

Intrastat Letter

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1. Security protocol for NBB applications to be Upgraded to TLS 1.2

On Tuesday **30 January 2018**, the National Bank of Belgium is changing **its website parameters** and, consequently, it is possible that you will have to make a similar change, obliging your browser to use only the TLS1.2 profile.

TLS1.0 and TLS1.1 will no longer be supported. More information on compatibility is given in the table below. A2A (Application to Application) users must inform their IT manager of the change and check that their infrastructure is compatible with TLS1.2.

The NBB IT Helpdesk is at your service for further information (tel: +32 2 221 40 60, servicedesk@nbb.be).

| Browser | Version | Compatibility |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Microsoft Internet Explorer | | |
| | Version 11 | Compatible by default. |
| | Versions 9 - 10 | Capable when run in Windows 7 or newer, but not by default. Windows Vista and older operating systems, such as Windows XP, are not compatible. |
| | Version 8 and below | Not compatible. |
| Firefox | | |
| | Version 27 and higher | Compatible by default. |
| | Version 23 - 26 | Capable, but not by default. |
| | Version 22 and below | Not compatible. |
| Google Chrome | | |
| | Version 38 and higher | Compatible by default. |
| | Version 22 - 37 | Capable when run in Windows XP SP3, Vista, or newer, OS X 10.6 or newer |
| | Version 21 and below | Not compatible. |

2. OneGate soon to get a new look

The OneGate application, through which companies' Intrastat declarations are sent, will shortly be adapted to make it more user-friendly. You will be able to check out its new look during the course of the first half of 2018.

3. Amounts with or without decimals

The **units**, **weight**, and **values** mentioned can now be supplemented with 2 figures after the comma. It is therefore no longer necessary to round off figures to the nearest unit. The minimum weight is 0.01. Any weights below this figure should be rounded up to 0,01.

4. Are you declaring in 2018?

If you were a declarant in 2017, you will automatically remain so in 2018 too. If there are any changes in your reporting obligations, you will be notified during the month of March 2018.

The thresholds determining the companies subject to an Intrastat declaration remain unchanged from 2017.

| Type of declaration | Imports (arrivals) | Exports (dispatches) |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Standard | € 1 500 000 ≤ Imports < € 25 000 000 | € 1 000 000 ≤ Exports < € 25 000 000 |
| Extended | ≥ € 25 000 000 | ≥ € 25 000 000 |

5. Nomenclature 2018

The revision of the Harmonised System for the year 2018 is limited to only about 20 codes out of the almost 10,000 products covered by the nomenclature.

The **2017-2018 Nomenclature conversion lists** can be consulted on our website:

1. In the form of an [ASCII file](#). This format can be used to update your electronic files
2. In the form of a [pdf file](#) which also gives the description of the commodity codes.

6. Intrastat update for 2019 data

Starting with declarations for data relating to the month of **January 2019** and, as long as you are required to submit declarations on Intrastat **dispatches** to other EU Member States, you will have to fill in two additional fields:

- the **country of origin** of the goods dispatched
- **your client's VAT number** in the member country of destination

However, for any Intrastat declarations you have to make on arrivals from other member countries – your inter-EU imports – there is no change.

These two additional items are required as part of an [EU project to update Intrastat](#).

The country of origin of the goods that you export can be any country in the world, including Belgium. It is the country where the goods are produced, collected or modified significantly. If a good is produced in different countries, then the country of origin is the country in which the good has undergone the last major transformations. We understand that the country of origin is sometimes difficult to determine but we ask for your best efforts to notify the correct information.

It is [ISO-alpha2 country codes](#) that will have to be used for declaring the country of origin (these codes are available at this address: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/other_documents/geonom/index.htm).

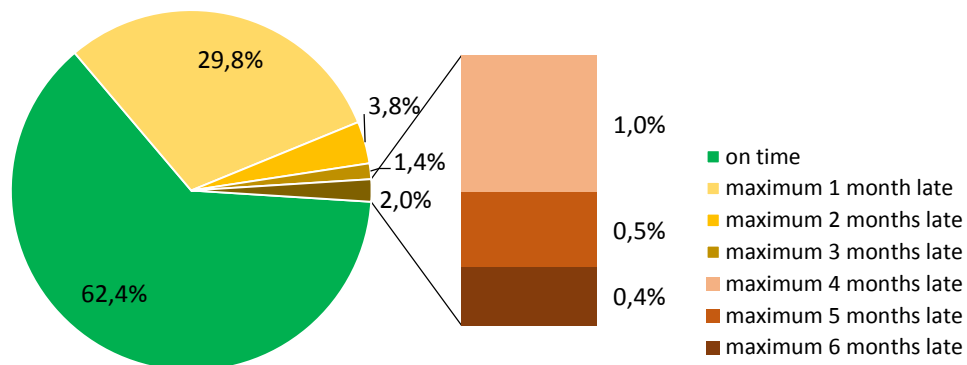
The VAT number for your client in the country of destination is the same number as the one you have to give in your VIES declaration for the VAT administration. Remember that it has to be the full VAT number with the country code. Take care to declare valid numbers only.

In most cases, the country prefix included in your client's VAT number will effectively correspond to the country of destination. There is nevertheless an exception for so-called "triangular" trade. It could so happen that you are selling to an EU Member State but the actual country of destination for the goods is another member country. In these cases, the "country of destination" country code will differ from the country prefix in your client's VAT number.

7. Timing of declarations

The majority of declarations are sent in on time. Many thanks to all of you meeting the deadlines!

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Figures calculated from declarations for the months of January to October 2017

8. Points from the previous newsletter that are still pertinent (n°27):

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