



VAT Reporting v16.6.1-2

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Overview

This release is a scheduled maintenance release of the VAT Reporting application. In this release, we have provided enhancements and included a number of corrections of issues reported by customers.

Highlights

- New Interface Changes to VAT Reporting
- New Cleanup function in VAT Reporting
- Set new on hold date – without releasing
- In the Data Mining panels, it is now possible to filter numeric values using the **Not equal to** operator

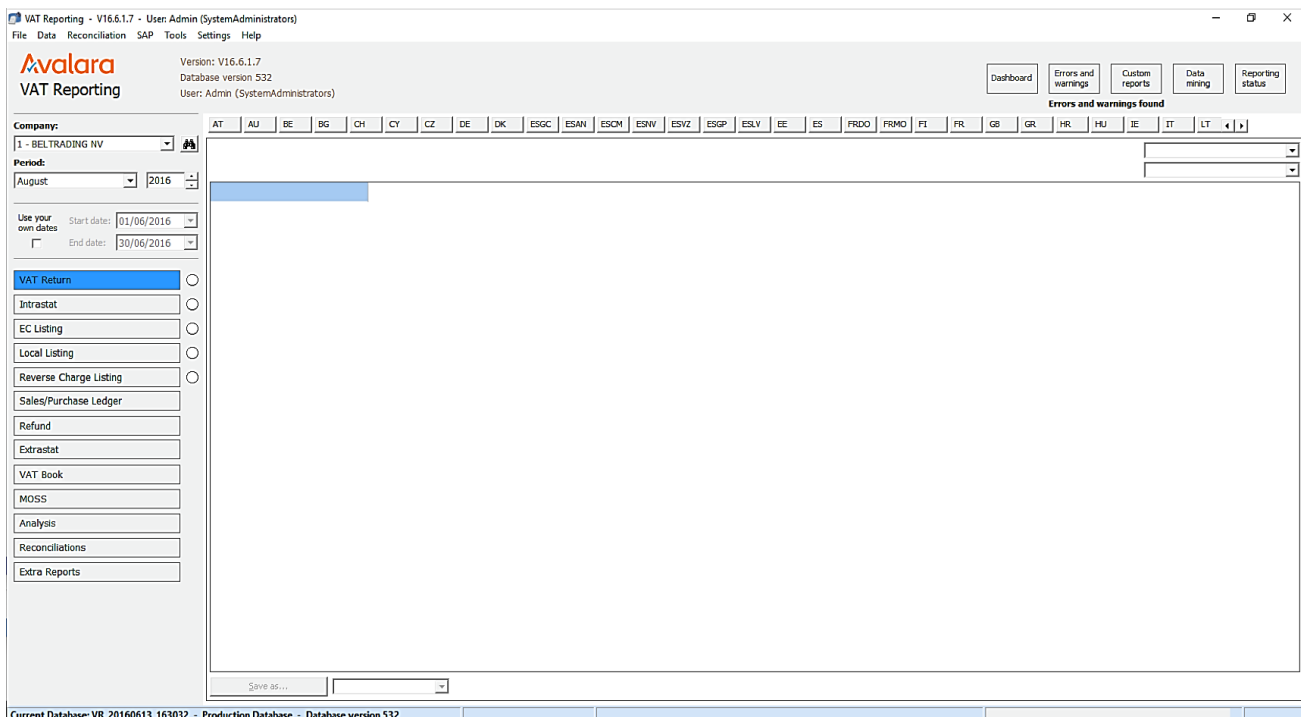
In more detail

In this release, we have continued with the new user interface of the main VAT Reporting screen. There is no change to the underlying functionality of VAT Reporting, but instead an update of the user experience based on the feedback we have received from you.

User Interface Changes


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VAT Reporting’s main screen has been refreshed and optimized for a more accurate and faster user experience.



