

Temporary measures in relation to value added tax for COVID-19 vaccines and in vitro diagnostic medical devices

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The European Parliament adopted by 684 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions, under a special legislative procedure (consultation), a legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive 2006/112/EC as regards temporary measures in relation to value added tax for COVID-19 vaccines and in vitro diagnostic medical devices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parliament approved the Commission's proposal without amendment.

The proposal aims to amend the VAT Directive to ensure more affordable access to supplies of COVID-19 vaccines and in vitro diagnostic medical devices in response to COVID-19 in Europe. It would allow Member States to:

- temporarily exempt from value added tax (VAT) the supply of vaccines against COVID-19 and in vitro diagnostic medical devices (test kits) for this disease, as well as services closely related to these vaccines and devices;
- apply a reduced rate of VAT to COVID-19 in vitro diagnostic medical devices and services closely related to them, as is already the case for vaccines.