

Fact Sheet 14

VAT charges for Overseas Orders with UK delivery

Lucid has had direct correspondence with HMCE in relation to this matter and HMCE has made it clear that Lucid must supply all goods delivered to UK addresses, including shipping agents, with VAT and can only remove a charge for VAT if the conditions set out in this document have been properly met.

Where Lucid delivers goods to any UK address including it's customer's 'shipping agent' [see www.hmce.gov.uk for HMCE's definition of shipping agent], Lucid must levy a VAT charge. Lucid may remove the VAT charge if it is supplied with the "Single Administrative Document (Form C88)" plus 'evidence of transportation' [see www.hmce.gov.uk for HMCE's definition of 'evidence of transportation'] from the shipping agent.

Relevant HMCE publications include Public Notice 703, which shows a list of evidence required on page 27. This notice and others can be viewed online at the HMCE website.

Please note that the HMCE generally find photocopied documentation as unacceptable and that software supplies are classified and rated differently from book supplies for VAT purposes.

Summary

Lucid can only refund or remove the VAT element of our supply to any UK address if it has been provided with and retains the following forms of evidence (photocopies are usually not accepted by HMCE as sufficient evidence):

- 1) Single Administrative Document (Form C88)
- 2) Evidence of transportation to export destination
- 3) The above must be provided within 30 days of Lucid's Sales Invoice date.

The information provided in this document is in accordance with our beliefs only and it is recommended that every enquirer should consult directly with HMCE to confirm the information contained in this document and to address any other matters or queries which they may have.

Please refer to the VAT section of the HMCE web site (www.hmce.gov.uk).

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Important note. We believe that all information is correct at time of going to press (September 2001).