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I. LIST OF VAT RATES APPLIED IN THE MEMBER STATES

<u>Member States</u>	<u>Super Reduced Rate</u>	<u>Reduced Rate</u>	<u>Standard Rate</u>	<u>Parking Rate</u>
Belgium	1	6	21	12
Denmark	-	-	25	-
Germany	-	7	16	-
Greece	4	8	18	-
Spain	4	7	16	-
France	2,1	5,5	20,6	-
Ireland	3,6 ^[1]	12,5	21	12,5*
Italy	4	10	20	
Luxemburg	3	6	15	12
Netherlands	-	6	17,5	-
Austria	-	10 / 12	20	-
Portugal	-	5 / 12	17	-
Finland	-	8 / 17	22	-
Sweden	-	6 / 12	25	-
United-Kingdom	-	5	17,5	-

N.B.: Exemptions with a refund of tax paid at preceding stages (zero rates) are not included above (see section V)

[1] 4 % from 01/03/1999

**II. APPLICATION OF REDUCED VAT RATES BY MEMBER STATES TO THE CATEGORIES OF GOODS AND SERVICES
CONTAINED IN ANNEX H OF DIRECTIVE 77/388/EEC**

0 = zero rate (exemption with refund of tax paid at preceding stage); [ex] = exemption

Category	BE	DK	DE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	LU	NL	AT	PT	FI	SE	GB
1 Foodstuffs	6 12 21	25	7 16	8	4 7	5,5 20,6	0 12,5 21	4 10	3	6	10	5 12 17	17	12 25	0
2 Water Supplies	6	25	7	8	7	5,5	[ex]	10	3	6 ⁽¹⁾ 17,5	10	5	22	25	0 17,5
3 Pharmaceutical Products	6 21	25	16	8 18	4 16	5,5 20,6	0	4 10 20	3 15	6 17,5	20	5 17	8	25 0	0 17,5
4 Medical Equipment	6 21 [ex]	25	7	8	7	5,5	0	4	3	17,5	20	17	22	25	0
5 Transport of Passengers	6 0 [ex]	[ex]	7 16	8	7 16	5,5	[ex]	10	[ex] 3	[ex] 6	10	5	8	12 0	0
6 Books, newspapers, Periodicals	6 ou 0 ou 21	25 0	7	4	4	2,1 5,5	0 12,5	4 20	3	6	10	5	8 0/22 0/22	25 6 [ex]	0
7 - Admissions to shows, ... - Radio and TV	[ex] 6 21	25	[ex] 7 16	[ex] 4 8 18	[ex] 7 16	2,1 5,5 20,6	[ex] 12,5 21	4 10 20	3 15 [ex]	6 17,5	[ex] 10	[ex] 5 17	8	25 [ex] 6	17,5
8 Writers, composers, ...	6 21 [ex]	[ex]	7	8	7	5,5	21	10 20	3	17,5	20 10	17 [ex]	[ex]	6	17,5

[1] 6 % under 60 NLG per connexion per year

0 = zero rate (exemption with refund of tax paid at preceding stage); [ex] = exemption

Category	BE	DK	DE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	LU	NL	AT	PT	FI	SE	GB
9 Social housing	6 12	25	16 7	8	4	5,5 20,6	12,5	4 10	3 15	17,5	20	[ex]	22	25 [ex]	17,5 0
10 Agricultural inputs	6 12 21	25	7	8	7	5,5	12,5	4 10	3	6	20 10	5	22 17	25	17,5
11 Hotel accommodation	6	25	16	8	7 16	5,5	12,5	10	3	6	10	5	8	12	17,5
12 Admission to sporting events	6 [ex]	[ex] 25	16	8	7 16	20,6	[ex]	10	3 [ex]	6	20	5	8 [ex]	[ex] 6	17,5
13 Use of sporting facilities	6 [ex]	[ex] 25	[ex]	8	[ex] 16	20,6	12,5	20	3	17,5 6 [ex]	20 [ex]	5	8	6 [ex]	[ex] 17,5
14 Social services	6 21 [ex]	25	7	8	7	20,6	[ex]	20	3 15 [ex]	17,5	0 10	17 [ex]	[ex]	[ex] 25	[ex]
15 Cremation services	6	[ex]	16	8	7 16	20,6	21 [ex]	20	3	[ex]	20	[ex]	[ex]	25 [ex]	[ex]
16 Medical and dental care	6 21 [ex]	[ex]	7 [ex]	8	7	20,6 5,5	[ex] 21	20	3 [ex]	[ex] 17,5	10 [ex]	[ex] 5	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]
17 Collection of domestic waste and street cleaning, ...	21	25	[ex] 16	8	7	20,6 5,5	[ex] 21	4	3	17,5 [ex]	10	[ex] 5	22	25	0 17,5

