Value Added Tax is a consumption tax added to most goods and services in many countries around the world. The national tax systems of Europe, Japan and Australia allow most non-resident business entities to claim a refund of VAT. A sample of services where North American companies that do business within the European Union can be charged 17-27% Value Added Tax (VAT):

- Lodging
- Meals
- Transportation
- Professional fees
- Tradeshows and Conferences

VAT refund rules and registration requirements vary from country to country, but most North American business entities will qualify for a refund if they follow the proper procedures. There is generally no reason VAT paid in Europe, Japan, and Australia should be absorbed as a cost by your company. Euro VAT Refund, Inc. can help assess if the VAT incurred can be reclaimed, and assist in the reclaim process.

**European countries that refund all or parts of the VAT to North American companies/organizations (if not VAT registered):**

- Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**VAT on Sales of Goods and Services:**

**Import VAT**

VAT registration is often required if the North American company ships goods to the EU countries. Import VAT has to be paid to customs, and it is generally not possible to reclaim the import VAT without a VAT registration.

**Drop-shipping**

In most cases VAT registration is required when the North American company purchases goods from a European vendor which are then shipped to European customers.