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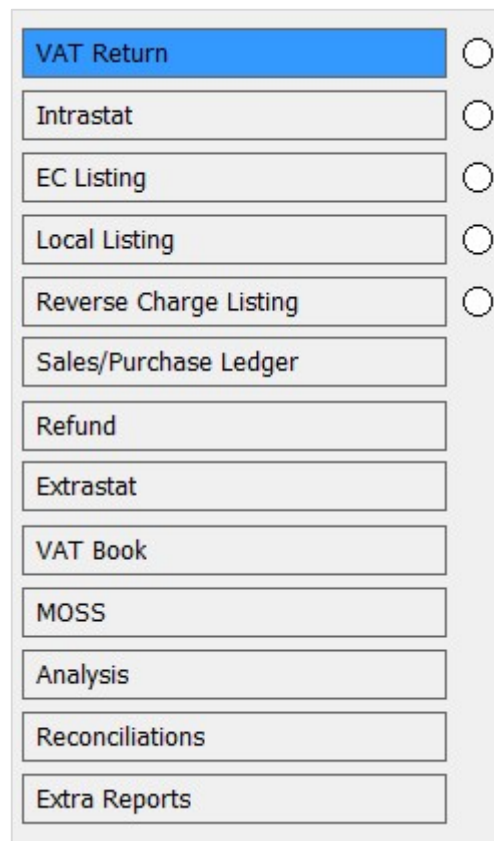
The search boxes have been moved from the top header section into the sidebar on the left side of the screen:



The screenshot shows the top header section of the Avalara VAT Reporting interface. The header includes the Avalara logo and the text "VAT Reporting". To the right of the header, there are labels for "Version", "Database", and "User:". Below the header, there are search filters for "Company:" and "Period:". The "Company:" filter is a dropdown menu showing "1 - BELTRADING NV" with a search icon. The "Period:" filter is a dropdown menu showing "June" and "2016". Below these filters, there is a checkbox labeled "Use your own dates" and two date pickers for "Start date:" (1/06/2016) and "End date:" (30/06/2016).

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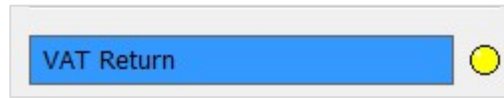
The left sidebar navigation panel has been updated with a new look and feel, and status indicator icons have been added. **Analysis**, **Reconciliations** and **Extra Reports** buttons have been added to the menu, for quick access:



The screenshot shows the left sidebar navigation panel. It contains a list of menu items, each with a status indicator icon (a circle) to its right. The items are: "VAT Return" (highlighted in blue), "Intrastat", "EC Listing", "Local Listing", "Reverse Charge Listing", "Sales/Purchase Ledger", "Refund", "Extrastat", "VAT Book", "MOSS", "Analysis", "Reconciliations", and "Extra Reports".

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The report menu options have a status indicator icon, which indicates the status of the report:



Button colours meanings:

- **Red:** Reports are overdue.
- **Orange:** Reports are almost overdue - at least one country has a due date within 3 days.
- **Yellow:** There is at least one report ready to be made.
- **White:** It is too early to create a report (for every country for the selected period/company).
- **Green:** Reports are up to date.
- **Black:** For the current selected company and period, no report is needed for any country.

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When you click on an indicator icon, it will take you to the VAT Reporting Dashboard and show you the first country where a report can be made:

Find: Czech Republic (CZ)		VAT return	Intrastat in	Intrastat out	EC listing	Local listing	Rev. charge	VAT due	VAT refundable	Err
Álava (ESLV)										
1 - BELTRADING NV	ESLV111111	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Andorra (ESAN)										
1 - BELTRADING NV	ESAN111111	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Australia (AU)										
1 - BELTRADING NV	12345678912	●	●	●	●	●	●			
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Azores (PTAZ)										

