

Notice

External transactions

Nettings and clearings and the contribution of assets and rights

I Payment reports pursuant to section 59 et seq of the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation (AWV)

In the Balance of Payments Statistics, transactions are generally recorded in full (principle of recording all planned receipts and expenditure). Section 59 (3) of AWV thus also defines netting and clearing and the contribution of assets and rights in enterprises, branches and permanent establishments as payment. If there is no case for an exemption pursuant to section 59 (2) of AWV, residents have to report in full and on a monthly basis

- their expired claims and substantiated liabilities as incoming payments and
- their expired liabilities and substantiated claims as outgoing payments

due to netting or clearing vis-à-vis non-residents as well as, in the case of contributions of assets and rights,

- the countervalues of the assets contributed to foreign enterprises, branches and permanent establishments (eg machines acquired abroad) or of rights (eg of patents) as incoming payments,
- the equity injections into a foreign enterprise as outgoing payments,
- the countervalues of the assets contributed to German enterprises, branches and permanent establishments (eg machines acquired abroad) or of rights (eg of patents) as outgoing payments and
- the equity injections into a German enterprise as incoming payments

If the mutual claims and payments resulting from the business relationship with a non-resident are netted on an ongoing basis (current account pursuant to section 355 of the German Commercial Code (HGB)), residents are to report

- their debit entries as incoming payments and
- their credit entries as outgoing payments

on the form "Annex Z 4 to AWV" as a collective report for the month of the recording; effective payments for the purpose of settlement (acquisitions) are not to be reported pursuant to section 59 (2) 3 of AWV. If the settlement occurs by credit transfer to the debit of a German bank account, the code "900" and the purpose of payment "Settlement, nettings are reported with Z 4" should be specified on the form "Annex Z 1 to AWV". Section III of this notice provides some examples as well as a specimen report.

II Stock data reports pursuant to section 62 of the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation (AWV)

Residents must include the end-of-month balances on settlement accounts in their monthly stock data reports on claims and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents.

III Some examples and a specimen report

1. Interest of €87,000, due for a loan taken out from a Swiss bank with an agreed maturity of more than 12 months, is debited to the loan account; as agreed, this results in an increase in a resident's debt liabilities vis-à-vis a non-resident.
2. Liabilities from a German enterprise's imports of goods amounting to €100,000 are netted with commission claims on the French exporter amounting to €65,300. The remaining amount of €34,700 is transferred using form "Annex Z 1 to AWV". Pursuant to section 59 (2) 2 of AWV, this amount is not to be reported.
3. Debit entries and credit entries on a settlement account held by a German enterprise for the US parent company:

Debit		Credit	
Exports of goods	€150,000	Imports of goods	€2,500,000
Freight	€2,750	Trade fair expenses	€60,000
Settlement of balances	€248,000	Commission	€20,000
Discounts	€20,650	Rental of building	€130,700
Balance	€2,289,300		
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	<u>€2.710,700</u>		<u>€2.710,700</u>

4. Equity injection for a newly established enterprise in Russia through contribution of patents amounting to €1,000,000.

Notes

- The **payments** to be reported on the form "Annex Z 4 to AWV" are printed on the next page; besides the precise designation of the underlying transaction, the appropriate code is to be specified in accordance with the Bundesbank's Special Statistical Publication 7 ("Erläuterungen zum Leistungsverzeichnis für die Zahlungsbilanz", available only in German as a booklet or as download from the internet in PDF format) or in accordance with the "Coding list of the Deutsche Bundesbank's balance of payments statistics" (Annex LV to AWV). Please note the cases for exemption pursuant to section 59 (2) of AWV when applying the examples.
- The balance of the settlement account in example 3 should be included in the **stock data report**, which may have to be submitted on the form "Annex Z 5 a to AWV", page 1, pursuant to section 62 of AWV.

IV Form of the report, reporting deadline, reporting office

The reporting form and the reporting deadline for payment reports are specified in sections 60 and 61 of the AWV respectively. The reporting form and reporting deadline for monthly stock data reports on claims and liabilities are specified in section 62 of the AWV. The report may be submitted on electronic forms or via the ExtraNet platform instead of on conventional paper forms. In such cases, the formal requirements should be observed; the formal requirements and the report forms may be obtained free of charge from the Service Centre for External Sector Statistics or they may be downloaded as PDF or Excel files from the internet. The reports are to be submitted to the Bundesbank's Service Centre for External Sector Statistics: Deutsche Bundesbank, Servicezentrum Außenwirtschaftsstatistik, 55148 Mainz, Germany.

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