

Clarification in Relation to the CESOP Correction Mechanism

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In accordance with regulations 7 (5) and 7 (6) of the CESOP Regulations (L.N. 272 of 2023 - Value Added Tax (Reporting Obligations for Payment Service Providers) Regulations, 2023), the Commissioner may notify a PSP to make any corrections as may be necessary to the information submitted and may determine whether a resubmission with corrections of the entire information submitted is required or whether it is only the information subject to corrections which is required to be submitted to the MTCA.

The purpose of this document is for the Malta Tax and Customs Administration (MTCA) to clarify how the correction mechanism established by the CESOP system operates, in practice:

When a PSP submits a file to the MTCA, this file is validated. If the validation fails, the **full** document must be re-submitted, until such file is accepted by the system of the MTCA.

Following a successful submission, the file is automatically forwarded by the MTCA to the CESOP database.

Once submitted to CESOP, validations are again triggered and a status message is made available to the PSP with the following results:

1. Accepted; or
2. Fully rejected – in this case, the PSP would be required to re-submit the complete file to the MTCA, which will again be forwarded by the MTCA to the CESOP database; or
3. Partially rejected – in this case, the PSP is only required to make a submission to correct the rejected transaction/s.

With respect to corrections which are required either due to missed transactions or due to transactions which need to be removed from a file which has already been submitted to the MTCA, a PSP would need to make these changes by submitting a correction file.