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14 February 2008: Confirming export of goods for VAT refund purpose

- Recently there has been a considerable confusion in respect of documents required to confirm export of goods for VAT purposes.
- According to the VAT Law, exporters must submit to the tax authorities the "5th sheet" of the export customs declaration certified by the customs office, for VAT refund purposes. The tax authorities are very strict in this regard.
- This now contradicts the recent change to procedure of declaring exports to the customs authorities. From 2008 they only require 4 sheets of export customs declaration. Based on this contradiction there was a risk that the tax authorities would reject any VAT refund request in respect of January 2008.
- On 11 February 2008 the central customs and tax authorities issued a joint letter explaining that instead of the "5th sheet" of the customs declaration, the new sheet (under the new format, marked "3/8") should be used.
- Companies should ensure that this new "3/8" format of customs declaration is complied with.