

Intrastat is the data collection system for compiling statistics on international trade in goods between the [European Union \(EU\)](#) Member States.

The advent of the Single Market on 1 January 1993, with its removal of customs formalities between Member States and subsequent loss of trade statistics data sources, required the establishment of a new data collection system: Intrastat. Intrastat was introduced by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91 of 7 November 1991 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States.

The Intrastat system can be characterised as follows:

- data are directly collected from intra-EU trade operators once a month;
- it is closely interlinked with the VAT system relating to intra-EU trade to ensure the completeness and quality of the statistical data; and
- a system of thresholds is established to simplify data provision and reduce the overall burden on traders, particularly small ones.

Further information

- [Regulation \(EC\) No 638/2004](#) of 31 March 2004 on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91.
- [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1982/2004](#) of 18 November 2004 implementing Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1901/2000 and (EEC) No 3590/92.

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