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INTRASTAT IN CROATIA

QUICK GUIDE

Brief information about Intrastat reporting intended for business entities who want to be briefly informed regarding the Intrastat survey in the Republic of Croatia

All information and clarifications regarding the Intrastat reporting, technical support and methodological explanations are provided by Croatian Customs Administration – **Intrastat Department:**



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The *Intrastat reports* 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 reports* 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:

I. for ARRIVALS

Trade flow involving the physical transport of goods from another Member State to Croatia (Croatia receives goods)

II. for DISPATCHES

Trade flow involving the physical transport of goods from Croatia to another Member State (Croatia dispatches goods)

Brief information about Intrastat in Croatia

Why does our company have to submit Intrastat reports?

Your company becomes the Intrastat provider in Croatia because you are involved in <u>trading with other EU Member States</u> and <u>you are registered for VAT purposes in Croatia</u>, while the value of your Intra-EU trade <u>has exceeded</u> the Croatian Intrastat threshold value for 2023.

INTRASTAT 2023 – threshold values		
Trade flow	Threshold value in EUR	
ARRIVALS	450.000	
DISPATCHES	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 2024 onwards. In the calendar month when the Intrastat threshold is exceeded, your company becomes the Intrastat provider in Croatia.

How does one become 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 business records) find out they exceeded the Intrastat threshold. In that case they need to contact Croatian Customs Administration – Intrastat Department (by phone +385 42 234 255 or by e-mail intrastat.prijava@carina.hr) and apply to the Croatian Intrastat system.

- 2) <u>Mandatory registration</u> in the Croatian Intrastat system if traders fail to self-apply, then the Customs Administration – Intrastat Department and CBS 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.
- 3) <u>Voluntary registration</u> 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 Intrastat reports), but wish 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 reports* 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. <u>Intrastat One-Time reporting obligation</u> – 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 report*, 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 Member States and all goods that are physically transported from other Member States to Croatia, regardless of the transfer of ownership of the goods.

This means that you report the following in Intrastat reports:

goods with transfer of ownership (confirmed by 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, goods you
plan to re-sale etc.

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

What information do I need to fill in Intrastat report?

The following information is required:

Type of data	ARRIVALS	DISPATCHES
The counterparty's VAT ID number (your purchaser/consignee in another EU Member State)	NO	YES
The eight-digit commodity code according to the Combined Nomenclature (CN)	YES	YES
Description of goods	YES	YES
The code of destination/consignment country (according to Geonomenclature codes of EU Member States)	YES	YES
Delivery terms and place of delivery according to INCOTERMS 2020 code	YES	YES
Nature of transaction code (according to the Intrastat Nature of Transaction Codebook)	YES	YES
Mode of transport (according to the Intrastat Mode of Transport Codebook)	YES	YES
Country of origin code (according to Geonomenclature codes of countries of the world)	YES	YES
Net mass expressed in kilograms	YES	YES
Quantity in supplementary unit (SUQ) – only if an additional Supplementary Unit is prescribed for a specific Combined Nomenclature code	YES, if determined by CN8 code	YES, if determined by CN8 code
Invoice value expressed in EUR	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 Member State can be found on invoices or contracts. There are also exceptional situations when the VAT ID number of the consignee in another Member State

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	is not known – for such situations there are special codes described in detail in the Intrastat Guide 2024.		
Which are deadlines for submitting Intrastat reports?	Deadlines for the submission of <i>Intrastat reports</i> are determined in accordance with Art. 45 of the Act on Official Statistics (Official Gazette, 25/2020), i.e. according to the Annual Implementation Plan of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia (AIP), and in case the AIP has not been adopted, the deadlines are determined based on Art. 32 of the Law on Customs Service (Official Gazette Nos. 68/13, 30/14, 115/16, 39/19 and 98/19), that is, according to the Intrastat Reporting Obligation Notice. The filled-in <i>Intrastat report</i> is to be submitted monthly. You have to submit it no later than the 15 th day of the month following the reporting period.		
	What if there is a month when you be In that case, you must submit a <i>nil Intra</i> also no later than the 15 th day of the m	astat form into the Intrastat System,	
How do I submit the Intrastat report?	The <i>Intrastat report</i> is sent via the CIWS online service (Croatian Intrastat Web Service). Technical instructions for submitting the Intrastat forms via CIWS are available here: <u>CIWS - Croatian Intrastat Web Servis (carina.hr)</u>		
What happens if I forget to declare or do not declare in time?	It is very 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 Državni zavod za statistiku-Intrastat (gov.hr) as well as on the CIWS website CIWS-Croatian Intrastat Web Servis (carina.hr)		
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