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UAE Tax Alert –

UAE VAT-Concerned Goods: Output Tax, Tax Invoices and Input Tax Recovery

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Executive Summary

The Federal Tax Authority has issued Public Clarification VATP045 on Concerned Goods – goods procured from outside the UAE where the place of supply is in the UAE.

It sets out how to account for output tax, when a self-issued tax invoice was required, and the documents needed to recover input tax. Following the VAT Law amendment, it applies only to Concerned Goods imported on or before 31 December 2025.

Key points at a glance:

- Importing Concerned Goods is treated as a taxable supply to self
- Self-issued tax invoices are no longer required for Concerned Goods imported from 1 January 2026
- For earlier imports, the FTA accepts no self-invoice where the supplier invoice, customs declaration and Box 6 / Box 7 checks are in place
- Input tax remains recoverable without a self-issued invoice, provided the supporting documents are obtained and retained

What VATP045 Clarifies

Concerned Goods — Key Areas

01

Supply to Self

A taxable person importing Concerned Goods is regarded as making a taxable supply to itself under Article 48(1) and is responsible for accounting for the due tax on those goods.

02

Box 6 Reconciliation

The value of the goods and the related output tax prepopulated in Box 6 of the VAT return must be reconciled to internal records for the tax period in which the date of supply falls.

03

Box 7 Adjustments

Where the prepopulated Box 6 values are wrong, or another person imported the goods on the taxable person's behalf, an adjustment must be made in Box 7.

04

Self-Issued Invoices

A registrant was required to issue a valid tax invoice to itself for the import of Concerned Goods made before 1 January 2026, unless it had obtained an administrative exception from the FTA.

05

Tax Credit Notes

Where self-issued tax invoices were raised, self-issued tax credit notes are required if there has been an adjustment to the related Concerned Goods.

Required
Supporting Documents

1

Overseas Supplier Invoice

Obtain and retain the invoice issued by the overseas supplier, reflecting the details of the Concerned Goods and the consideration paid for them.

2

Customs Declaration

Obtain and retain a declaration issued by the relevant Emirate Customs Department reflecting the details and value of the Concerned Goods.

3

Verify Box 6 or Adjust Box 7

Verify that the correct VAT amount is prepopulated in Box 6 of the VAT return or make the necessary adjustment in Box 7 of the return.

Input
Tax Recovery

Recovery Without a Self-Invoice

Input tax is recoverable to the extent the goods are used to make taxable supplies, even where no self-invoice was issued — provided the supplier invoice and the customs declaration are retained.

Timing and Payment

Recovery is made in the first tax period, or the next, in which the documents were obtained and the consideration was paid, or is intended to be paid within six months.

Recommended
Action Items

1

Review Pre-2026 Imports

Identify Concerned Goods imported on or before 31 December 2025 and confirm whether self-issued tax invoices were raised or the documentary conditions were met.

2

Close Documentation Gaps

Ensure overseas supplier invoices and Emirate customs declarations are held and retained for every import within scope.

3

Reconcile Box 6 and Box 7

Reconcile prepopulated Box 6 values to internal records each period and adjust in Box 7 where imports are missing, misstated or made by an agent.

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