

SHORT INFORMATION ON INTRASTAT REPORTING FOR 2021 IN CROATIA

Intended for business entities who are not necessarily Intrastat providers, but want to be briefly informed about the Intrastat survey in the Republic of Croatia

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INTRASTAT QUICK GUIDE 2021

The Intrastat forms enable the Croatian Bureau of Statistics (CBS) to collect **statistical data on intra- EU trade in goods.** All traders who are subject to VAT payment in all Member States are obligated to submit the Intrastat forms from the calendar month when their generated transactions within EU exceed a specified Intrastat threshold value determined for the reference year.

The Intrastat threshold value in all Member States is set by national statistical authorities (in Croatia, it is CBS) for every calendar year. There are two Intrastat thresholds:

- for ARRIVALS flow of goods involving the physical transport of goods from another EU Member State to Croatia (Croatia receives goods)
- **for DISPATCHES** flow of goods involving the physical transport of goods from Croatia to another EU Member State (<u>Croatia dispatches goods</u>)

Short information about Intrastat in Croatia

Why does my company have to submit the Intrastat reports?

Your company becomes the Intrastat provider in Croatia because you are involved in <u>trading with other EU Member States</u>, because <u>you are registered for VAT purposes in Croatia</u> and the value of your intra-EU trade <u>has exceeded the Croatian Intrastat threshold value</u> for 2021.

The Intrastat threshold values are listed in the following table:

INTRASTAT 2021 – threshold values set in Croatia		
Flow of goods	Intrastat threshold value expressed in HRK	
ARRIVALS	2 500 000	
DISPATCHES	1 300 000	

You can find the values of your intra-EU trade in the VAT forms that you fill out and submit to the Croatian Tax Administration monthly. You are required to add up the intra-EU trade values from January 2021 onwards. In the calendar month when the Intrastat threshold is exceeded, your company becomes the Intrastat provider in Croatia.

How does one become an Intrastat provider in Croatia?

There are three ways in which traders become Intrastat providers in Croatia:

1) By self-applying in the Croatian Intrastat system – traders themselves, according to the business records, find out that they exceeded the Intastat threshold. In that case, they need to contact the Croatian Customs Administration – Intrastat Department (by phone at +385 42 234 255 or by e-mail intrastat.prijava@carina.hr) and apply to the Croatian Intrastat system.

- 2) Mandatory registration in the Croatian Intrastat system if traders fail to self-apply in the Croatian Intrastat system, then the CBS and the Croatian Customs Administration determine the reporting obligation ex officio. The evidence of exceeding the Intrastat threshold value are fiscal data on intra-EU trade in goods declared in traders' VAT forms.
- Voluntary registration in the Croatian Intrastat system if traders are involved in intra-EU trading, but do not exceed the annual Intrastat threshold value (and thus are not obliged to submit the Intrastat reports), but wishes to submit the Intrastat reports anyway, then they can voluntarily register to the Croatian Intrastat system and submit Intrastat reports!

When does the reporting obligation begin and when does it end?

Depending on whether you trade with EU partners on regular basis or you had a one-time trade delivery:

I. <u>A regular Intrastat reporting obligation</u> – if you are involved in intra -EU trade on regular basis

The beginning of the obligation – your obligation to submit Intrastat forms begins with the calendar month when the Intrastat threshold was exceeded for a particular trade flow (arrivals and/or dispatches).

The end of the obligation – your obligation lasts until the end of the calendar year. This is followed by an audit of your intra-EU trade value generated in the reference year, which determines whether you have exceeded the Intrastat threshold for the next calendar year. If so, your Intrastat reporting obligation continues in the following calendar year. If not, then your reporting obligation ends.

II. A one-time Intrastat reporting obligation – if you were involved only in a one-time intra-EU trade delivery

Example: a one-time purchase of a vessel or a machine.

