

Changes in intra-EU trade collection 2019

Please note the following major changes in the area of intra-EU trade statistics (recording intra-EU trade of goods) for the current reference year 2019:

- The **exemption threshold** remains unchanged: For **dispatches** to other EU Member States related to the annual value of intra-EU trade movements of goods in the previous and the current year it is **EUR 500 000**. - for **arrivals** from other EU Member States it is **EUR 800 000**.
- The **thresholds** (related to the annual value of intra-EU trade movements of goods in the previous year) up to which a **statistical value** does not have to be reported for purchases/sales and commission/consignment transactions is raised up to **EUR 42 million for arrival** and to **EUR 50 million for dispatch** of goods.
- For data protection reasons a **replacement** of file declarations in the **ASCII format** is necessary. **New applications for notification in ASCII format will no longer approved!** For users who currently submit their data in ASCII format, we recommend switching to the XML formats approved in intra-Community trade statistics INSTAT/XML and DatML/RAW. Further information about this formats you will get in chapter 6.2 "File declarations in INSTAT/XML format" and 6.3 "eSTATISTIK.core file declaration" at our help pages under https://www-idev.destatis.de/idev/doc/intra_en/hilfe.html
- In anticipation of a future mandatory indication of the VAT identification number of the **EU trading partner and the country of origin of the goods in direction dispatch**, both information can be enter since January 2017 in the online form and the IDES-program. The option to report these two characteristics was expanded in January 2018 to the file formats **INSTAT/XML** and **DatML/RAW**. The indication from these characteristics is voluntary. Any report with these characteristics will help the Federal Statistical Office to gain experience and to guarantee a smooth implementation. As soon as a date for the mandatory declaration of both characteristics is known we will provide information.
Due to the planned replacement of file declaration in the ASCII format an extension of the ASCII record to report these characteristics is not scheduled!
- The current internet version of the Notes on Intra-EU Trade Statistics General Guide can be downloaded [here](#) as pdf-file free of charge.
- For further information on the current Commodity Classification for Foreign Trade Statistics and the Country Nomenclature for the External Trade Statistics you can visit our homepage

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