What can be checked in VIES · How to check it with an example?

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Applicability: According to the profile and circumstances of the described case.

Check that the country and number on the order match the entity.

Checking by example

According to the Your Europe portal, VIES is used to verify a business entity's registration for cross-border transactions within the EU using a given VAT identification number.

Record the name of the state, the verified number, the date and the result.

Working example · What can be checked in VIES

The Croatian company receives an order from Austria. Before applying tax treatment, it checks the supplied Austrian identification number in VIES and retains the verification result with the order.

Specific next steps

1. According to the Your Europe portal, VIES is used to verify a business entity's registration for cross-border transactions within the EU using a given VAT identification number.

2. Record the name of the state, the verified number, the date and the result.

3. When the result is invalid, determine whether the number is incorrect, inactive or simply needs to be activated.

Limits of application

To verify the cross-border VAT number, depending on the circumstances of the transaction.

Sources

Your Europe · VAT number check (VIES)

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