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Proposal for a Council Decision

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Standard form for requests for information, for spontaneous exchange of information, for administrative enquiries and for feedback¹ between Member States and the United Kingdom under the Protocol on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the area of VAT

Exchange of information reference:

A) BASIC INFORMATION	
A1	
Requesting/Sending ² state:	Requested/Receiving³ state:
Requesting/Sending authority:	Requested/Receiving authority:
A2	
Official dealing with the request/exchange in the requesting/sending authority:	Official dealing with the reply to the request/exchange in the requested/receiving authority:
Name:	Name:
Email:	Email:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Language:	Language:
A3	
Requesting/Sending authority national reference:	Requested/Receiving authority national reference:
Space reserved for the requesting/sending authority:	Space reserved for the requested/receiving authority:
A4	
Date of transmission of the request/exchange:	Date of transmission of the reply:
A5	
No. of attachments to the request/exchange:	No. of attachments to the reply:
A6	A7
Request for information	☐ I, requested authority, will not be able to reply within the following deadlines:
○ 90 days deadline	○ 90 days
30 days deadline – file and database information only, no investigation required	30 days for information that is already in my possession
O Spontaneous supply of information	Reason for delay:
☐ Feedback on spontaneous information is requested	
O Request for administrative enquiry under Art. 7(3) of the VAT Protocol	

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¹ The elements put in *Italic* are to be filled in by the requested authority.

² The terms "Sending state/sending authority" are used in the context of spontaneous exchange of information.

³ The terms "Receiving state/receiving authority" are used in the context of spontaneous exchange of information.

If a suspected/investigated fraud case respective box and options	e, please tick the		
○ No			
○ Yes			
☐ Missing Trader Intra-Community (M	TIC) VAT Fraud		
□ VAT fraud in e-commerce			
☐ Margin scheme fraud			
☐ Informal economy / Undeclared trans	sactions		
☐ Abusive use of VAT number			
☐ Fraud using Customs Procedure 423	XX / 63XX		
□ Other			
		- Formanta di tima anti-	
		☐ Expected time of re	
		information to another 6(6) of the Protocol of fraud in the field of Va	thority requires that the transmission of the state is subject to its prior agreement (Article on administrative cooperation and combating alue Added Tax and on mutual assistance for relating to taxes and duties)
		☐ Feedback on the re	eply is requested
Pursuant to Article 6(7) of the Protocol on add			
assistance for the recovery of claims relating authority of the state from which the information			
A8 Linked cases:			
B) REQUEST FOR GENERAL INFORMATION	DN .		
Requesting/Sending authority	Requested/Receivin	g authority	Requested/Receiving authority ⁴
B1 VAT identification number (if not, tax identification number)	B1 VAT identification identification number) O Please fill in	n number (if not, tax	
	O Please confirm		○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
VAT number:	VAT number:		VAT number:
□ VAT number not available	□ VAT number not a	vailable	□ VAT number not available

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⁴ In this third column, the requested authority either fills in the information requested by the requesting authority (box "please fill in" ticked in the second column) or confirms the veracity of the information provided by the requesting authority (box "please confirm" ticked and information provided in the second column).

