Response Number 779

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

I dont really see the necessity

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

Enough time to comply
Proper guidelines (Revenue is always very vague)
Inclusive for those who are not computer savey as in paper returns

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?

People who are not computer familiar ....what are they to do ....extra cost etc...

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?

I use Sage Accounting to generate invoices and keep accounts up todate, but here again its quite a cost on a small business every month . I was lucky in that I'm familiar with several different Accounts packages and Excel etc so in my case not an issue but I can imagine for others it would be a huge issue, especially if they are not savy to nominal codes etc

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

I dont think it should be mandatory. I think it would have a huge affect on day to day business
Also I dont understand B2R elnvoicing .....why would a business be sending Revenue Invoices ?
Or is this meant as filing Vat through Accounts packages as is an option in the UK (optional)

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 dont see the need to change but for business with accounts packages already Revenue could engage with the different software packages to allow for Vat3 & RTD to be filed directly from the accounts package already installed (MTD as in UK), This would not require any extra cost or time for the business and would probably make everyones life easier less errors in Transcripting figures etc
For businesss with no accounts packages I think they should be left as is and perhaps Revenue could introduce a very simple spreadsheet or accounts package at no cost to those business's with step by step instruction/free videos/face to face sessions so that these business could be eased into electronic reporting without feeling pressured or financially exerted.