III. APPLICATION OF THE PARKING RATE IN CERTAIN MEMBER STATES

BELGIUM

Parking rate of 12% applicable to:

1. Certain energy products such as:
 - coal and solid fuel obtained from coal
 - lignite and agglomerated lignite (except for jet)
 - coke and semi-coke from coal, lignite and peat
 - uncharred petroleum coke used as fuel.
2. Social housing
3. Subscriptions to pay television channels
4. Margarine
5. Certain phytopharmaceutical products
6. Certain tyres and inner tubes

IRELAND

Parking rate of 12.5% applicable to:

1. Energy for heating and light
2. Movable property used in the construction and maintenance of immovable property
3. Repair and maintenance of movable property
4. Cleaning and waste collection services
5. Services relating to agriculture and the care of animals
6. Services relating to the care of the human body
7. Certain specific tourist services
8. Services relating to photography
9. Services supplied by jockeys

LUXEMBOURG

The parking rate of 12% applies to:

1. Solid mineral fuels, mineral oils and wood intended for use as fuel
2. Unleaded petrol
3. Printed advertising matter; commercial and similar catalogues
4. Tourism publications
5. Travel agents' and tour operators' services
6. Advertising services
7. Services relating to the practice of a liberal profession
8. The safe custody and administration of securities and the administration of credit and credit guarantees by a person or organisation other than that granting the credit
9. Washing and cleaning products
10. Certain pictures, paintings and drawings, executed entirely by hand, original engravings, prints and lithographs, original statuary and sculptures, in any material
11. Tobacco products
12. Certain wines

IV. LIST OF SUPER-REDUCED RATES (LESS THAN 5%) APPLIED IN THE MEMBER STATES

Food products					4		0 3,6[1]	4	3						0
Beverages: Mineral water/lemonade									3						
Clothing and footwear for children							0		3						0
Pharmaceuticals					4	2,1	0	4	3					0	0
- Books				4	4		0	4	3						0
- Newspapers	0	0		4	4	2,1		4	3				0		0
- Periodicals	0			4	4	2,1		4	3				0		0
Television licence fees						2,1		4							
- Hotels									3						
- Restaurants									3						
- Admissions to cultural services, shows (cinema, theatre, sports)				4					3						
- Use of sports installations									3						
- Treatment of waste and waste water						2,1			3						0
- Collection of household waste									3						0
Passenger transport									3						0

[1] 4 % from 01/03/1999

(N.B.: The list is not exhaustive) 0 = zero rate (exemption with refund of tax paid at preceding stage)

Goods and services	BE	DK	DE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	LU	NL	AT	PT	FI	SE	GB
Property sector:													0		
- Supply of new buildings					4			4	3						0 [2]
- Renovation and repairs					4			4	3						0 [2]
- Construction work on new buildings					4			4	3						0 [2]
Works of art, antiques															2,5 [3]
Medical equipment							0	4	3						0
Water distribution									3						0
Social services									3				0		0
- Cut flowers and plants									3						
- Pesticides, natural and artificial fertilizers							0	4	3						
Raw wool									3						
Gold (ingots, bars and coins)	1														

[2] In the UK, the zero rate is applied to supplies of buildings for residential purposes and to approved alterations to listed buildings

[3] For importations of works of art.

V. CASES WHERE THE ZERO RATE IS APPLIED TO CONSUMPTION IN THE LEGISLATION OF THE MEMBER STATES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RATES

BELGIUM

- Supplies of daily and weekly newspapers of general information
- Supplies of certain recovered materials and by-products

DENMARK

- Sales of newspapers normally published at a rate of more than one issue per month

