

Joint approach to tackle VAT carousel fraud

What is VAT carousel fraud?

- Criminal organisations pretend to be legitimate businesses.
- Several companies (at least three) are involved. At least one of them does not pay the VAT received to the tax authorities.
- Fraudsters make things complicated to deceive tax authorities and well-intentioned businesses.
- It is international.

What effects does it have?

- EU loses billions every year that could be spent on care and education.
- Through fraud, products are sold below the market price. Result: market distortion.
- The profits are probably used to finance other criminal activities and possibly also terrorism.



What does the Netherlands want?



EU investments in effective way for the prevention, early detection and ending of fraud.



Better, faster and better targeted sharing of available information between Member States.



Cross-border use of innovative IT to analyse EU-data.

The Netherlands will discuss this subject at the informal meeting of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (Ecofin) in Amsterdam.



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28 EU member states