EU VAT “Quick Fixes” – What can be fixed?
Helping you prepare for Quick Fixes implementation for 1 January 2020
Entry package
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The four “Quick Fixes”

**Background of the four Quick Fixes**

The EU VAT regime applicable to cross border supplies of goods is complex and insecure. As progress towards a definitive VAT regime does appears difficult, tailored changes are needed to make the existing system simpler and more robust.

The Quick Fixes aim to address particular painpoints.

**EU cross-border call-off stock supplies**

Movements of own goods often trigger for a business to set up VAT numbers abroad. National solutions exist for call off stock but are hard to apply for international businesses.

**EU cross-border chain transactions**

In a cross border supply chain, the definition of which supply can be zero rated often gives rise to discussions between taxpayers and with tax authorities. A holistic approach is hard to capture in operational systems used for daily tax decisions.

**Mandatory VAT ID number verification for EU supplies**

Loopholes exist whereby tax authorities are unable to challenge the VAT exemption for supplies where the lack of a VAT identification number of the buyer or of cross border reporting makes it difficult to track cross border goods flows, thus facilitating VAT fraud.

**Documentary evidence of proof of EU transport**

Evidence required to exempt intra-Community supplies can consist of a wide range of documents, with no common rules on what is necessary or sufficient. It is particularly challenging to agree on documentation where the transport is made by the customer. Only a few countries have developed specific transport documentation rules.
Solutions offered by the four Quick Fixes
The European Council adopted four quick fixes to simplify the current VAT system for B2B intra-Community transactions and to combat fraud and abuse.

Entry into force: 1/1/2020

Uniform simplification opportunity where a supplier transfers stock to a warehouse at the disposal of a known customer in another Member State

Legal certainty enhanced by setting out a default rule for the allocation of transport for intra-Community supplies

To benefit from the VAT exemption on intra-Community supplies, the availability of the VAT identification number of the customer will become a substantial requirement

Reduced set of documentary evidence needed to prove the transport of goods to support the VAT exemption for intra-Community supplies

Impact on all intra-EU supplies of goods
Taking action

Companies involved in cross-border supplies of goods should consider the possible impact of these “Quick Fixes” on their business, in order to mitigate VAT risks (e.g. additional VAT liabilities, registration and reporting obligations) and seize the opportunities (e.g. standardisation and enhancement of internal controls).

Different stakeholders will be affected and it is important to include all stakeholders in discussions about the “Quick Fixes” impact on your business.

How can we help?

The “Quick Fixes” entry package consists of an accessible entry-level workshop for all stakeholders. Facilitated by a team of Deloitte VAT experts, the workshops are for companies that would like to know about the impact that the “Quick Fixes” will have on their business and/or system setup.
Easy-access “Quick Fixes” workshop

A half-day (three hours) on-site workshop, which includes:

✓ A general update and explanation of the four “Quick Fixes”

✓ A mapping and discussion of company-specific flows, and how these are affected by the “Quick Fixes” - involving all relevant stakeholders (AP, Sales, Logistics, Legal, IT)

✓ Determining which “Quick Fixes” will impact your current supply chain and include these in a concrete action plan (“Must Have”)

✓ Determining which benefits can be derived from the “Quick Fixes” (“Nice To Have”)

“Quick Fixes” entry package

- Newsletter subscription for (technical) updates
- Three-hour on-site workshop
- Content and programme tailored to your business
- Accessible to all stakeholders
- Delivery of a concrete plan that includes the “Must Do” and “Nice To Have” actions

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