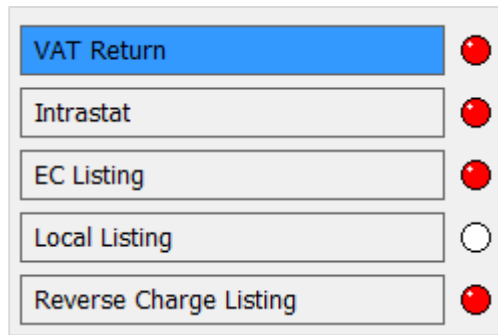
Current period: June 2016 Latest calculation: 2016-06-22 09:05:53 Expd

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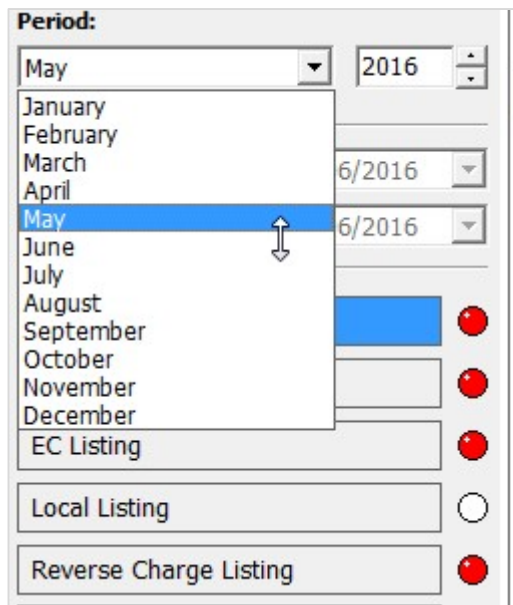
The indicator icon on the main view show a 'summary' for the current selected company and period: they show the most urgent state. For example, if the icon for 'VAT Return' is red, that means there is at least one country where the VAT Return is overdue.

Note: That is not necessary the country you selected on the main view.

Clicking the icon will open the dashboard and scroll to the first country found with an overdue VAT Return.

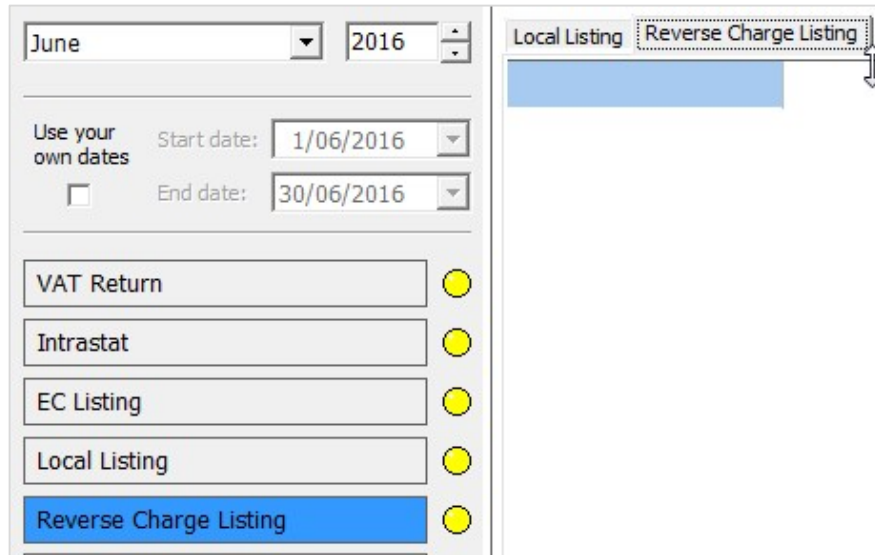


The five indicator icons will be updated each time you change the selected period and/or company. All five are updated at the same time.



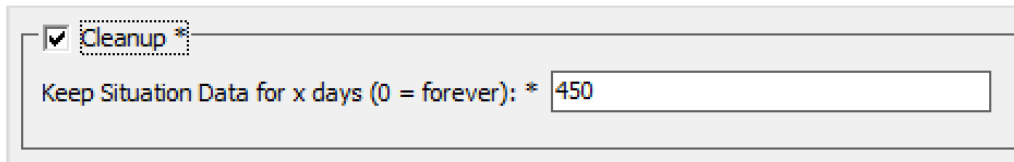
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In the **Local Listing** screen, you will be able to click on **Reverse Charge Listing** and the selection on the Report's menu on the left, will automatically move to **Reverse Charge Listing**. This works inversely when you are in the **Reverse Charge Listing** and click on **Local Listing**.



