

Compliance & Reporting Services: VAT Registrations, Returns, Intrastat & EC Sales Lists

Managing overseas VAT Registrations and preparing VAT Returns requires detailed knowledge of local tax authority regulations, as well as relevant language skills. And when the additional burden of Intrastat and EC Sales List reporting is taken into account, it can be a big help for companies to have a single, practical and friendly point of contact managing the full range of their European compliance obligations. Rather than have to juggle relationships with offices and agents across Europe, deal with different languages and complex tax authority bureaucracy, Accordance offers a simple, streamlined and cost-effective alternative.

January 2010 saw the introduction of the VAT Package – a new framework for European VAT. Changes to place of supply rules and extension of the scope of EC Sales Lists means that compliance (and non-compliance) has become both more important and more visible to EU tax authorities – authorities that are more inclined to impose fines and penalties. It's now a commercial necessity to be as compliant as possible: and real compliance requires real expertise.

VAT Registrations & Returns

- Find out if your company should be registered for VAT - and whether you might be registered unnecessarily
- Minimise the risks of fines and penalties
- Profit from advice on the most appropriate registration types depending on your business circumstances
- Uncover saving opportunities and ensure you're not exposed to preventable liabilities
- Free your staff up to concentrate on core activities
- Automated Electronic VAT Return submission facility available

Accordance offers a comprehensive VAT Registration and Return service which has been designed to function as a 'one-stop-shop' for businesses wishing to outsource their European VAT compliance obligations. Accordance's single-point-of-contact service brings control and visibility to the European VAT Registration and Return process.

Our highly-experienced compliance team submits monthly and quarterly VAT Returns for hundreds of companies – right across the EU. Many of our clients are major international blue-chips; but we work with all the types of organisation that have cross-border VAT issues, large and small. Our reporting and advisory functions are uniquely united, enabling us to provide a comprehensive but cost-effective European VAT compliance solution. Accordance is driven by the commitment to achieve compliance and cost-savings together: we do this through the synergy between our compliance and consulting teams.

- Full Fiscal Representation services are available where required
- Accordance also provides specialist compliance services to, among others, the Distance Selling, Event Management and Financial Service Sectors

EC Sales Lists & Intrastat

The completion of Intrastat and EC Sales Lists has for many years been an obligation for companies supplying goods cross-border; but from January 2010 it became obligatory to report supplies of services on EC Sales Lists too. Accordance's status as a leading European Indirect Tax Specialist makes us an ideal partner for dealing with Intrastat and EC Sales Lists.

Accordance compiles, reviews and submits Intrastat and EC Sales Lists for clients throughout the EU. Our compliance team has many years experience of dealing with European authorities: our strong contacts have enabled us to negotiate reduced retrospective Intrastat reporting requirements for clients behind on declarations. We have also successfully liaised with tax authorities to have fines for non-submission removed.

Our consulting expertise enables us to reconcile VAT and Intrastat declarations, and help ensure that VAT Registration profiles are optimised and goods flows are as efficient as possible.

As part of our Intrastat and EC Sales Listings service we can:

- Check thresholds to ensure you submit all necessary reports and meet your compliance obligations
- Submit declarations to all required EU member states
- Analyse movements of goods to determine where declarations need to be made
- Examine Commodity and Nature of Transaction codes in order to make sure reports conform to regulations
- Assist with more complex declarations (such as are required when statistical thresholds that vary between member states are exceeded, and Inco terms and Statistical Values need to be reported)



Who we are

Accordance has for several years been assisting a full spectrum of international businesses better manage cross-border VAT costs. We reach across Europe, but manage all work from an accessible and responsive hub in the UK. Our team includes senior ex-Big 4 VAT personnel, expert European VAT Compliance management, VAT legal specialists, Customs and Duty Experts and VAT savings experts. Accordance is a unified VAT Compliance and Consulting practice, with a focus on cross-border transactions. We provide practical, commercially beneficial VAT assistance to blue-chip companies across the EU and beyond.

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