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# New rules on in-country export and import of goods

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## At a glance

A new law was ratified by the National Assembly on 25 June, which makes amendments to the provisions on in-country export and import goods in both the Law on Customs and the Law on VAT. These take effect from 1 July 2025.

## Key changes

#### **Amended Law on Customs**

- ICEI goods are those delivered and received within Vietnam under contracts between Vietnamese enterprises and foreign traders. These include sale-purchase contracts, contract manufacturing, toll manufacturing, and leasing/lending arrangements.
- The requirement for the foreign traders to have "no presence" in Vietnam, currently applicable to tripartite salepurchase transactions, is removed.
- The amended law will apply to customs declarations which have been registered but are pending customs clearance at the effective date of the amended law.

#### Amended Law on VAT

- Article 9 is amended to extend the definition of exported goods, which are entitled to VAT zero rating, to include "in-country exported goods".
- This amendment provides a clear legal basis to apply VAT zero rating to incountry exported goods going forward.
   For past shipments, where VAT zero rating has been challenged, this will be subject to further work and discussion.

These changes comprise a significant and welcome step forward in formalizing ICEI transactions at law level and confirming eligibility for VAT zero rating.



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