



IMPROVING THE PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATING AND PAYING EXCISE TAX IN UZBEKISTAN

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Article history:	Abstract:
Received: 1 st March 2023 Accepted: 30 March 2023 Published: 6 th May 2023	The excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan is an important source of revenue for the government, but it can be improved to make it more efficient and transparent. To improve the current process, several procedures can be implemented, including simplifying the calculation process, providing clear guidance, increasing taxpayer education and training programs, implementing an efficient electronic system, and providing incentives for timely payments. By implementing these procedures, Uzbekistan can increase compliance among taxpayers and collect taxes more efficiently, resulting in increased revenue for the government.

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INTRODUCTION. In Uzbekistan, excise taxes are levied on a variety of goods and services, including alcohol, tobacco products, and luxury items. The excise tax is an important source of revenue for the government, and it helps to fund important social programs and infrastructure projects. However, the current procedure for calculating and paying excise tax in Uzbekistan can be improved to make it more efficient and transparent.

LITERATURE REVIEW.

The excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan has been a topic of interest among scholars and policymakers. In this literature review, we examine the existing research on the topic.

A study by Ruzimov and Rahmatullaev (2019) investigated the impact of excise taxes on cigarette consumption in Uzbekistan. The study found that the excise tax increase has led to a decrease in cigarette consumption and an increase in tax revenue. However, the study also highlighted the need for more effective enforcement mechanisms and education campaigns to reduce illegal cigarette smuggling[1,2].

Another study by Abdullaev (2018) explored the challenges of implementing excise tax policy in Uzbekistan. The study found that the lack of clear guidelines and regulatory frameworks, corruption, and insufficient technical capacity of tax officials are the main obstacles to effective implementation. The study recommended strengthening the legal and regulatory framework and improving the capacity of tax officials [3,4].

In a policy brief by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2021), the authors recommended improving the excise tax collection system in Uzbekistan by implementing an online payment system and modernizing the excise tax administration. The policy brief also suggested increasing the frequency of tax audits and strengthening the legal framework to combat tax evasion and avoidance[5,6].

A study by Musaev and Tursunov (2017) examined the impact of excise taxes on the production and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Uzbekistan. The study found that the excise tax increase led to a decrease in alcohol production and an increase in tax revenue[7]. However, the study also noted



the need for better enforcement mechanisms and education campaigns to reduce illegal alcohol production and consumption.

Overall, the existing research suggests that the excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan can be improved by simplifying the calculation process, providing clear guidance, increasing taxpayer education and training programs, implementing an efficient electronic system, and providing incentives for timely payments. These recommendations can help increase compliance among taxpayers, reduce tax evasion and avoidance, and increase revenue for the government.

ANALYSIS.

Calculating and paying excise tax in Uzbekistan can be improved by implementing the following procedures:

Simplify the Excise Tax Calculation Process: The current excise tax calculation process in Uzbekistan can be simplified to make it more understandable and straightforward for taxpayers. This could include creating a user-friendly online portal or software that allows taxpayers to easily calculate their excise tax liabilities based on their products or services. You can see current Excise Tax fees in alcohol products. (See Table 1.)

Table 1.
Excise Tax fees in alcohol products in Uzbekistan*

Products	excise tax in UZS
1. Ethyl alcohol rectified from food raw materials, technical ethyl alcohol rectified from etheraldehyde fraction and ethyl alcohol main fraction (for 1 dal)	10,800
2. Wine (1 dal for the finished product):	
naturally fermented (no added ethyl alcohol) natural	7700
other wines	14,500
3. Cognac (1 dal for the finished product)	102,000*
4. Vodka and other alcoholic products (1 dal per finished product)	92 950**
5. Beer (1 dal per finished product)	10 100



6. Filtered and unfiltered cigarettes, cigarettes	141,500 UZS/1,000 pieces + 4 percent***
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*PQ-4086 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated December 26, 2018.

Provide Clear Guidance on Excise Tax Laws: To help taxpayers comply with excise tax laws, the Uzbekistani government could provide clear and concise guidance on how to calculate and pay excise taxes. This could include workshops, webinars, and other forms of training to educate taxpayers on the excise tax laws.

Increase the Frequency of Taxpayer Education and Training: To ensure that taxpayers stay informed about changes in excise tax laws, the Uzbekistan government could increase the frequency of taxpayer education and training programs. This could be done through regular newsletters, seminars, and workshops.

Implement an Efficient Excise Tax Collection System: The current excise tax collection system in Uzbekistan can be improved by implementing an efficient electronic system for tax payments and collections. This could include creating an online portal for taxpayers to submit their tax payments and a centralized database for tracking tax liabilities and collections.

Provide Incentives for Timely Excise Tax Payments: To encourage timely payment of excise taxes, the Uzbekistan government could provide incentives such as discounts or rebates for taxpayers who pay their taxes on time or ahead of schedule.

By implementing these procedures, Uzbekistan can improve the excise tax calculation and payment process, making it more transparent, efficient, and easier for taxpayers to comply with excise tax laws.

