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Regulatory Alert: Finland Simplifies the Import VAT Processing for VAT-Registered Entities

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As of January 1, 2018 Finnish importers are allowed to defer the import Value Added Tax (VAT) to their monthly or quarterly VAT reporting.

This means the duty is paid upon importation making use of the FedEx deferment account and the VAT is dealt with at a later stage by the importer via his VAT accounts.

They followed the example of Sweden who introduced this system in 2015 and Norway who started in January 2016.

Note this benefit is not valid for private individuals and non-VAT registered entities.

The changes will bring a significant cash-flow advantage to businesses importing goods in Finland. There will also be changes in the tax administration, as import VAT will be monitored by the tax authorities (Vero) as opposed to the customs authorities (Tulli).

More information can be found on the Finnish Tax Authorities website. Unfortunately, no English version is available at this moment.

Timeline for Implementation: January 1, 2018

Reference:

Finnish Tax Authority (local language only)

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