NOTICE TO THE SECTOR

Antwerp, October 1, 2018.

Concerning: Additional data INTRASTAT for dispatches as from 2019.

Dear,

In the context of the European reform of the Intrastat declaration, **as from January 2019 two additional fields** need to be added to the online declaration for **dispatches**. For arrivals, nothing changes. AWDC was informed of this new regulation by the NBB, which is responsible for the processing of the Intrastat declaration in Belgium.

The two new fields are:

- **Country of origin of the goods**:

  When sending your goods to another EU country, you will have to report the origin of the goods. If you do not know the origin of the goods, exceptionally you may use the country code "QU".

- **Counterparty's VAT number**:

  When sending your goods to another EU country, you need to mention on your sales invoice the VAT number of your counterparty. If the VAT number of the counterparty is unknown or if it concerns a sale to an individual, the code "QV999999999999" may be used.
  Please note: you can always check the counterparty's VAT number via VIES, the European Commission's system for exchanging VAT information, on the following website:
  http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/

Please provide these two additional items of data for all your dispatches to other countries in the EU as from January 2019.

For additional information, we refer to the note of NBB in annex. You can also contact Diamond Office by mail (diof@awdc.be) or telephone (03/222.07.82).

Yours faithfully,

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INTRASTAT IN 2019: UPDATE FOR THE DISPATCH DECLARATION FORM

In the context of the European reform of the Intrastat declaration, the online **declaration forms for DISPATCHES** in OneGate will have **two additional fields**:

- the **country of origin** of the goods and
- the **counterparty's VAT number**.

In practice, you will have to provide this information **as from** February 2019 for **your declaration of the transactions executed in January 2019**.

Nothing changes for any declarations for arrivals you may be filing.

Prepare for the update in 3 easy steps

1. Inform your declaration facility

If you do not compile or file your Intrastat declarations in OneGate yourself, please share this page as soon as possible with your IT service, third-party declarer or software supplier.

2. Adapt the XML or CSV files for the DISPATCH DECLARATION in time

- **Are you using the XML format?** You can already download the amended XML file description and the corresponding XSD files for the standard declaration or the extended declaration. The following data have been added:

EXCNTORI	Country of origin	ONLY for dispatch 29
PARTNERID	Counterparty's VAT N°	ONLY for dispatch 29

- **Are you using the CSV format?** Below, you can see the lay-out to use with effect from your first declaration for 2019, along with an example of the new transaction lines:

  Declaration Type (29 for dispatch); Partner Country; Transaction; Belgian Region; Goods code; Net Mass (in kg); Supplementary Units; Value in EURO; Transport (only in the extended declaration); Incoterm (only in the extended declaration); **Country of Origin (only for dispatches); Counterparty's VAT N° (only for dispatches)**

  Example:
  - Standard declaration: *29;DE;1;2;94049090;6.35;;650;**ZA;DE277593860***
  - Extended declaration: *29;DE;2;1;94049090;60;;6500;2;DDP;**CA;DE277593860***

3. Check whether you are ready for January 2019

Have you modified the files yourself and wish to verify your changes?

- Request an access code for the OneGate test environment by sending an e-mail to Access.OneGate@nbb.be, mentioning as subject "Intrastat 2019 test environment", followed by your VAT number. In this way, you can already test your adapted XML or CSV files.
- You can also e-mail your test files to SxCollect@nbb.be to have them checked by us.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What to put if the country of origin is not known or indeterminable?

If you don't know the country of origin of the goods, as an exception you may replace the country code by "QU".

What exactly signifies the "country of origin"?

This is the country where the goods were grown or manufactured or where they were edited or processed in such a way that a new product with a different commodity code emerged.

What to put if you don't know the counterparty's VAT number or when it concerns a dispatch to a private individual?

Normally, both your own VAT number and the counterparty's are shown on the sales invoice. If the VAT number is missing, you may complete by using the code "QV999999999999".

For VAT numbers of companies outside the European Union, for example in the case of triangular trade, you always have to use the code "QV999999999999".

Any other questions or need assistance?

- Visit intrastat.be for general information about Intrastat.
- For **specific questions relating to**:
  - **Intrastat declarations**: send an e-mail to SxSelect@nbb.be or call +32 2 221 40 99.
  - **OneGate and the amended file formats**: send an e-mail to SxCollect@nbb.be or call +32 2 221 44 11.