New Cleanup Functionality

There is a new field added in VAT Reporting in the menu option **Settings** and then **Database** which is labelled 'Cleanup'. Setting a number in this field will cleanup Situation Data older than the number of days specified. For example: Setting this field to 0 will keep data forever (default behaviour) and setting the value to 450 will clean data older than 450 days.

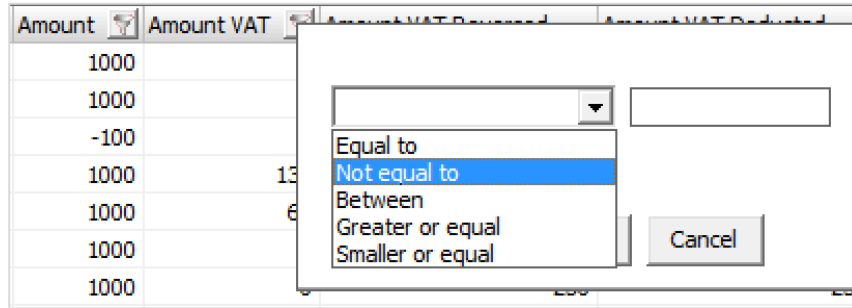


Set On Hold without releasing Country

In this release we have introduced the ability to set a new **on hold** date for a country, while the country is still on hold. Previously, it was necessary to release the country before putting it back on hold with a new date, which introduced a window of risk.

“Not equal to” operator added to Data Mining panels

In the Data Mining panels, it is now possible to filter numeric values using the **Not equal to** operator.



Change Log 16.6.1

Ref.	Description	Impact
VR-108	The VAT Reporting main display window has received the second part of its update to have a more modern look and feel. The changes are described in more detail, earlier in this document.	Low - the user interface changes have not modified core application logic; it is a change only in presentation.
VR-127	In this release, a new function has been added to cleanup Situation Data over a certain number of days. There is a new field added in VAT Reporting > Settings > Database labelled 'Cleanup'. Setting a number in this field will cleanup data older than the number of days specified. For example: Setting this field to 0 will keep data forever (default behaviour) and setting the value to 450 will clean data older than 450 days.	Medium - The default behavior has no impact, with existing functionality maintained by default; however, setting to a non-zero value will cause data deletion and should be used with caution.
VR-95	In this release we have introduced the ability to set a new "on hold" date for a country, while the country is still on hold. Previously it was necessary to release the country before putting it back on hold with a new date, which introduced a window of risk. The new function is available on VAT Reporting > Settings > Countries on Hold -> Right-Click "Change on hold date"	Low - the change is limited to the specific functionality of setting a country on hold.
VR-111	In the Data Mining panels, it is now possible to filter numeric values using the "Not equal to" operator. Also an issue with incorrect translation of text in the filter screen has also been corrected in this version.	Low - No impact on the core application. It's an improvement to filter options.
VR-168	Improved searching functionality within the Exchange Rate screen. The filter based on the namespace value has been fixed and the namespace filter can now be enabled via a checkbox.	Low - Improvement to search results. No impact to core application.

