

Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance (Außenwirtschaftsverordnung - AWW)

The purpose of the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance is to ensure all economic transactions between nationals (resident natural and legal persons) and foreigners (foreign resident natural and legal persons) within a period (Month, quarter, year) in a systematic breakdown. It is also an important building block for the balance of payments of the European Monetary Union and the European Union

General Information

General breakdown of AWW

- Services
- Transfers
- Movement of goods
- Capital movements and investment income

Reporting...

Residents have payments

- they receive from Foreigners (incoming payments) or
- they pay to foreigners (outgoing payments)
Both payments are reportable
- Form: Reporting must be submitted electronically to the German Bundesbank within the framework of the balance of payments (Allgemeines Meldeportal Statistik – AMS)

Investments of nationals in the abroad

- Foreign securities
- Direct investment
- Loans to foreigners and cash in hands of foreign banks
- Foreign mezzanine capital

- Property and buildings (Real Estate) as well as rights to them
- Other Investments

Attachment Z4 "Payments arising from foreign trade"

- Use: General reporting for incoming and outgoing payments for services, transit trade, trade in goods and capital movements
- Reporting threshold: 12,500 €
- Submission deadline: 7th calendar day after the end of the reporting month

Attachment Z10 "Transactions in securities and financial derivatives in the abroad"

- Use: Incoming and outgoing payments for trading securities and derivatives
- Reporting threshold: 12,500 €
- Submission deadline: 5th calendar day after the end of the reporting month

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