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The Reparation, Ombyggnad, Tillbyggnad (ROT) tax deduction allows Swedish homeowners to deduct 30 per cent of labour costs up to an annual limit of 50 000 Swedish Krona for repairs, conversions and extensions directly on the invoice of the contractor who carries out the relevant works and then claims the amount deducted from the Swedish Tax Agency.

The setting of the eligibility criteria for the ROT deduction falls within the competence of the Swedish legislature, as long as it observes its obligations under the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA). The material and procedural conditions for the deduction may not discriminate on the grounds of nationality or, impose unjustified restrictions on the exercise of the freedoms granted under the TFEU and EEA Agreement. Hence, Swedish homeowners must not be discouraged or deterred from soliciting services of potential contractors established in other Member States and EEA European Free Trade Association States. Requirements that the latter should be registered, paying tax or have established their operations in Sweden may restrict the free provision of services under Article 56 of the TFEU and Article 36 of the EEA Agreement.

In this regard it may in particular be recalled that any national measure, even if applicable without distinction to national providers of services and those of other Member States, which is liable to prohibit, impede or render less advantageous the activities of providers of services established in another Member State, must be deemed to constitute a restriction on the freedom to provide services<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> See for instance, judgment of 9 November 2006, *Commission of the European Communities v Kingdom of Belgium*, C-433/04, EU:C:2006:702, point 28 and case law cited; and judgment of 8 June 2017, *Van der Weegen and Others v Belgische Staat*, C-580/15, EU:C:2017:429, point 29.