

Calculating and Reporting Taxes with Microsoft Dynamics® AX 2012

Tax management is an integral part of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. Requirements for calculating and reporting taxes differ significantly from country to country. Therefore, the functionality of a tax module in a truly international ERP system must be comprehensive. The tax module in Microsoft Dynamics AX 2012 enables you to define a flexible, multidimensional tax setup by using *tax codes, tax groups,* and *item tax groups*. The tax module has been designed with an emphasis on sales taxes, but it can process many other kinds of taxes and duties.

TAX CODES, TAX GROUPS, AND ITEM TAX GROUPS

The core elements of the tax module are its tax codes. These codes contain all the logic that is necessary to calculate a tax for a given transaction, determine the general ledger account to which the tax must be posted, and identify the tax authority to which the tax must be reported and paid. The set of taxes to be calculated for a particular transaction is established by two parameters: the tax group and the item tax group. These two dimensions determine all applicable taxes for a given transaction.

Country-specific taxes and the logic for calculating and reporting them are linked to the country context of a legal entity.

FLEXIBLE TAX SETUP

An unlimited number of tax codes can be set up and a rich set of controlling parameters can be used to specify detailed calculations, including:

- Line-based or invoice-based calculations.
- Tax or fee per unit.
- Taxes calculated as a base for other taxes.
- Conditional or unrealized taxes.
- Date-dependent and/or amount-dependent tax rates.
- United States use tax and European Union reverse charge tax.
- Tax exemption codes.

DETERMINING TAXES

Tax codes are grouped into tax groups and item tax groups, which can be linked to various data entities in Microsoft Dynamics 2012 such as customers, vendors, products, and accounts. The intersection of tax groups and item tax groups determines the set of tax codes that will be used to calculate specific taxes. After being calculated, taxes are posted to a transaction such as a journal line or a document line. To allow for exceptional scenarios, the preset and default tax groups can be manually overwritten by authorized users.

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC TAX REPORTING

Microsoft Dynamics AX 2012 provides tax functionality and country-specific tax reporting for all supported countries. Legal entities in every country are required to periodically calculate tax liability and generate their own set of tax declarations and reports to provide tax information to the government tax authority. Microsoft Dynamics AX 2012 supports both printing of legally compliant reports and tax declarations as well as complex electronic submission processes, depending on the country context of the legal entity.



Tax code setup



Determining taxes



Country-specific tax report

CONCLUSION

Requirements for calculating and reporting taxes differ greatly among countries. The tax-handling capabilities of an international ERP system must therefore be comprehensive. Microsoft Dynamics AX 2012 can provide your organization with the features and flexibility it needs to handle complex international tax scenarios, including:

- Sales taxes, such as VAT and GST.
- Percentage calculations.
- Fixed tax amounts.
- Taxes calculated as a base for other taxes.
- European Union reverse charge tax; United States use tax.
- Tax exemptions.
- Packing duties.
- Multiple date-dependent or amount-dependent tax rates.
- Flexible settlement periods and tax authorities.
- Country-specific tax reporting.

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