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EU VAT rules changes coming in 2019



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We've [blogged fairly extensively](#) about the new EU VAT laws that came into effect in 2015. Our opinion has always been that whilst the intention of these has always been a good thing (stop big corp dodging tax), the implementation has been a mess. I'm now glad to say the [proposed changes we previously wrote about](#) are on the way. Specifically:

1. Cross border sales under €10,000 per year can be handled according to rules of the home country
2. Simpler rules for cross-border sales up to €100,000 per year by only requiring proof of 1 piece of location information (rather than the current 2)
3. A new "easy-to-use" online portal provided by the EU to submit VAT returns rather than use a host country one (which can be especially difficult if you live outside the EU)

Sadly not effective until Jan 1st 2019 but it will mean life will become a lot easier for smaller sellers who have customers in the EU.

We'll update more on the implications nearer the time but until then enjoy the fact you won't be dealing with this much longer.

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