Tax identification number:	Tax identification number:	Tax identification number:
B2 Name	B2 Name	
	○ Please fill in	
	○ Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
		Name:
B3 Trading name	B3 Trading name	
	○ Please fill in	
	○ Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
		Trading name:
B4 Address and contact details	B4 Address and contact details	
Address Email address	O Please fill in	
Phone number	○ Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
Website	Address	Address:
Website	Email address	Email address
	Phone number	Phone number
	Website	Website
B5 The following dates in the format (DD/MM/YYYY):	B5 The following dates in the format (DD/MM/YYYY):	
	│ ○ Please fill in	
	Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
(a) issue of the VAT/tax identification number	(a) issue of the VAT/tax identification number	(a) issue of the VAT/tax identification number
(b) cancellation of the VAT/tax identification number	(b) cancellation of the VAT/tax identification number	(b) cancellation of the VAT/tax identification number
(c) Incorporation	(c) Incorporation	(c) Incorporation
B6 Date of commencement of activity	B6 Date of commencement of activity	
	O Please fill in	
	Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
	Date of commencement of activity	Date of commencement of activity
B7 Date of cessation of activity	B7 Date of cessation of activity	
	○ Please fill in	
	Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
	Date of cessation of activity	Date of cessation of activity
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B8 Information regarding the directors/ managers/sole entrepreneur From to	B8 Information regarding the directors/managers/sole entrepreneur O Please fill in O Please confirm From to (a) Name (b) Address (c) Date of birth	O I confirm O I do not confirm From to (a) Name (b) Address (c) Date of birth
(e) Nationality	(d) Country of birth (e) Nationality	(d) Country of birth (e) Nationality
B9 Information regarding associates, partners, beneficial owners, agents or other people involved	B9 Information regarding associates, partners, beneficial owners, agents or other people involved	
O Not applicable From to	Please fill in Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
(a) Name (b) Address (c) Date of birth (d) Country of birth (e) Nationality	O Not applicable From to (a) Name (b) Address (c) Date of birth (d) Country of birth (e) Nationality	O Not applicable From to (a) Name (b) Address (c) Date of birth (d) Country of birth (e) Nationality
B10 Nature of the activity	B10 Nature of the activity O Please fill in O Please confirm	○ I confirm ○ I do not confirm
(a) Legal status of the business	(a) Legal status of the business	(a) Legal status of the business
(b) Declared main activity	(b) Declared main activity	(b) Declared main activity
(c) Real main activity⁵	(c) Real main activity	(c) Real main activity
B11 Nature of the transaction	Nature of the transaction B11 Goods/services involved O Please fill in O Please confirm	Nature of the transaction B11 Goods/services involved O I confirm O I do not confirm
Period and amount to which the request/exchange relates		

⁵ Real main activity means the actual principal activity carried out by the business (as opposed to another possibly declared one).

another			
_	Period	Period	
From			
_	Amount	Amount	
То			
Sources: UAT information exchange			
system (VIES) □ Other			
B13 Supply of services from one country to another			
	Period	Period	
From			
	Amount	Amount	
То			
Sources: □ VIES □ Other			
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C) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Registration			
☐ C1 The taxable person in the requested state (☐) / the taxable person in the requesting state (☐) is currently not identified for VAT purposes. According to the VIES or other sources, supplies have been made after the date of cessation of the activity. Please explain.			
□ C2 The taxable person in the requested state (□) / the taxable person in the requesting state (□) is not identified for VAT purposes. According to the VIES or other sources, supplies have been made before the date of registration. Please explain.			
Transactions of goods/services			
Goods			
☐ C3 According to the VIES or other source in the requesting state either:	es, the taxable person in the requested state ma	ade supplies of goods but the taxable person	
○ did not declare an acquisition of the g	loods;		
 denies receipt of the goods; 			
declared an acquisition for a different amount and the declared amount is: Please investigate and explain.			
☐ I attach copies of documents in my posse	ssion		
	ble person in the requesting state do not corres	pond with the information from VIES or other	
□ C5 Please provide the addresses where the goods were delivered.			
Addresses:			

□C6 The taxable person in the requesting state claims to have made supplies to a person in the requested state. Please colords were:	onfirm that the
□ received	
○ Yes ○ No ○ Partly	
□ accounted for	
○ Yes ○ No ○ Partly	
□ paid by the customer	
○ Yes ○ No ○ Partly	
□ tax declared	
○ Yes ○ No ○ Partly	
□ tax paid	
○ Yes ○ No ○ Partly ○ Not applicable	
Free text reply	
Prior/onward movement of the goods	
□ C7 From whom were the goods purchased? Please provide names, trading names and VAT numbers in box C45.	
□ C8 To whom were the goods sold on? Please provide names, trading names and VAT numbers in box C45.	
Services	
☐ C9 According to the VIES or other sources, the taxable person in the requested state made supplies of services taxable in t state but the taxable person in the requesting state either:	he requesting
○ did not declare the service;	
O denies having received the service;	
O declared having received the service for a different amount and the declared amount is:	
Please investigate and explain.	
□ I attach copies of documents in my possession.	
□ C10 The acquisitions declared by the taxable person in the requesting state do not correspond with the information fror other sources. Please investigate and explain.	m the VIES or
□ C11 Please provide the addresses where the services were provided.	
Addresses:	
□C12 The taxable person in the requesting state claims to have made supplies to a person in the requested state. Please conservices were: □ received	onfirm that the

