

Box 3: Central Bank Communications in Response to Changes in the Value Added Tax: The Cases of Australia, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom and Canada

Box 3: Inflation Report December 2016 Keep in mind

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AUTHOR OR EDITOR Nicolás Martínez Mariana Escobar Juan David Torres Daniela Pinilla The recent tax reform in Colombia, which was passed in December 2016 and took effective as of January 2017, with the maximum deadline for adoption being February of the same year, implies an upward shock to the prices of most products marketed in the country. As mentioned in other sections of this report, a bullish impact on the consumer price index (CPI) is anticipated, either because items that make up the index are subject directly to the reform or because they respond, in some way, to other taxed items (via costs or indexing).