



INDIRECT TAX

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27 EU countries**

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Indirect tax advice for companies from non-EU states

When companies embark on new business ventures within the European Union, their entrepreneurial and strategic choices frequently lead to tax law issues. International expansion strategies, acquisitions or sales all share a common challenge: intricate tax landscapes. At Flick Gocke Schaumburg, leading experts are at your side to simplify that complexity for you, guiding you through the decision-making process with precision. This approach not only mitigates potential risks but highlights future opportunities.

Our proficiency in both tax and legal matters ensures that our advice stems from a unified source. As trusted advisors, we coordinate all of your business and tax matters through one personal point of contact, ensuring maximum efficiency and project control.

As a partner to our clients from non-EU states, we not only work towards specific milestones such as market entry strategies but also provide close support in day-to-day business activities. We see this work as fundamental to the long-standing, trusting relationships we enjoy with many of our clients.

Area of specialization: indirect tax in the European market

27 countries – one law for indirect taxes

VAT and customs and excise duties fall under standardized EU legislation. This means that EU states are supposed to adopt these into their own national laws. However, some EU rules are optional. This grants member states the freedom to enact their own local laws according to procedural rules. In certain business sectors – for example, those confronted with VAT regulations when selling goods via mail order – EU-wide expertise is crucial.

27 countries – one hub: seamless and integrated advice for efficient tax structures

The uniform taxation of business models across the EU internal market enables the formulation of tax assessments and strategies on a European-wide scale. Nevertheless, specific details need to be verified within the national context. To ensure our ability to deliver high-quality advice on complex international matters, we maintain close and long-standing relationships with many renowned law firms and consultancies EU-wide. When needed, we incorporate insights from local law firms into our professional advice. Crucially, our clients play an integral role in our projects. As such, you will receive seamless advice, liaising with your personal point of contact at Flick Gocke Schaumburg on all matters.



Navigating change with decades of expertise

Our firm is renowned for its specialized expertise in tax-focused legal advice. Following the UK's departure from the European Union, we have seen increased demand for advice from companies located outside the EU. As EU law no longer applies to the UK, companies and investors from non-EU states increasingly see Germany as an attractive hub due to its size (it has approx. 25% of the EU's economic output) combined with a robust legal system when it comes to indirect tax.

As such, there are obvious advantages in planning business models with German indirect tax advisors. This is where Flick Gocke Schaumburg, noted for its exceptional and consistently awarded expertise in tax law, can play a pivotal role in a company's success.

Examples of our services

01

US subsidiary of a German sanitary company

We advised the US subsidiary of a German sanitary company on input VAT refund issues in connection with the purchase of tool and machine parts for subsequent export after years of storage, filing applications for refund procedures, conducting subsequent appeal proceedings.

02

Non-EU resident (Biotech-company)

Analysis of the envisaged production and distribution structure for the European market from a VAT/customs point of view. Advice with regard to possible simplifications of a fiscal and administrative nature, in particular application for customs simplifications permits.