IRELAND

- Supplies of books and pamphlets (excluding newspapers, periodicals, catalogues, diaries, etc.)
- Supplies of gold to the Central Bank of Ireland
- Supplies of food and drink intended for human consumption (excluding certain products such as alcoholic beverages, manufactured beverages, ice-cream and confectionery)
- Supplies of seeds, plants, trees, etc. used for food production
- Supplies of fertiliser in units of not less than 10 kg
- Supplies of animal feedingstuffs (excluding pet food)
- Supplies of orally administered medicines for human consumption
- Supplies of orally administered medicines for animal consumption (excluding those for pets)
- Supplies of certain articles of feminine hygiene
- Supplies of medical equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, orthopaedic appliances and other artificial parts of the body (excluding false teeth)
- Supplies of articles of clothing and footwear for children of average size under the age of ten (excluding clothes made of fur or skin and articles of clothing and footwear not marked with the size or age)
- Supplies of wax candles (plain, white and undecorated)
- Certain services provided by the Commissioners of Irish Lights
- Life-saving services provided by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

ITALY

- Supplies of unwrought gold (in ingots, etc.)
- Supplies of land not capable of being used as building land
- Supplies of ferrous and non-ferrous metal scrap

FINLAND

- Newspapers and periodicals provided that they are sold on subscription for a period of at least one month
- Printing services for membership publications of non-profit making organisations
- Sale, charter and hire of certain vessels as well as repair, maintenance and other work carried out on them (excluding vessels used for sport and leisure), including the services of intermediaries
- Supply of gold to the Central bank, including the services of intermediaries
- Sale, charter and hire of aircraft and spare parts or equipment used by airlines operating for a consideration mainly on international routes as well as repair, maintenance and other work carried out on them, including the services of intermediaries

SWEDEN

- Services with regard to production (basically printing services) of membership periodicals, staff periodicals and periodicals issued by non-profit organisations, including services related to such production, such as distribution services
- Supply of *seagoing vessels* (also by intermediaries) used for transport services (goods and passengers), fishing or rescue or assistance at sea, supply of *aircraft* for transport of goods or passengers, supply of *services* related to seagoing vessels and aircraft such as modification, repair, maintenance and chartering and hiring, supply and import of parts, spare parts and equipment to such vessels to and by the owner, the charterer or the user of the vessel, supply of services related to such parts, spare parts, equipment
- The supply or hire of vessels for rescue at sea to the Swedish Society for Rescue at sea, including supply of parts, equipment and fuel to such vessels, maintenance, repairs and other services carried out on such vessels owned by or hired by this organisation including parts, spare parts and equipment for such a vessel
- Medicine supplied on prescription or sold to hospitals or imported into the country to be supplied on prescription or sold to hospitals
- Fuel for aircraft
- Supply of gold to the Central bank

UNITED KINGDOM

- Supplies of books, newspapers, periodicals, sheet music, maps, etc.
- Supplies of food products for human or animal consumption, except for supplies of pre-cooked dishes and certain highly processed products such as ice-cream, chocolates, manufactured beverages or beverages subject to excise duty and pet foods
- Supplies of seeds or other means of propagation of plants classified under the above paragraph
- Supplies of live animals of a type generally used as, or yielding or producing, food for human consumption
- Supplies of water other than distilled or mineral water
- Supplies of pharmaceuticals, medicines, medical and surgical instruments, aids for handicapped persons (excluding hearing aids, dental prostheses, spectacles, etc.)
- Supplies of children's clothing and footwear
- Construction of buildings for residential purposes; approved alterations to listed buildings
- Supplies of certain materials by a person supplying the above-mentioned services, excluding maintenance and repair work
- Supplies for and by charity organisations of goods donated with a view to being sold
- Supplies of magnetic tape and tape recorders , etc. to the Royal National Institute for the Blind
- Supplies to a charity organisation of radio receivers for free loan to blind persons
- Sewage services
- The transport of passengers in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft carrying at least 12 passengers; or by the Post Office; or by any scheduled service
- The transport of passengers or freight from or to a place outside the United Kingdom
- Supplies of certain caravans and houseboats
- Supplies of boots and helmets for industrial use
- Supplies of motor-cycle helmets
- Supplies of gold between banks and the London Gold market

VI. VAT RATES GENERALLY APPLIED IN THE MEMBER STATES TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

0 = zero rate (exemption with refund of tax paid at preceding stage); [ex] = exemption; [m] = taxation on the margin; [-] = out of scope

