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The EU Value Added Tax (VAT) e-commerce package introduced simplification mechanisms and tools to mitigate the administrative burden for businesses, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), that may arise from establishing a common EU threshold of EUR 10 000, above which the Business to Consumer (B2C) intra-community distance sales of goods are taxed in the Member State of destination of the goods. The One Stop Shop¹ is an option that allows a trader to declare and remit the VAT collected on intra-Community distance sales of goods and cross-border supplies of business-to-consumer services in one Member State, the Member State of establishment of the business. Furthermore, the Taxes in Europe Data Base (TEDB)² is a simple search tool that provides information on all the VAT rates applicable in the Member States, per Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes for goods and per Classification of Products by Activity (CPA) codes for services.

In the 2020 Tax Action Plan for a fair and simple taxation supporting the recovery strategy³, the Commission announced the upcoming initiative ‘VAT in the digital age’. As part of that work, the Commission is currently studying the possibility of moving towards a single place of VAT registration for businesses and examining policy options to apply the reverse charge mechanism to B2B transactions that still trigger VAT registration in another Member State. These new measures would further reduce the administrative burden on SMEs that supply goods and services across the EU.

¹ For further information on the functioning of the One Stop Shop [One Stop Shop \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

² Link to the Taxes in Europe Data Base (TEDB) VAT rates search tool [Taxes in Europe Database v3 \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

³ An Action Plan for a Fair and Simple Taxation Supporting the Recovery Strategy (COM(2020)312 final).