The literature review highlights several key issues related to the excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan. One of the main issues is the lack of clear guidelines and regulatory frameworks, which makes it difficult for taxpayers to understand their tax obligations. This issue can be addressed by simplifying the calculation process and providing clear guidance to taxpayers.

Another issue is the insufficient technical capacity of tax officials, which affects the enforcement of excise tax laws. To address this issue, it is necessary to strengthen the capacity of tax officials and increase the frequency of tax audits to combat tax evasion and avoidance.

The literature review also highlights the importance of educating taxpayers about excise tax laws and regulations. Providing taxpayer education and training programs can help taxpayers better understand their tax obligations, comply with the law more easily, and avoid penalties for non-compliance.

Furthermore, the literature review emphasizes the need for an efficient electronic system for tax payments and collections. By implementing an online payment system and a centralized database for tracking tax liabilities and collections, the government can collect taxes more efficiently and reduce the administrative burden on taxpayers.

Overall, the analysis suggests that improving the excise tax calculation and



payment process in Uzbekistan requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the issues of regulatory framework, technical capacity, taxpayer education, and electronic system. By implementing these measures, Uzbekistan can improve compliance among taxpayers, increase revenue for the government, and promote economic growth.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To begin with, the calculation process for excise taxes can be simplified. Currently, it can be difficult for taxpayers to understand how their excise tax liabilities are calculated, especially for those who are not familiar with tax laws and regulations. A more user-friendly online portal or software that allows taxpayers to easily calculate their excise tax liabilities based on their products or services can be implemented. By simplifying the calculation process, taxpayers can better understand their tax obligations and comply with the law more easily.

In addition, clear guidance on excise tax laws should be provided. This could be in the form of workshops, webinars, and other forms of training to educate taxpayers on the excise tax laws. By providing clear and concise guidance, taxpayers can avoid confusion and understand their tax obligations more easily.

Furthermore, increasing the frequency of taxpayer education and training programs can help taxpayers stay informed about changes in excise tax laws. Regular newsletters, seminars, and workshops can be held to keep taxpayers updated and informed on the latest changes. This can help taxpayers stay compliant and avoid penalties for non-compliance.

Implementing an efficient electronic system for tax payments and collections is another important step towards improving the excise tax calculation and payment

process. An online portal can be created for taxpayers to submit their tax payments and a centralized database can be established for tracking tax liabilities and collections. By having an efficient system in place, taxpayers can make their payments easily and on time, and the government can collect taxes more efficiently.

Lastly, providing incentives for timely excise tax payments can encourage compliance among taxpayers. Discounts or rebates can be offered for taxpayers who pay their taxes on time or ahead of schedule. This can incentivize taxpayers to comply with tax laws and avoid penalties for late payments.

The implementation of the measures suggested in the literature review could lead to several positive outcomes for the excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan.

Firstly, simplifying the calculation process and providing clear guidance to taxpayers would reduce confusion and errors in the tax payment process. This would increase compliance among taxpayers, reduce tax evasion, and increase revenue for the government.

Secondly, increasing the technical capacity of tax officials and improving the legal framework would lead to more effective enforcement of excise tax laws, reducing the prevalence of tax evasion and avoidance.

Thirdly, providing education and training programs for taxpayers would improve their understanding of the tax system and reduce errors and misunderstandings in tax payments. This would also promote voluntary compliance among taxpayers.

Fourthly, implementing an efficient electronic system for tax payments and collections would reduce administrative burdens on taxpayers and the government, as well as increase transparency and accountability in the tax collection process.



Overall, the results of implementing these measures would lead to a more efficient and transparent excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan. This, in turn, would increase revenue for the government, reduce the prevalence of tax evasion and avoidance, and promote economic growth. However, it is important to note that the success of these measures depends on their effective implementation and continued monitoring to ensure their effectiveness.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan can be improved through a comprehensive approach that addresses issues such as the regulatory framework, technical capacity, taxpayer education, and electronic system. The literature review highlighted several measures that could be implemented, such as simplifying the calculation process, providing clear guidance to taxpayers, increasing the technical capacity of tax officials, and implementing an efficient electronic system.

The successful implementation of these measures would lead to several positive outcomes, including increased compliance among taxpayers, reduced tax evasion and avoidance, and increased revenue for the government. Furthermore, promoting economic growth through efficient tax collection can have positive knock-on effects on the country's economy, promoting stability and prosperity.

It is important to note that the success of these measures depends on their effective implementation and continued monitoring. Therefore, it is recommended that policymakers in Uzbekistan focus on implementing these measures in a user-friendly and efficient way, while also ensuring that there is sufficient taxpayer education and

training programs to ensure compliance. By doing so, the excise tax calculation and payment process in Uzbekistan can become more streamlined, efficient, and transparent, ultimately leading to increased revenue and a more prosperous economy.

The current procedure for calculating and paying excise tax in Uzbekistan can be improved to make it more efficient and transparent. By simplifying the calculation process, providing clear guidance, increasing taxpayer education and training programs, implementing an efficient electronic system, and providing incentives for timely payments, Uzbekistan can improve compliance among taxpayers and increase revenue for the government.

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