GOODS AND SERVICES	BE	DK	DE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	LU	NL	AT	PT	FI	SE	GB
Foodstuffs	12 21	25	7 16	8	4 7	5,5 20,6	0 3,6[1] 12,5 21	4 10	3	6	10	5 12 17	17	12 25	0
Beverages: Spirits	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Wine	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	12	17,5	20	5	22	25	17,5
Beer	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Mineral water	21	25	16	8	7	5,5	21	20	3	6	20	12	17	12	17,5
Lemonade	21	25	16	8	7	5,5	21	20	3	6	20	12	17	12	17,5
Fruit juices	21	25	16	8	7	5,5	21	20	3	6	20	12	17	12	17,5
Clothing: Adults	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	12 15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Children	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	0	20	3	17,5	20	17	22	25	0
Footwear: Adults	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Children	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	0	20	3	17,5	20	17	22	25	0
Pharmaceutical products	6 21	25	16	8	4	2,1 5,5	0 21	4 10 20	3	6	20	5 17	8	25 0	0
Tobacco	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	12	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Books	0/6/21	25	7	4	4	5,5	0	4	3	6	10	5	8	25	0
Daily newspapers	0/6/21	0	7	4	4	2,1	12,5	4	3	6	10	5	0/22	6	0
Periodicals	0/6/21	25	7	4	4	2,1	12,5	10	3	6	10	5	0/22	25/[ex]	0

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Hifi-Video	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	10 20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
CD / CD-roms	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Household electrical appliances	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Furs	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Jewels	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Water	6	25	7	8	7	5,5	[ex]	10	3	6[2] 17,5	10	5	22	25	0 17,5
Gas	21	25	16	8	16	20,6/5,5	12,5[3]	10	6	17,5	20	17	22	25	5
Electricity	21	25	16	8	16	20,6/5,5	12,5[3]	10	6	17,5	20	5	22	25	5
Firewood	6	25	7	8	16	5,5	12,5[3]	10	12	17,5	10	17	22	25	17,5
Timber for industrial use	21	25	7	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	10 20	17	22	25	17,5
Telecommunication services:															
- Phone/fax/ telex/etc.	21	25	[ex] 16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	10	17	22	25	17,5
- Pay TV/ cable TV	12 21	25	16	8	16 7	5,5	21	10	15	17,5	10	17	22	25	17,5
- TV licence	[-]	25	[ex]	[ex]		2,1	[ex]	4	[ex]	[ex]	10		8	25	[ex]
Petroleum products:															
Petrol (unleaded)	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	12	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Diesel fuel	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	12	22	25	17,5
LPG	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	6	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
Heating oil	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	12,5[3]	20	12	17,5	20	12 5	22	25	5
Lubricants	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17 12	22	25	17,5

[2] 6 % under 60 NLG per connexion per year

[3] Parking Rate

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Motor vehicles	21 6	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20 12	17	22	25	17,5
PASSENGER TRANSPORT															
Domestic transport:															
Air	6	[ex]	16	8	16 7	5,5	[ex]	10	3	6	10	5	8	12	0
Sea	6	[ex]	7	8	16 7	5,5	[ex]	10		6		5	8	12	0
Inland waterway	6	[ex]	16 7	8	16 7	5,5	[ex]	10	0 3	6	10	5	8	12	0
Rail	6	[ex]	16 7	8	7	5,5	[ex]	10	3	6	10	5	8	12	0
Road	6	[ex] 25	16 7	8	7	5,5	[ex]	20 [ex]	3	6	10	5	8	12	0
Intra-community and international transport:															
Air	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Inland waterway	6		7 0		16	5,5		0	[ex] 15	6	0	0	0	0	
Rail	6	0	16 7	0	7	0	0	0	0	6	10 0	0	0	0	0
Road	6	0	16 7	8	7	5,5 [ex]	0	0	0	6 0	10	0	0	0	0

