

China Tightens Control over Charging of Tax Firms

<u>Chinese version</u> Beginning on February 15, 2009, tax forms must implement the government-guiding pricing or market-regulation pricing when charge their customers.

China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the State Administration of Taxation (SAT) jointly released the Measures for Administrating the Charging of Tax Firms (Measures). Under the Measures, tax firms must adopt the government-guiding pricing when charge their customers for such tax-related authentication business as providing land value-added tax liquidation authentication certificate. But for tax registration, alternating and withdrawing tax registration as agency, the tax firms are eligible to adopt the market-regulation pricing.

Besides, tax firms must disclose such information as service items and charging standards on a notable place, so as to accept the social supervision.

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