

## Help with error messages

### Incomplete recording in merchanting and factoryless production (GA1 and GA2)

Our enterprise has only purchases of goods or sales of goods, but the form returned the error message *"When reporting merchanting, both purchases (GA1) and sales (GA2) must be reported!"* or Statistics Finland contacted me by email about it.

An enterprise practising merchanting has both purchases and sales. In merchanting, a Finnish enterprise purchases goods from abroad and resells them unchanged abroad without the goods ever entering Finland. An example of merchanting is when a Finnish enterprise purchases goods from China and resells them unchanged to the United States, without the goods ever entering Finland.

Add the missing purchases of goods (GA1) or sales of goods (GA2) on the form.

NB. In trade abroad from abroad, purchases and sales of goods crossing the Finnish border are not reported, only the goods trade taking place outside the Finnish borders. An exception to this is the recordings of goods related to construction services and project deliveries, in which exports of goods from Finland are recorded. If necessary, remove the recordings as described in section 4.

If your enterprise has any other kind of goods trade, where the goods do not cross the border, the activity may belong to service items GB1, GB2 and SA in our inquiry. The items are described in the filling-in instructions. If you are uncertain in which item the goods trade should be reported, please contact us at [globalisaatio.tilastot@stat.fi](mailto:globalisaatio.tilastot@stat.fi). Briefly describe in the message your enterprise's business activity, for example what kinds of goods the enterprise purchases and sells. Together we can then consider in which items your enterprise should report.

### Goods trade related to goods sent abroad for processing (GB1 and GB2) and imports of manufacturing services (SA).

The form returned the error message *"When reporting goods trade related to goods sent abroad for processing (GB1 or GB2), imports must be reported in the item industrial services (SA)!"* or Statistics Finland contacted me by email about it.

Items GB1 and GB2 are foreign flows of goods connected to manufacturing services, which are reported only if the enterprise pays a foreign enterprise for processing, that is, manufacturing services (SA).

For example, a Finnish enterprise can buy raw materials from Vietnam and process them in China without the goods being imported to Finland. The goods processed in China are sold directly to the United States. This is reported as follows:

1. Purchases made in Vietnam are recorded in item GB1.
2. The processing premium paid to the Chinese factory in item SA.
3. Sales from the finished goods in item GB2.

Add the missing manufacturing services (SA) on the form.

Goods exported from Finland or goods imported to Finland are not reported in goods sent abroad for processing. If you have reported goods crossing the border on the form, make the corrections as described in section 4.

### Construction abroad (SE12) and flows of goods related to project deliveries from Finland abroad (GE2) and purchases of services abroad related to construction or project deliveries (SE13 and GE2).

The form returned the error message

- “When reporting construction abroad, the gross value of sales (SE1) and related exports of goods from Finland (SE12), as well as related costs abroad (SE13) should be reported” or
- ” When reporting project deliveries both the gross value of sales (GE1) and related costs (GE2) should be reported!”

or Statistics Finland contacted me by email about it.

In reporting construction services and project deliveries, income and costs of construction or project deliveries are recorded as follows:

- In construction, income is recorded in item SE1, costs for goods exported from Finland abroad in item SE12 and costs for goods and services abroad in item SE13.
- In reporting project deliveries, all income is recorded in item GE1 and all costs in item GE2.

Add the missing recordings on the form.

If your enterprise does not have construction services or project deliveries, delete the recordings you made in construction services and/or project deliveries.

### Deletion or change of saved and incorrectly reported country-specific purchases or sales on the form.

Select the incorrectly reported country-specific service item on the form and edit the sum to zero. You cannot delete a country-specific service item.

### Difference in data reported in the inquiry and in the Tax Administration's self-assessed tax data (MyTax).

Statistics Finland contacted me by email about me having reported fewer purchases and/or sales of services in total for the calendar year in the inquiry on international trade in services than what our enterprise has reported to the Tax Administration in MyTax in the same calendar year.

Something is probably missing from the purchases and/or sales of services reported in the inquiry. Missing purchases or sales may be:

- International trade in services with an enterprise belonging to the same group.
- Commissions received from or paid to a foreign enterprise related to goods trade.
- Services purchased and produced in Finland, in which the party of the trade is a foreign enterprise.

International trade in services includes all such activity, in which a Finnish enterprise pays money to a foreign enterprise or receives money from a foreign enterprise for anything else than goods. The service can be produced in Finland or abroad.

Add the missing purchases and/or sales of services to the form.

In Statistics Finland's inquiry, transmission of electricity, travel, insurances and emissions trading are not reported, but they are reported to the Tax Administration in MyTax. If the difference in data between Statistics Finland's inquiry and the Tax Administration's MyTax is caused by this, please inform us about it at [globalisaatio.tilastot@stat.fi](mailto:globalisaatio.tilastot@stat.fi).

### Goods trade crossing the Finnish border.

Goods trade crossing the Finnish border is not reported in the inquiry. Remove the recordings from the form as described in section 4.

Recordings related to construction services and project deliveries are an exception:  
Exports of goods from Finland related to construction services are reported in item SE12 and exports of goods related to project deliveries in item GE2. Other purchases or sales of goods across the Finnish border are not reported.