

For all foreign companies wishing to recover VAT on their purchases in France!

# **VALUE ADDED TAX REFUND**

## **VAT IS REFUNDABLE ON FOLLOWING EXPENSES**



- Trade fairs, exhibitions, seminars, events: Participation fees, space booking, conference rooms, flowers, decoration, hostess services, translations, telephone, electricity, transport of goods or machinery...
- Restaurants, food and beverages, catering
- Petrol (80% of the VAT...)
- Furniture rental
- Commercial car and van rental
- Intangible services: advertising, legal services, IT services...

VAT is not refundable for the following expenses: hotels, car rental (tourism), air, train or taxi fares or the purchase of gifts.

#### **HOW TO OBTAIN A VAT REFUND?**

Please first contact the French Chamber based in your own country, which will facilitate your request in collaboration with our Paris office (contact details available on: <a href="www.ccifrance-international.org">www.ccifrance-international.org</a>).

If there is no French Chamber in your country, please contact us directly, attaching the following documents:

- 1. **Original** of all invoices showing the refundable amount of French VAT (*Copies of invoices, even certified, will not be accepted!*)
- 2. A signed mandate form in French authorizing us to manage the process on your behalf
- 3. If your company is established in one of the European Union countries, an official certificate showing that your company is a VAT payee in that country (original copy dated and valid for less than one year)
- 4. A bank routing number enabling us to wire the VAT refund.

## THE PAYMENT?

You can expect to receive your VAT refund within a period of one to three months. Our fees vary from 6 to 10% of the VAT refunded.

**IMPORTANT**: please send us all the required documents duly completed by the **15th of June** (latest) following the invoice issuance date.

## **ABOUT US**

Founded in 1907, CCI France International brings together, coordinates and promotes 124 accredited French Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI FI) in 93 countries. CCI France International is the largest private French business network in the world with a combined membership base of more than 37.000 companies.



Thanks to their close relationships with the Chambers of Commerce and Industry in France, the CCI FI offer customized services to French companies looking to expand their activities abroad.

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