



# VAT Communicator

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## VAT Information

- \* Switzerland will reduce its Standard VAT Rate from 8% to 7.7%. The Special Rate applied to accommodations will come down to 3.7% from 3.8%. Changes will come into effect on January 01, 2018.
- \* The UK Government has updated its plans to prevent VAT evasion. Non EU businesses that sell goods online in the UK will need to comply. The focus will be on fulfillment houses in an effort to get them to monitor their customers' VAT compliance.

UVS would like clients to please send all UK Invoices and receipts (Hotel, Food, Transportation, Exhibitions, etc.), to our Atlanta office immediately. We are closing in on the filing deadline and need to review invoices for VAT refund compliance, and arrange for any correction, or Tax certificates that may be required.



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## You Always Win With UVS

A supplier to one of our clients, had erroneously charged 21% Dutch VAT on four invoices that had been sent to us to process VAT refunds. The amount involved was € 5592.00. In such a case, UVS needed to work directly with the supplier to reverse the incorrect charges. Unfortunately the supplier did not respond to our initial request for correction and refund. Subsequently, UVS involved a Dutch team member, who persistently called the supplier. Her efforts paid off. The supplier was however kind enough to flag another 43 invoices on which VAT was incorrectly charged (the client had not noticed the charges), and agreed to provide a Credit Note to the client. The additional invoices added €12,888.00 to the refund, giving the client a total refund of €18,480.00. As the old adage goes, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." At UVS, we always strive to maximize our clients' VAT recovery.

## UVS at BCD Trade Show in Aruba

UVS participated in a recent Trade Show which was part of the BCD Associates Fall Meeting on the island of Aruba on the South Caribbean Sea. The event was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Palm Beach between September 11 and 13. It was attended by more than 130 participants, the majority of whom were BCD Affiliates. UVS is keen on working with BCD



Raj Shah, President UVS, at the BCD event.

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