

### **Changes relating to ECSLs and time of supply services**

HMRC have given some information about how the new EU measures relating to EC Sales Lists (ESLs) for services and how they will be implemented in the UK. The implementation date for these new measures is 1 January 2010. In summary, the main changes relate to the submission of ESLs, which should normally be submitted monthly. The UK however intends to allow ESLs relating to services to be submitted quarterly. There will be changes to the time of supply of services rules for services supplied to businesses in another EU country, where the customer has to account for VAT under the "reverse charge". The time of supply of such services will be the earlier of when the service is completed or when payment is made. For continuous supplies of services, the time of supply will be linked to the end of each billing or payment period / or it will be the end of each calendar year if no invoice is issued or payment made during the year.