

How to determine if any changes are required in eBiz-Manager following the recently announced changes in VAT

If you use your eBiz-Manager application for sending or receiving invoices or credit notes you are advised to check these mappings to ensure that they will be able to handle the recently announced changes in the VAT rate effective from 1st December 2008. If you do not process invoices or credit note files then you need take no action and can ignore this notice.

The application itself will handle the VAT rate change without issue, however mappings will need to be checked carefully and updated if applicable to ensure the correct VAT rate is being displayed and used in any calculations.

Where possible customers should be mapping the VAT information directly from the source file, and thus no VAT calculations are completed in the mapping process. If this is the case then no mapping changes are required.

There are some basic illustrations of how you can check which VAT value is being used within the invoice/credit note files below and also instructions on how the first transmissions at the new rate can be monitored prior to transmission.

Tradacoms Invoices

For tradacoms invoices, the standard VAT rate is shown in the following EDI segments:-

- **Invoice Line Details – ILD**

An example of the ILD segment is below:-

```
ILD ...+S+17500 ...
```

Where

'S' denotes the 'Standard Rate' and
'17500' the 'VAT Rate Percentage'

For any invoices which are generated at the new VAT rate this should update to:-

```
ILD ...+S+15000+...
```

- **VAT Rate Invoice Sub-Trailer – STL**

The STL segments should change from:-

```
STL=...+S+17500+...
```

to:-

```
STL=...+S+15000+...
```

- **VAT Rate Summary – VRS**

The VRS segments should change from:-

```
VRS=1+S+17500...
```

to-

```
VRS=1+S+15000...
```

Within these invoice mappings you should check the EDI segments do not have the VAT Rate Percentage value 'defaulted' or use a database lookup. If this is the case they will require updating.

Tradacoms Credit Notes

For tradacoms credit notes, the standard VAT rate is shown in the following EDI segments:-

- Credit Note Line Details – CLD

The CLD segment is below:-

CLD ...+S+17500

Where

'S' denotes the 'Standard Rate' and
'17500' the 'VAT Rate Percentage'

For any credit notes which are generated at the new VAT rate this should update to:-

CLD ...+S+15000 ...

- VAT Rate Credit Sub-Trailer – CST

The CST segments should change from:-

CST=1+S+17500+ ...

to

CST=1+S+15000+ ...

- VAT Rate Summary – VRS

The VRS segments should change from:-

VRS=1+S+17500...

to

VRS=1+S+15000...

Within these credit mappings you should check the EDI segments do not have the VAT Rate Percentage value 'defaulted' or use a database lookup. If this is the case they will require updating.

Other message types

For other non-tradacoms message formats/standards it will be necessary to check the message specification/message implementation guides to ensure that the updated standard VAT rate is being reflected correctly.

Monitoring first transmissions

If you make changes to your mappings or believe that no changes are required, it is recommended that the first invoices/credit notes generated at the new VAT rate be manually checked before they are transmitted to ensure the VAT values are as you expect.

The recommended method of checking the data before it is sent is detailed below. However you may wish to follow your own method:-

- Login via the eBiz-Manager webconsole
- Navigate to the "configuration/schedules" option
- "Toggle" off the schedule for the connector transmitting the invoice/credit data you wish to monitor to disable the schedule
- Navigate to the configuration/connectors option
- Edit the connector you have just disabled the schedule for and ensure that the "Auto Launch After" field is set to '0'. If not edit and submit the new setting, otherwise go back
- Process the credit/invoice data you wish to monitor via your usual method
- Via the webconsole locate the message processed in the inbox/outbox and ensure the VAT values are showing as required
- If you are satisfied with the content and wish to transmit the file, please "Toggle" on the schedule and ensure the "Auto Launch After" value is returned to its previous state
- The data will then be sent on the next scheduled connection

Further information

If you are unsure how to check your mappings or make the required changes please contact Kewill Support at european.support@kewill.com providing a copy of the invoice/credit mappings along with an example of a source file processed by your back office system for each mapping.