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EU-Council agreed on four adjustments to EU's current VAT rules

Pending introduction of the new VAT system, four short-term 'quick fixes' will be made regarding the VAT aspects of trade between the member states. Discussions are ongoing on a definitive VAT system to replace the current 'transitional' VAT arrangements, which have been applied since 1993.

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The Council agreed on the four **'quick fixes'** initially presented by the Commission:

- **call-off stock**. The proposals provide for a simplified and uniform treatment for call-off stock arrangements, where a vendor transfers stock to a warehouse at the disposal of a known acquirer in another member state;
- the **VAT identification number**. To benefit from a VAT exemption for the intra-EU supply of goods, the identification number of the customer will become an additional condition;
- **chain transactions**. To enhance legal certainty in determining the VAT treatment of chain transactions, the proposals establish uniform criteria;
- **proof of intra-EU supply**. A common framework is proposed for the documentary evidence required to claim a VAT exemption for intra-EU supplies.

These adjustments will apply from 1 January 2020.

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