□ accounte	d for		
○ Yes	○ No	○ Partly	
□ paid by th	ne customer		
○ Yes	○ No	○ Partly	
□ tax declar	red		
○ Yes	○ No	○ Partly	
□ tax paid			
○ Yes	○ No	○ Partly	O Not applicable
Free text r	eply		
Transport of go	ods		
☐ C13 Please p	rovide the n	ame/VAT identi	fication number and the address of the transporter.
Name and/or VA	T identificati	ion number and	l address:
			ation of the goods?
Name and/or VA	i identificati	ion number and	a address:
☐ C15 Who is t	he owner of	the means of tr	ansport used?
Name and/or VA	T identificati	ion number and	address:
□ C16 Please p	rovide the a	mount and curre	ency of the invoice for the transport costs
□ C17 Please p	rovide the a	mount and curr	ency paid for the transport
☐ C18 Please p		ame of the ban	account holder and the number of the account from which and/or to which the payment for
☐ C19 If the pay	ment for tra	nsport was mad	de in cash

om, where and when?
was issued confirming the payment?

ed and currency.
and currency.
ank account holder and the number of the account from which and/or to which the payment was
s where the payment was made in cash:
om, where and when?
was issued confirming the payment?
ty payments? If yes, please provide additional information in box C45
s of the person placing the order, how the order was placed and how the contact was established
articular procedures
your question in box C44
your question in box 044
on-taxable persons
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□ C31 Gas and electricity.				
□ C32 Call-off stock arrangements.				
□ C33 Others:				
Services covered by particular provisions				
Please tick the appropriate box and enter your question in box C44				
☐ C34 Supply of services provided by an intermediary.				
☐ C35 Supply of services connected to immovable property.				
☐ C36 Supplies of passenger transport.				
☐ C37 Supplies of transport of goods.				
☐ C38 Supply of cultural, artistic, sporting, scientific, educational, valuations of and work on movable tangible property.	entertainment and similar services	, ancillary transport services and		
☐ C39 Supply of restaurant and catering services other than as prov	vided for at C41.			
☐ C40 Supply of transport hire.				
☐ C41 Supply of restaurant and catering services for consumption o	on board of ships, aircraft or trains.			
□ C42 Supply of services				
□ covered by the non-Union scheme				
□ covered by the Union scheme				
☐ C43 Services for which effective use and enjoyment rules are applied.				
C44 Background information and further questions				
C45 Free text reply box				
D) REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS				
B) NEGOLOTT ON BOOOMENTO				
Please provide copies of the following documents (where applicable	see amount and period in part B12	and B13)		
□ D1 Invoices	O Provided	○ Not available		
□ D2 Contracts	O Provided	○ Not available		
□ D3 Orders	○ Provided	○ Not available		
□ D4 Evidence of payments	○ Provided	○ Not available		
□ D5 Transport documentation	○ Provided	○ Not available		
☐ D6 Creditor's ledger for the taxable person in the requesting state	○ Provided	○ Not available		
□ D7 Debtor's ledger for the taxable person in the requesting state	○ Provided	○ Not available		
□ D8 Call-off stock registers	○ Provided	○ Not available		
From To				
☐ D9 One-stop-shop/import one-stop-shop records	○ Provided	○ Not available		