VR-83	New warning message added to Reporting Check when local purchases supplier VAT numbers doesn't match the country VAT number	Low - No impact on the core application Additional warning message added
VR-169	Two additional fields have been added into the "ExtraDocumentData". The two fields are "SAPDocumentType" and "SAPReferenceDocument" which when provided can be seen in the Invoice Flow Analyser tool, under the "ExtraDocumentData" section.	Low - Addition of new fields which are not involved in calculation logic, but are provided for correlation purposes.
VR-96	Previously, in the "Countries on Hold" screen it was possible to get into a scenario where an action was being performed on a selected line, but the action was being executed on a different line. This has been corrected.	Low - change only affects the user interaction with the Countries on hold screen.
VR-116	Corrected a typo in the heading of one of the "Data Mining Tool" > "Unusual data" reports. The heading now correctly shows "Invoice date and reporting date in different period"	None - text only change
VR-271	Corrected conversion template to match customer countries VAT number in Invoices, Customer Data an country List of templates updated Generic2Reporting.xml Generic2ReportingExtrastat.xml Generic2ReportingIntrastat.xml Generic2ReportingMulti.xml	Medium - Updated the generic templates to match customer countries VAT number.
VR-259	Italian official ledger "autofattura" changed to set total amount column to taxable base + VAT reverse	Low - Limited to Italy official ledger
VR-201	EE - VAT Book - change made as to tax number rather than VAT Identification Number	Low - Limited to the EE VAT Book
VR-318	In the 16.5.1 release of VAT Reporting the VAT rate for Greece was changed to 24%; however, we have received feedback that this is not the case for the Greek Islands, where the change was from 16% to 17%. This has been corrected.	Low - minor change to the logic determining percentage for this region.
VR-165	CZ - VAT Return has been changed, the return type field is now automatically set for the XML form the same as it is for the PDF version. In the previous version this was a prompt in the User Fields when creating the XML.	Low - Minor change to automatically populate the report type based on the filter selected by the user. It does not affect core logic.

VR-157	When setting up a new VAT number for Belgium, the due dates were not being set correctly by default. This has been corrected.	Low - Small correction to the logic that determines the default value.
VR-144	FR - VAT Return the values shown on the VAT Reporting dashboard did not show the amounts of VAT payable/receivable the same as it is shown on the return. In this release we have changed this so the dashboard values match the return value.	Low - change in presentation of data, no change in the calculation.
VR-141	Slovakian VAT Return corrected to constrain box 33 to not be higher than the value of box 31.	Low - change is limited to the SK VAT return form.
VR-272	In the EE EC listing PDF + XML report, VAT Reporting will now use the "Reporter Tax Number" when present, rather than the "VAT Identification Number"	Medium - the change is specific to this report, but users of this report need to confirm the change in UAT.
VR-233	PT - XML - Yearly VAT Return: In this release we have corrected an issue with using Annexo O and P.	Medium - the change is specific to this report, but users of this report need to confirm the change in UAT.
VR-211	When saving a VAT Book report, the file name now includes "VAT Book" instead of "VAT Return"	Low - changing the naming of the file saved for the VAT Book reports

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Ref.	Description	Impact
VR-314	Improved the VAT Reporting usability with low resolution displays	Low – Display update for resolutions with a height less 800px

Change Log 16.6.1-2

Ref.	Description	Impact
VR-277	Update to part of the Reporting Check logic to allow for a custom conversion mapping	Medium – Reporting Check has been updated and is a core function of the application
VR-373	Added support of "V" rates when importing exchange rates from SAP	Low – additional functionality, which doesn't impact existing "M" and "EURX" rates
VR-388	Added namespace support in exchange rate checking. To enable the additional field the General Settings form now has an additional tab "Exchange Rates" and moves the exchange rate fields from the "ReportingCheck Settings" tab.	Low – additional functionality specific to the exchange rate checking feature.

Upgrade Procedure

This section provides details on how to update to the latest version. For the purposes of this documentation, we assume that you have an existing installation and you have the necessary access privilege to perform the upgrade.

Download

The latest version of VAT Reporting is available here:

<http://www.vatat.com/installation/VATReporting.html>

Database Back Up

Before installing the update of VAT Reporting, ensure you have closed any running VAT Reporting windows, and take a full backup of the SQL Database. This can be done in the **SQL Server Management Studio**, from the database right-click menu **Tasks > Back Up...**