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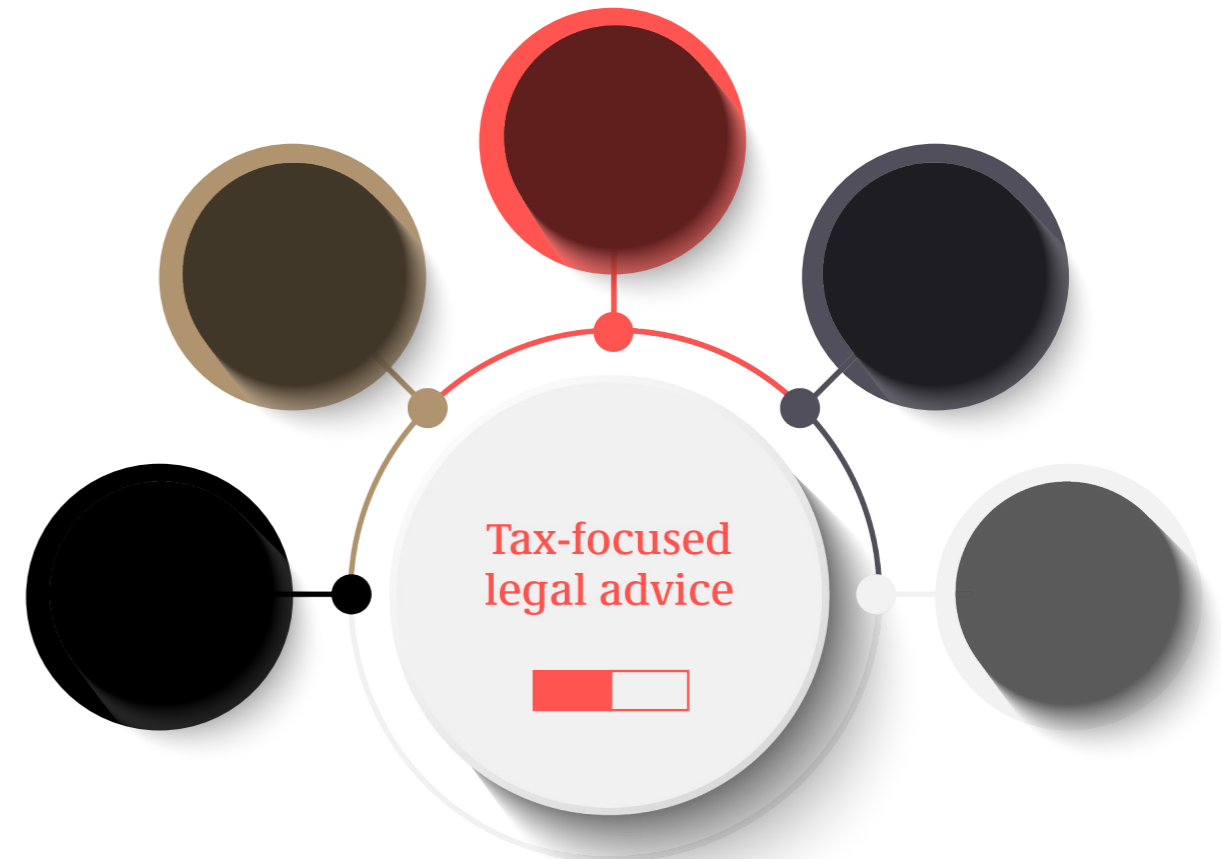
Asian distribution company of a major German group

We advised an Asian distribution company of a major German group in connection with a VAT audit and subsequently general VAT issues in connection with the purchase and export of goods (specially chain transactions) from Germany, VAT registration, ongoing reporting.


Our advisory services

Flick Gocke Schaumburg's top priority is to provide its clients with the best possible support in navigating their tax affairs and legal challenges. We deliver sustainable, value-creating solutions in order to meet individual requirements. This clear client focus leads to distinct and bespoke tax-focused legal advice, opening the door to particularly attractive business opportunities.

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Satisfied clients. But we're
also the proud winners of
these awards.

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Indirect tax: Our expertise at a glance

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Meet our partners and learn more about their approaches, specific expertise and our practice for indirect taxes



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Dr. Andreas Erdbrügger explains how Flick Gocke Schaumburg can act as a hub for non-EU clients.



Dr. Jörg F. Kurzenberger gives his expert view on challenges and specific duties in connection with market entries.

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Often recommended:
Dr. Andreas Erdbrügger

“highly esteemed colleague,”
competitor



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Dr. Barbara Fleckenstein-Weiland introduces the practice group indirect tax.



Rainald Vobbe on general strategy and practical obligations regarding indirect tax.

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Dr. Barbara Fleckenstein-Weiland

“Leading Tax Advisor” in the categories:
• Highly Regarded (Indirect Tax)
• Women in Tax Leaders

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We will be delighted to learn more about your business plans and individual requirements. Contact us directly and let us know how we can support you. We look forward to best clarifying how we can cater to your needs.



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