From To		
□ D10 Bank account statements	○ Provided	○ Not available
From To		
□ D11 Others	Provided	Not available
E) SPONTANEOUS SUPPLY OF INFORMATION (GENERAL)		
☐ E1 Based on the records of the taxable person in the sending st	rate, it appears that they should be re	egistered in the receiving state.
☐ E2 According to the records of the taxable person in the sending in the receiving state, but no information is available via the VIES/C		pplied to them by a taxable person
☐ E3 According to the records of the taxable person in the sending no data was entered into VIES/Customs or other sources data.	g state, VAT is to be paid on goods	supplied to the receiving state, but
☐ E4 According to the VIES/Customs or other sources data, the tall in the sending state but the latter taxable person either:	axable person in the receiving state r	nade supplies to a taxable person
$\ \square$ did not declare an acquisition of $\ \square$ goods / receipt of $\ \square$ s	ervices;	
$\ \square$ denies the acquisition of the $\ \square$ goods / receipt of $\ \square$ servi	ices.	
☐ E5 According to the records of the taxable person in the sending	g state, VAT is to be paid on services	s supplied in the receiving state.
☐ E6 Background and additional information:	,	
☐ E7 I attach copies of invoices in my possession.		
$\ \square$ E8 According to information from another state, it is possible tha	t	
□ a breach of VAT legislation		
○ has been committed		
○ is likely to have been committed		
in the receiving state.		
□ there is a risk of a tax loss in the receiving state.		
I am forwarding the information received from the other state.		
□ I hereby confirm that I have fulfilled my obligations described in Art. 6 of the VAT Protocol concerning transmission of information to another state.		
F) FILE AND DATABASE INFORMATION		
Information requested		
☐ F1 Is there any information about the taxpayer and persons	○ Yes ○ No	
named in B2, B8 and B9 in any databases available to you?	Please, clarify	
G F2 Do the town works are an aread in B2 B2 and B2.	☐ The information cannot be give	n for legal reasons.
☐ F2 Do the taxpayer/persons named in B2, B8 and B9 have a financial criminal record? (Information from requesting state)	O Vos O No O Not available	

☐ F3 Do the taxpayer/persons named in B2, B8 and B9 have a history of involvement in VAT fraud? (Information from requesting state)	☐ The information cannot be given for legal reasons. ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not available		
☐ F4 Are the taxpayer/persons named in B2, B8 and B9 resident at/connected with the stated address? (Information from requesting state)	○ Yes ○ No ○ Not available		
☐ F5 Do the taxpayer/persons named in B2, B8 and B9 have a financial criminal record? (Information from requested state)	☐ The information cannot be given for legal reasons. ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not available		
☐ F6 Do the taxpayer/persons named in B2, B8 and B9 have a history of involvement in VAT fraud? (Information from requested state)	☐ The information cannot be given for legal reasons. ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not available		
☐ F7 Are the taxpayer/persons named in B2, B8 and B9 resident at/connected with the stated address? (Information from requested state)	○ Yes ○ No ○ Not available		
□ F8 The stated address of the taxpayer is:	Business Residential Accommodation Accountant Other		
☐ F9 Did your taxpayer submit VAT returns for the period	∘ Yes ∘ No ∘ Partly		
☐ F10 If yes or partly: ☐ F11 Was the amount of VAT due actually paid by your taxpayer	☐ Total declared intracommunity acquisitions of goods and services for the given year. Please provide a net amount for each year, including exempt transactions. ○ Year		
according to the submitted VAT returns?	o Yes o No o Partly o Not applicable		

VAT Fraud	
☐ F12 What was the reason for the cancellation of the VAT number? Several options possible	 No contact No returns No payments No economic activity at the address Suspicions of VAT fraud On request of the taxpayer
☐ F13 Do you qualify your taxpayer as a missing trader? .	o Other
	∘ Yes ∘ No
☐ F14 If yes, please explain why. Several options possible	 Intra-Community Acquisitions in VIES No contact No returns No payments No economic activity at the address Other
□ F15 If taxpayer qualified as a missing trader and the VAT number has not yet been cancelled, have you already started the procedure?	Yes, please specify date No
Other database information and additional comments	
☐ F16 Other companies managed by or connected to the named persons in B8 or B9 of the requesting and requested state, including compliance	Not known Name
☐ F17 Please provide the known bank accounts of your taxpayer and of taxpayers mentioned in F16	Not available VAT number
☐ F18 Supplies/Acquisitions of goods/services	Information from Customs declarations (imports/exports) From to Imports, amount
☐ F19 History of registration data Please provide the history of registration data of your taxpayer	o Data not available o Other cases (a) issue of the VAT number (b) cancellation of the VAT number

