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## **VAT - Estonia, Slovenia, Sweden and United Kingdom - Cash accounting scheme**

The Council adopted a decision authorising Estonia, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom to apply, from 1 January 2007 until 31 December 2009, an optional cash accounting scheme under which a taxable person must postpone deduction of value added tax (VAT) until the payment for goods or services has been made to the supplier (17108/06).

Under the decision, these four countries are authorised to postpone the right of deduction of the input tax of taxable persons until the input tax has been paid to their suppliers.

The taxable persons concerned must use a scheme whereby they account for the output VAT for their supplies when they have received the payments from their customers. They must have an annual turnover not higher than EUR 208 646 for Slovenia, SEK 3 000 000 for Sweden and GBP 1 350 000 for the United Kingdom, or, in the case of Estonia, they must be registered as sole proprietor.

The special measure introduced by this decision derogates from directive 2006/112/EC on the EU common system of value added tax.

## **EU budget - Technical adjustment for 2007**

The Council established draft amending budget no. 1 to the EU's general budget for 2007 and instructed the presidency to prepare the budgetary documents to be sent to the European Parliament (5417/07).

## **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

### **Terrorist list - Follow-up to court ruling in OMPI case**

The Council, following the judgment by the Court of First Instance on 12 December 2006 in the OMPI case (Organisation des Modjahedines du Peuple de l'Iran), decided to provide OMPI with a statement of reasons for keeping it on the EU's asset freeze list of persons, groups and entities involved in terrorist acts, and to give OMPI one month to present its views, together with any supporting documentation.

The Council will consider any reaction by OMPI within this period of time, before taking a final decision.