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Hotels	6	25	16	8	7	5,5	12,5	10	3	6	10	5	8	12	17,5
Restaurants	21	25	16	8	7	20,6	12,5	10	3	6	10	12	22	25	17,5
				18				20			20				
Immovable property:															
Building land	[-]	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	16	20,6	[-]	20	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]
										17,5					17,5
Supplies of new buildings	21	[ex]	[ex]	18	4	20,6	12,5[3]	10	3	17,5	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	0
	12			8	7			4	15						17,5
	6														
	[ex]				16										
Renovation and repairs	6	25	16	18	4	20,6	12,5[3]	10	3	17,5	20	5	22	25	17,5
	12			8	7			20	15			17			
	21							4							
Construction work on new buildings	6	25	16	18	4	20,6	12,5[3]	4	3	17,5	20	5	22	25	17,5
	12			8	7				15			17			0
	21														
Works of art, collector's items		25	7	8	16	5,5	12,5	20	6	6	10	17	22	25	0
	21	[m]	[m]	[m]	7	20,6	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	17,5
	[m]				[m]	[m]						[ex]	[ex]	[ex]	[m]
															2,5
Antiques	6	25	16	8	16	5,5	12,5	20	15	6	10	17	22	25	0
	21	[m]	[m]	[m]	7	20,6	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	17,5
	[m]				[m]	[m]						[ex]			[m]
															2,5

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Second-hand goods	[m] 6 12 21	25 [m]	16 [m]	8 18 [m]	16 7 [m]	5,5 20,6 [m]	0 12,5 21 [m]	20 10 [m]	15 [m]	17,5 [m]	20 [m]	17 [m]	22 [m]	25 [m]	17,5 [m]
Admissions to cultural services, shows (cinema, theatre)	[ex] 6	[ex] 25	[ex] 7	[ex] 8 4	[ex] 7	5,5 20,6	[ex] 12,5	10	3 [ex]	6	10 [ex]	[ex] 5	8 [ex]	6 [ex]	17,5
Admissions to sporting events	6 [ex]	[ex] 25	7 16	8	7 16	20,6	[ex]	10	3 [ex]	6	20	5	8	[ex] 6	17,5
Use of sports facilities	6 [ex]	[ex] 25	16	8	[ex] 16	20,6	12,5	20	3	17,5 [ex]	[ex] 20	5	8	[ex] 6	17,5
Travel agencies	21 [m]	[ex]	16 [m]	18 [m]	16 [m]	20,6 [m]	[ex]	20 [m]	12 [m]	[ex]	20 [m]	17 [m]	22 [m]	25 [m]	17,5 [m] 0
Pesticides and plant protection materials	12 21	25	16	8 18	7	5,5	21	4 10	3	6	20	5	22	25	17,5
Cut flowers and plants: Decorative use	6	25	7	8	7	5,5	12,5	10	6	6 17,5	10	12	22	25	17,5
Food production	6	25	7	4 8	7	5,5	0	10	3	6	10	5	17	25	0
Treatment of waste and waste water	21 [ex]	25	[ex] 16	8	7	5,5 20,6	[ex] 12,5	10 20	3	17,5	10	17 5	22	25	17,5 0
Collection of household waste, ...	21 [ex]	25	[ex] 16	8	7	20,6	[ex] 12,5	10	3	[ex]	10	[ex] 5	22	25	17,5

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Arrangements for the taxation of gold:															
Ingots and bars	1	25	[ex]	18	16	[ex]	21	[ex]	[ex]	6	[ex]	[ex]	22	25	17,5
	21		16			20,6		20	15			17	0	0	0
Coins (currency)	1	25	16	18	16	[ex]	21	20	[ex]	6	[ex]	[ex]	22	25	17,5
	21		7			20,6			15		20	17	0	0	0
Jewelry, gold plate, medals, tools	21	25	16	18	16	20,6	21	20	15	17,5	20	17	22	25	17,5
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VII. GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES OF THE APPLICATION OF VAT IN THE COMMUNITY

DENMARK

- The Faeroe Islands and Greenland are not part of the European Union; consequently, VAT (according to the 6th directive) is not applicable on these territories.

GERMANY

- For VAT purposes, the country does not include the island of Heligoland or the territory of Büsingen.

GREECE

- For the departments of Lesbos, Chios, Samos, the Dodecanese and the Cyclades, and on the Aegean islands of Thassos, the Northern Sporades, Samothrace and Skiros, the rates of 4%, 8% and 18% have been reduced by 30% to 3%, 6% and 13% respectively. These rates apply to imports, intra-Community acquisitions, supplies of goods and services effected on these islands and supplies of goods from other areas of Greece to persons established on these islands. This preferential system does not, however, apply to tobacco products and means of transport. Mount Athos is excluded from the scope of VAT.

SPAIN

- For VAT purposes, the country does not include the Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla.