☐ F20 Additional questions and background information regardidatabase information	Free text box reply regarding database information	
H) FEEDBACK ⁶		
Results related to the information provided:		
1) The information provided:		
☐ Resulted in an additional assessment of VAT or of other tax	kes. Please provide details on the type and amount of tax assessed:	
Type of tax:		
Additional assessment:		
Penalty:		
 □ Resulted in VAT registration. □ Resulted in the cancellation of a VAT number from VIES or f □ Resulted in the correction of VAT declarations. □ Led to a desk enquiry. □ Led to a new audit procedure or was used as part of an on-g □ Led to a fraud investigation. □ Resulted in a request for information. □ Led to a presence in administrative office or to participation i □ Led to Multilateral control (MLC). □ Resulted in other actions: □ Did not result in any substantial action. 2) Other comments: 	going audit.	
I) OUTCOME OF THE NOTIFICATION		
The requested authority hereby certifies: that the instrument/decision attached to the request	has been notified to the addressee on:	
The notification was made in the following manner:		
□ to the addressee in person.		
□ by another procedure (please describe).		
□ that the instrument/decision attached to the request □ addressee not known.	could not be notified to the addressee for the following reasons:	

⁶ To be provided by the competent authority receiving the information.

□ addressee deceased. □ other [(please describe)].
J) REMINDER
3) REMINDER
K) DECLINE TO REPLY
I, the requested state, decline to provide the information requested because:
□ Disproportionate administrative burden on the requested authority – Art. 15(1)(a) of the VAT Protocol
☐ Usual sources of information not exhausted by the requesting state – Art. 15(1)(b) of the VAT Protocol
□ Forbidden collection of information / enquiry as per national law of the requested state – Art. 15(2) of the VAT Protocol
☐ The requesting state is unable, for legal reasons, to provide similar information – Art. 15(3) of the VAT Protocol
□ Disclosure of a commercial, industrial or professional secret or of a commercial process or contrary to public policy – Art. 15(4) of the VAT Protocol
□ No need for an administrative enquiry – Art. 7(3) of the VAT Protocol
□ Information required through the requested enquiry has been provided in less than 2 years previously– Art. 7(4) of the VAT Protocol
L) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO A REQUEST SENT BY THE REQUESTED STATE I, the requested state, require the following information:
Please find below the additional information requested:
M) REQUEST FOR COMPLETION TO A REPLY SENT BY THE REQUESTING STATE
The requested state is kindly asked to supplement its reply and provide the following additional information:
Please find below the requested information:
N) SPONTANEOUS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Please find below related information:

O, REQUEST FOR CONSENT FOR DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8(4) OF THE VAT PROTOCOL
Pursuant to article 6(4) of the VAT Protocol on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of Value Added Tax and mutual assistance for the recovery of claims relating to taxes and duties, we are asking you for consent to use information received with this information exchange for the following purpose:
I, the requested state,
o am providing the requested consent
o am not providing the requested consent
P) INFORMATION ON SHARING ARTICLE 6(7) OF THE VAT PROTOCOL
Pursuant to article 6(7) of the Protocol on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of Value Added Tax and on mutu assistance for the recovery of claims relating to taxes and duties, we are informing you of our intention to share the information receive within this information exchange with a third Member State or third country.
Reply:
Q) CONSENT FOR DISCLOSURE ARTICLE 6(6) OF THE VAT PROTOCOL
Pursuant to article 6(6) of the Protocol on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of Value Added Tax and on mutu
assistance for the recovery of claims relating to taxes and duties, we are asking you for consent to share the information received with your reply to another state.
I, the requested state, o am providing the requested consent o am not providing the requested consent
S) REQUEST FOR CONSENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6(7) OF THE VAT PROTOCOL
Pursuant to Art. 6(7)(a) of the Protocol on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of Value Added Tax and on mutuassistance for the recovery of claims relating to taxes and duties, I request permission to forward the information obtained in accordan with this Protocol to a third country.
I, the requested state,
o am providing the requested consent
o am not providing the requested consent
T) CANCELLATION OF THE REQUEST
I, the requesting state, cancel this request for information for the following reason(s): ☐ Request duplicated
□ Sent to the wrong state
☐ The deadline for taxation passed
☐ The information was gathered through another channel ☐ Other

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