

# VAT WAREHOUSE (DDA)

## CONCEPT

A VAT Warehouse is a national tax regime designed to **provide fiscal and financial advantages** to companies engaged in commercial operations.

It consists of an **authorised tax warehouse** where both Union and non-Union goods can be stored without the need to account for VAT until the goods are released for free circulation or consumption.

## KEY FEATURES AND ADVANTAGES

- Improved cash flow through deferred VAT accounting (self-assessment).
- Unlimited storage period, with no time restrictions.
- Possibility of selling goods under this regime, providing greater flexibility in negotiations with clients.
- Partial withdrawals of goods according to business needs.
- Usual handling operations permitted: picking, labelling, packaging for sale, etc.
- Applicable to import, export, intra-EU and domestic trade operations.

## PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

An example, in the case of exports, would be related to successive or chain transactions, obtaining the benefit of opacity:

**Company A (based in Spain) sells goods to Company B (also based in Spain). Company B then sells the same goods to Company C, located in China.**

By using the **Vat Warehouse** regime:

- The first transaction (A to B) is VAT-exempt under Article 24 of the Spanish VAT Act (LIVA), with a document issued between both parties keeping the final consignee confidential.
- The second transaction (B to C) generates another document, applying the export VAT exemption under Article 21 of the VAT Act.

Thus, two independent documents are created — one enabling Company A to justify the VAT exemption on its invoice, and another allowing Company B to justify its own, while preserving client confidentiality.

There are many more examples of how this fiscal mechanism can benefit companies in different business models.

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