FRANCE

- Special rates apply in Corsica and the overseas departments (DOM):
 - (a) **CORSICA**
 - 0.90%: certain theatrical shows and circuses, sales of live meat and charcuterie animals to persons not liable to pay tax;
 - 2.10%: goods supplied in Corsica to which the reduced rates are applicable in mainland France;
 - 8%: certain work on immovable property, agricultural equipment and sales for consumption on the premises, sales of electricity supplied at low voltage;
 - 13%: petroleum products;The standard rate applicable in Corsica is the same as in the rest of the country: 20.6%.
 - (b) **DOM**
 - In the overseas departments, but not French Guiana, a reduced rate of 2.10% and a standard rate of 9.5% are applicable.
 - (c) **MONACO**
 - Goods and services supplied to or from the Principality of Monaco are regarded as having been supplied to or from France.

ITALY

- The following territories are excluded from the scope of VAT:
Livigno, Campione d'Italia and the territorial waters of Lake Lugano.

AUSTRIA

- A special rate of 16% applies in Jungholz and Mittelberg.

PORTUGAL

- Special rates apply in the Azores and Madeira:
4% - reduced rate;
8% - parking rate;
12% - standard rate.

FINLAND

- The Aaland island is not part of the European Union.

UNITED KINGDOM

- Goods and services supplied to or from the Isle of Man are regarded as having been supplied to or from the United Kingdom.

VIII. THE EVOLUTION OF VAT RATES APPLICABLE IN THE MEMBER STATES

MEMBER STATES AND DATES	REDUCED RATE	STANDARD RATE	INCREASED RATE	PARKING RATE
Belgium				
1/01/71	6	18	25	14
1/01/78	6	16	25	-
1/12/80	6	16	25 25+5	-
1/07/81	6	17	25 25+5	-
1/09/81	6	17	25 25+8	-
1/03/82	1 6	17	25 25+8	-
1/01/83	1 6	19	25 25+8	17
1/04/92	1 6 12	19,5	-	-
1/01/94	1 6	20,5	-	12
1/01/96	1 6	21	-	12
Denmark				
3/07/67	-	10	-	-
1/04/68	-	12,5	-	-
29/06/70	-	15	-	-
29/09/75	9,25	15	-	-
1/03/76	-	15	-	-
3/10/77	-	18	-	-
1/10/78	-	20,25	-	-
30/06/80	-	22	-	-
1/01/92	-	25	-	-
Germany				
1/01/68	5	10	-	-
1/07/68	5,5	11	-	-
1/01/78	6	12	-	-
1/07/79	6	13	-	-
1/07/83	7	14	-	-
1/01/93	7	15	-	-
1/04/98	7	16	-	-
Greece				
1/01/87	3 6	18	36	-
1/01/88	3 6	16	36	-
28/04/90	4 8	18	36	-
8/08/92	4 8	18	-	-
Spain				
1/01/86	6	12	33	-
1/01/92	6	13	28	-
1/08/92	6	15	28	-
1/01/93	3 6	15	-	-
1/01/95	4 7	16	-	-

MEMBER STATES AND DATES	REDUCED RATE	STANDARD RATE	INCREASED RATE	PARKING RATE
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France

1/01/68	(1)	6	16,66	20	13
1/12/68	(1)	7	19	25	15
1/01/70		7,5	23	33,33	17,6
1/01/73		7	20	33,33	17,6
1/01/77		7	17,6	33,33	-
1/07/82	(2)	4 5,5 7	18,6	33,33	-
1/01/86		4 5,5 7	18,6	33,33	-
1/07/86		2,1 4 5,5 7 13	18,6	33,33	-
17/09/87		2,1 4 5,5 7 13	18,6	33,33	28
1/12/88		2,1 4 5,5 7 13	18,6	28	-
1/01/89		2,1 5,5 13	18,6	28	-
8/09/89		2,1 5,5 13	18,6	25 28	-
1/01/90		2,1 5,5 13	18,6	25	-
13/09/90		2,1 5,5 13	18,6	22	-
29/07/91		2,1 5,5	18,6	22	-
1/01/93		2,1 5,5	18,6	-	-
1/08/95		2,1 5,5	20,6	-	-

(1) Up to 1.1.1970, the VAT rates were applicable to a price inclusive of VAT itself.

As from 1.1.1970, the VAT rates apply to prices net of tax.

(2) 4% rate 1.7.82 to 1.1.86 was provisional.

