

VAT Germany - Update

Value added tax obligations for online merchants

Effective January 1, 2019 there are mandatory VAT law changes in Germany affecting e-commerce. One such change is that operators of e-commerce marketplaces will be now liable for VAT not paid by online merchants.

Starting October 1, 2019 it will no longer be possible for online merchants from other EU countries to sell in e-commerce marketplaces like Amazon or eBay without having certification of their status as a tax subject in Germany. We thus recommend merchants to promptly apply for such certification.

Our team will gladly assist you with any VAT-related questions you may have, as well as any other tax and legal matters pertinent to you.



Our services include in particular:

- Tax registration of your company in Germany (required to apply for the above-mentioned certification); filing of the application for a VAT identification number
- Assistance preparing VAT and other tax returns
- Assistance with any VAT or other tax-related questions
- Conducting correspondence and other interactions with the German tax authorities.

Our team of experts:

Our expertise in the area of VAT law is founded upon extensive experience. Our diverse array of language competencies enables us to communicate smoothly across borders. Our staff, who have distinguished career backgrounds with the tax administration, Big Four accounting firms and corporations, have earned us a reputation as a trusted partner. More than 350 people work for Crowe Berlin/Hamburg, covering a spectrum of disciplines and collaborating for our clients.

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