

Intrastat

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1. Changes to the dispatch declarations in 2019

As part of the wider European reform of the Intrastat declaration, the online forms for **DISPATCHES** are changing as from the declaration to submit in February 2019 covering transactions carried out in January 2019.

- **Modified:** the names of the report and the form

	Report	Form
Standard declaration	INTRASTAT_X_S instead of EX29S	INTRASTAT_X_SF instead of EXF29S
Extended declaration	INTRASTAT_X_E instead of EX29E	INTRASTAT_X_EF instead of EXF29E

- **Added:** 2 additional data fields

EXCNTORI	Country of origin
PARTNERID	Counterparty's VAT N°

Detailed information is available on [Intrastat in 2019: update for the dispatch declaration form](#).



Most **frequent mistakes** in tests carried out by declarants:

- In the XML files, the old report and form names are still being used.
- The format of the new field "Counterparty's VAT N°" is not always correct. It needs to start with an ISO alpha2 country code and may not contain spaces, full stops, semi-colons, etc.

2. OneGate



The **OneGate** application to submit statistical declarations was **modified** at the end of December 2018.

The application is **accessible via Chrome, Edge and Firefox. Internet Explorer is not recommended.**

More information can be found on the [Onegate website](#) and in the following documents:

- [Transition phase from the current to the new OneGate user interface](#)
- [Quick start user manual for the declarant](#)

In case of technical problems, please consult this document with the [most frequent problems and how to resolve them](#) first.

For any other technical problems, you can send an e-mail to servicedesk@nbb.be including important details such as a screenshot of the error message or the screen in question.

3. Brexit

The United Kingdom's departure from the European Union will have an impact on the free movement of goods.

There are two possible scenarios that, at the time of writing, need to be decided. The first scenario has the advantage that it hardly changes from the current state of play.

	SCENARIO 1: Ratification of an agreement before 30 March 2019	SCENARIO 2: NO agreement before 30 March 2019
Application of legislation	Intra-Community legislation during the transition period.	Extra-Community legislation.
Customs tariffs	No	YES
Customs documents (PLDA)	No	YES
Statistical consequences	Great Britain is still considered a EU Member State. → INTRASTAT and the country code GB remain in force!	Great Britain is no longer considered a EU Member State but a third country. → Customs documents

4. Commodity codes

4.1 Use the correct codes

The nomenclature codes are determined at [European level](#) by the persons in charge of taxation and the Customs Union. The competent service in Belgium is the Federal Public Service (FPS) Finance, Customs and Excise. Anyone can consult the codes online via TARWEB on https://finances.belgium.be/fr/douanes_accises/e-services (FR) or https://financien.belgium.be/nl/douane_accijnzen/e-services (NL).

The person and institutions who can help you choosing the correct commodity codes for your Intrastat declarations are:

- **Customs and Excise at the FPS Finance**, as they manage the nomenclature at Belgian level.
- The **manufacturer and the seller of the product**, as they know its specific features and generally tend to be subject to Intrastat reporting in their own country.

Best is to first obtain information from them. The External Statistics service only provides indicative advice.



We have noticed that **the first nomenclature code** (01012100- pure-bred breeding horses) is **often used wrongly**. Could you please check whether this is the case for you?

4.2 Yearly revision of the Nomenclature

The revision of the Harmonized System (HS) for the year 2019 is limited to 14 codes out of the almost 10,000 products featured in the nomenclature.

The [2018 - 2019 nomenclature conversion tables](#) are available on our website **in two formats**:

1. An [ASCII file](#) that you can use to update your electronic files.
2. A [PDF file](#) that also gives the description of the commodity codes.

5. Declaring in 2019?

If you were required to declare in 2018, you will by default continue to do so in 2019. Is there a change? Then we will inform you of this during the month of March 2019.

The thresholds that determine whether a company is required to submit declarations for Intrastat or not, remain unchanged for the time being:

Type of declaration	Arrivals (import)	Dispatches (export)
Standard	€ 1.5 million or more per year	€ 1 million or more per year
Extended	€ 25 million or more per year	

6. File manager

A file manager is appointed to each company with a statistical declaration obligation. Please do not hesitate to contact this person with questions or in case of problems.

His or her contact details are available:

- in OneGate via the tab "Reports" and
- in most of our correspondence to you.

You can also use the following e-mail addresses for specific questions concerning:

- the declaration obligation(s): sxselect@nbb.be
- OneGate:
 - o your access: access.onegate@nbb.be
 - o your declarations: sxcollect@nbb.be
 - o technical problems: servicedesk@nbb.be

7. Attention points from previous newsletters

The following points **remain applicable in 2019**:

- [Declaration closed = declaration sent](#)
- [Region of destination or origin](#)
- [Free training sessions](#)