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## **INCONGRUENT PROFIT DISTRIBUTIONS**

INCONGRUENT PROFIT DISTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR TAX RECOGNITION ARE A PERENNIAL TOPIC IN CASE LAW AND CON-SULTING PRACTICE. WHILE THE TAX AUTHORITIES TEND TO CLASSIFY DEVIATING RESOLUTIONS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS AS AN ABUSE OF THE TAX SYSTEM (§ 42 GERMAN FISCAL CODE (ABGABENORDNUNG - AO)), ACCEPTANCE IS MUCH GREATER IN THE CASE LAW OF THE TAX COURTS. THIS HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN BY THE MÜNSTER FISCAL COURT IN A RECENT RULING. (more...)