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Q.1 What are your views on the proposal to introduce real-time reporting for B2B and B2G transactions?

This will bring in a lot of complications for small businesses

Q.2 What matters should be considered in planning for a transition to a new VAT Reporting system?

That all accounting / invoicing software suppliers integrate the new system. This will not happen for most international software suppliers

Q.3 If your business is currently subject to a VAT reporting programme in another EU or non-EU country, can you please share best practice, recommendations or lessons learnt?

N/A

Q.4 Have you any observations, concerns or recommendations on a move to mandatory electronic invoicing for B2B & B2G domestic VAT transactions?

for us the only only way it can work is if our cloud software suppliers integrate it. one is a UK system so will not integrate, the other one is based in Canada so it will not happen either. As a small business, we don't have the time and resources to move to other suppliers

Q.5 Revenue is particularly interested in hearing views from businesses that are already engaged in eInvoicing Public Bodies within Ireland or engaged in B2B eInvoicing throughout Europe and beyond. How did you prepare and what challenges prevailed in your preparations for eInvoicing?

N/A

Q.6 What suggestions would you offer in Ireland’s arrangements for a mandatory B2B and B2G eInvoicing programme?

As said earlier, provide integration for all Irish software providers, and also all other systems used in Ireland that are not Irish. A good starting point would be to ask businesses who are and where are their invoicing software providers

Q.7 Revenue are cognisant that small businesses may have different perspectives and requirements to large businesses, so what information prompts would you find useful for businesses in completing the VAT return?

I don't think it is an issue: all businesses use (small) accounting packages and all of them extract the VAT automatically, making the bi-monthly returns very easy