The beginning and the end of the obligation — your Intrastat reporting obligation only applies to one calendar month. After you submit the Intrastat form, the obligation ends automatically for you.

What does "intra -EU trade" mean?

The intra-EU trade includes all goods that are physically transported from Croatia to other EU Member States and all goods that are physically transported from other EU Member States to Croatia, regardless of the transfer of ownership of the goods.

This means that you report the following in Intrastat forms:

goods with transfer of ownership (confirmed by the Invoice): goods
you purchase or sell to EU partners strictly for own use or consumption,
goods you record as durable goods, goods as a part of investment or
goods you plan to re-sale, etc.

- goods with no transfer of ownership (the goods remain the property of the supplier): movements of goods prior to and after processing, movements of goods prior to and after outsourced production, stock relocations, consignment or call-off stocks, etc.
- returns of goods to/from another EU Member State

What information do I need to fill in the Intrastat form?

The following information is required:

Type of data	ARRIVALS	DISPATCHES
The counterparty's VAT ID number	NO	YES
(your purchaser/consignee in another EU	INO	123
Member State)		
The eight-digit commodity code	YES	YES
according to the Combined	120	1.20
Nomenclature		
Description of goods	YES	YES
The code of destination/consignment	YES	YES
country (according to Geonomenclature		
codes of EU Member States)		
Delivery terms and place of delivery	YES	YES
according to INCOTERMS 2020 code		
Nature of transaction code (according to	YES	YES
the Intrastat Nature of Transaction		
Codebook)		
Mode of transport (according to the	YES	YES
Intrastat Mode of Transport Codebook)		
Country of origin code	YES	YES
(according to Geonomenclature codes of		
countries of the world)		
Net mass expressed in kilograms	YES	YES
Quantity in supplementary unit (SU) –	DA if	DA if
only if determined by the Combined	determined	determined by
Nomenclature code	by CN8	CN8 code
	code	
Invoice value expressed in HRK	YES	YES

Where can the required data be found?

Almost **all the information** can be found on your invoices, transport documents, transaction delivery slips, packing lists, e-mail orders, etc.

Information on VAT ID number of your trading partner from another EU Member State can be found on invoices or contracts. There are also exceptional situations when the VAT ID number of the consignee in another EU Member State is not known – for such situations there are special codes described in detail in the Intrastat Guide 2021.

When and how often do I have to declare?

The filled-in Intrastat form is to be submitted monthly. You have to submit it no later than the 15th day of the month following the reporting period. <u>For example</u>, your Intrastat form for March must be submitted by 15 April at the latest.

Is there a month when you bought or sold no goods?

In that case, you must submit a Nil Intrastat form, also no later than the 15th day of the month following it.

How do I submit the Intrastat form?

Electronically, via the **CIWS online service** (Croatian Intrastat Web Service). Technical instructions for submitting the Intrastat forms via CIWS are available here:

https://e-carina.carina.hr/ciws-public/ciws-public/en

What happens if I forget to declare or do not declare in time?

It is extremely important that Intrastat data are **accurate**, **precise and updated** in respect to the significant share in the total official statistics of the Croatian foreign trade. Based on the official Croatian statistics, various institutions (the National Bank, the Croatian Government, ministries, EC, etc.) and traders make economic decisions that have an impact on the economy as a whole. In case of delays or reporting of incorrect data, the consequences are also reflected in the macroeconomic policy of the Republic of Croatia.

Therefore, the obligation of timely and accurate submission of Intrastat data is regulated by legal acts. Failure to comply to these legal obligations can lead traders to be found responsible for misdemeanour actions.

A list of European and national legislation governing your obligation to declare for Intrastat is available on the CBS's official website (link: https://www.dzs.hr/Eng/intrastat/intrastat.htm) as well as on the CIWS website (link: https://e-carina.carina.hr/ciws-public/ciws-public/en).

I have some additional questions regarding Intrastat. Where and whom can I ask for help?

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