Ireland

1/11/72		1 5,26	16,37	30,26	11,11
3/09/73		1 6,75	19,5	36,75	11,11
1/03/76		10	20	35 40	-
1/03/79		1 10	20	-	-
1/05/80		1 10	25	-	-
1/09/81		1,5 15	25	-	-
1/05/82		1,8 18	30	-	-
1/03/83		2,3 23	35	-	-
1/05/83		2,3 5 18	23 35	-	-
1/07/83		2 5 18	23 35	-	-
1/05/84		2 5 8 18	23 35	-	-
1/03/85		2,2 10	23	-	-
1/03/86		2,4 10	25	-	-
1/05/87		1,7 10	25	-	-
1/03/88		1,4 5 10	25	-	-
1/03/89		2 5 10	25	-	-
1/03/90		2,3 10	23	-	-
1/03/91		2,3 10 12,5	21	-	-
1/03/92		2,7 10 12,5	21	-	16
1/03/93		2,5 12,5	21	-	12,5
1/01/96		2,8 12,5	21	-	12,5
1/03/97		3,3 12,5	21	-	12,5
1/03/98		3,6 12,5	21	-	12,5
1/03/99		4 12,5	21	-	12,5

MEMBER STATES AND DATES	REDUCED RATE	STANDARD RATE	INCREASED RATE	PARKING RATE
Italy				
1/01/73	6	12	18	-
1/01/75	6	12	30	18
18/03/76	6	12	30	18
10/05/76	6 9	12	30	18
23/12/76	1 3 6 9	12	30	18
8/02/77	1 3 6 9 12	14	35	18
3/07/80	2 8	15	35	18
1/11/80	1 2 3 6 9 12	14	35	15 18
1/01/81	2 8	15	35	18
5/08/82	2 8 10 15	18	38	20
19/04/84	2 8 10 15	18	30 38	20
20/12/84	2 9	18	30	-
1/08/88	2 9	19	38	-
1/01/89	4 9	19	38	-
13/05/91	4 9 12	19	38	-
1/01/93	4 9	19	-	12
1/01/94	4 9	19	-	13
24/02/95	4 10	19	-	16
1/10/97	4 10	20	-	-
Luxemburg				
1/01/70	4	8	-	-
1/01/71	2 5	10	-	-
1/07/83	3 6	12	-	-
1/01/92	3 6	15	-	-
1/10/92	3 6	15	-	12
Netherlands				
1/01/69	4	12	-	-
1/01/71	4	14	-	-
1/01/73	4	16	-	-
1/01/76	4	18	-	-
1/01/84	5	19	-	-
1/10/86	6	20	-	-
1/01/89	6	18,5	-	-
1/10/92	6	17,5	-	-
Austria				
1/01/73	8	16	-	-
1/01/76	8	18	-	-
1/01/78	8	18	-	30
1/01/81	13 8	18	-	30
1/01/84	10	20	-	32
1/01/92	10	20	-	-
1/01/95	12 10	20	-	-
Portugal				
1/01/86	8	16	30	-
1/02/88	8	17	30	-
24/03/92 (1)	5	16	30	-
1/01/95	5	17	-	-
1/07/96	5 12	17	-	-

(1) On 24 March 1992 Portugal abolished the zero-rate. All goods and services previously zero-rated are now taxed at 5%.

MEMBER STATES AND DATES	REDUCED RATE	STANDARD RATE	INCREASED RATE	PARKING RATE
Finland				
1/06/94	12 5	22	-	-
1/01/95	17 12 6	22	-	-
1/01/98	17 8	22	-	-
Sweden				
1/01/69	6,38 2,04	11,11	-	-
1/01/71	9,89 3,09	17,65	-	-
1/06/77	11,43 3,54	20,63	-	-
8/09/80	12,87 3,95	23,46	-	-
16/11/81	11,88 3,67	21,51	-	-
1/01/83	12,87 3,95	23,46	-	-
1/07/90	13,64 4,17	23,46	-	25
1/01/92	18	25	-	-
1/01/93	18	25	-	-
1/07/93	21 12	25	-	-
1/01/96	6 12	25	-	-
United-Kingdom				
1/04/73	-	10	-	-
29/07/74	-	8	-	-
18/11/74	-	8	25	-
12/04/76	-	8	12,5	-
18/06/79	-	15	-	-
1/04/91	-	17,5	-	-
1/04/94	-	17,5	-	8
1/01/95	8	17,5	-	-
1/09/97	5	17,5	-	-