



# VAT registration number validation

VAT package legislation changes, effective from 1st of January 2010, include a requirement for organisations to validate the VAT registration numbers that they hold against their customer lists. The VAT number validation exercise must be carried out by all EU registered organisations that have business customers in other EU jurisdictions.

Each jurisdiction will likely apply their own interpretation of the requirement which may include validating not only the number but also the customer name and address. At a minimum it is expected that customer VAT numbers will be validated and that this validation is carried out on a regular basis (every 6-12 months). Valid VAT registration numbers must be sought for instances where a number is found to be 'invalid' or missing from the record. This is a time consuming and manual task for organisations, which could be subject to error.

The magnitude of the task is compounded for organisations that issue large volumes of invoices, resulting in the amount of VAT

numbers to be validated, running into the thousands. Current findings on completed projects indicate that on average 17% of VAT numbers entered on to ERP systems are incorrect.

## Batch validation service

The Meridian International VAT Consulting (MIVC) validation service provides a complete validation and correction solution. Currently VAT numbers can only be validated on-line one at a time through the VIES system. MIVC are providing a batch validation service for clients who have large numbers of VAT numbers to validate.

On our clients' behalf, VAT registration numbers will be validated and where agreed the acquisition of valid numbers will be sought.

For further information regarding this service, please contact Meridian Global Services today and we will be happy to discuss your requirements and our service in further detail.

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# About Meridian Global Services



Meridian Global Services core business is focused on providing a range of international VAT compliance and consulting services to over 15,000 clients worldwide.

We utilise our global footprint, our deep industry expertise and our leading edge technologies for optimal results. Our long lasting client relationships lays testament to why we are repeatedly chosen by the world's most successful organisations, comprising of over 50% of the CAC 40, DAX, FTSE 100, Nikkei 225 and Fortune 500.

Meridian has been offering international VAT compliance and consulting solutions as part of its package of services for over 20 years. We have built up one of the largest service centres of this type in the world based out of our Global Service Centre (GSC) in Dublin, Ireland. Meridian provides VAT compliance services to many large blue-chip multinationals that have entrusted us with managing multiple registrations covering a range of their international VAT returns.

It is our expertise in International VAT that our clients value.

