

Information on the amendment to the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation

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Raised reporting thresholds

The reporting threshold for transaction reports will be raised to €50,000. This will not apply to transaction reports for foreign travel or interest and dividend payments on domestic securities.

The reporting threshold for stocks of assets and liabilities will be increased to €6 million.

The reporting threshold for stock reports on residents' assets abroad and non-residents' assets in Germany will be increased to €6 million.

Forms replaced with tables

In 2013, paper forms were phased out when the electronic submission of data record formats was introduced. Until recently, they were still components of the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation as Annexes 3 to 19. They have now been replaced with tables containing the relevant variables (data points).

The tables should be available from mid-2025 in the new version of the general statistics reporting portal (AMS).

For reports in XML format, the current format can continue to be used without any changes until summer 2026. From summer 2025 we will provide new XML templates based on the new tables. These will be available for optional use in a transitional phase before they become obligatory in summer 2026.

The documentation of the new XML schemas as well as the start and end of the transitional period will be published in a newsletter and on the Bundesbank's website.

Technical notes: Reports submitted in XML format will support all standard characters under DIN 91379 encoded using UTF-8 or Unicode Normalisation Form C (NFC).

Foreign currency and foreign currency traveller's cheques no longer subject to reporting requirements

Payments in foreign travel that are made using foreign currency and foreign currency travellers' cheques no longer need to be reported (this affects codes **010** and **011**). The reporting requirement for Annex Z 13 to the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation will be removed altogether.

Section 70 of the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation has been amended as appropriate through this change.

Changes to reporting receipts from and expenditure on maritime shipping

Section 69 of the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation (AWV) has been repealed.

Maritime shipping receipts from **residents** are exempt from reporting requirements.

Income from **foreigners** and payments to **foreigners** are reporting pursuant to Section 67 of the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation (AWV). The reporting threshold of €50,000 applies.

Harmonised reporting dates

To simplify the process of meeting reporting deadlines, reporting dates will be harmonised.

From the reporting month January 2025, the 7th working day will be the sole reporting date for transaction reports, regardless of the type of transaction.

The reporting date for reports on stocks of assets and liabilities will be standardised to the 10th working day

The reporting date for derivative financial instruments will be standardised to the 50th working day at the end of the quarter.

| New required fields for reporting residents' assets abroad

Previously optional fields concerning key data on the German investor (balance-sheet total, annual turnover and number of employees) will become required fields.

This serves to improve the accuracy of the collection and analysis of the economic activities of German enterprises.

New codes for crypto-assets

Given the growing relevance of crypto-assets, new codes will be introduced to enable a more accurate allocation.

More information about these codes can be found in the code lists on our website.

[Code lists | Deutsche Bundesbank](#)

Website and contact details

More detailed information about the amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation can be found on our website.

[Amendments to the reporting system](#)

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