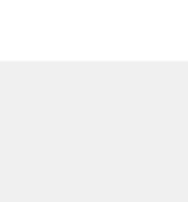
YCo directly owns 40% of ZCo. The remaining 5% ownership interests of ZCo are owned by minority shareholders.

Jurisdictions Y and A have implemented the GloBE rules (IIR and UTPR). Jurisdictions X and Z have not implemented the GloBE rules. In particular, jurisdiction Z has not implemented a QDMTT.

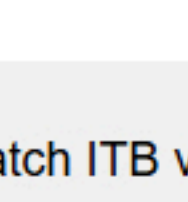
ZCo has Top-up Tax of 1,000.

Based on this information, what is the IIR or UTPR tax liability of: (1) XCo; (2) YCo; and (3) ACo?

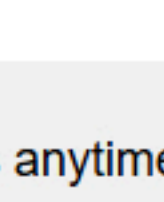
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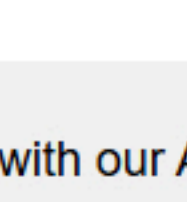
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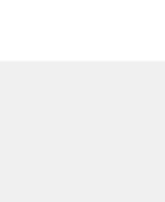
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