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# ANNUAL INFORMATION RETURN on the following payments taxable under Income Tax Act (TVL):

- PAYMENTS OF INTEREST AND AFTERMARKET BONUS,
- SHARES IN MUTUAL FUNDS, ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS ON THEM, AND
- SHARES in UCITS and in FOREIGN FUNDS, AND ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS ON THEM.

# **VSTVERIE**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DATA FILE 2021** 

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## **Version history**

Date	Version	Description
26.1.2021	1.0	First release concerning the 2021 taxable year.
26.5.2021		Number of one check has been corrected.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

This guidance explains the structure of the required inbound file and the check procedures that follow. For more information, see <u>General description for electronic filing of information returns (pdf)</u> (tax.fi > About us > IT developers > Data format specifications > General description for electronic filing of information returns).

## 2 DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION FLOW AND SUBMITTAL OF FILES

If your organisation is a Finnish fund management company, a Finnish affiliate of a foreign fund management or a foreign company that manages an investment fund established in Finland, you must file an information return to the Tax Administration. Its due date is soon after the end of every calendar year, and it should include specifications of the quantities and comparison values (vertailuarvo; jämförelsevärde) of the shares and units held by every taxpayer in every one of your funds or UCITS. The comparison value is 70 percent of fair market value (§ 4.3, Act governing the Valuation of Assets for

the Purposes of Taxation). In this way, the comparison values are the same as the 'taxable values' reported during earlier years under the old rules.

Moreover, you must report the annual distributions of yields on the fund units and UCITS units, separately for each fund and UCITS.

The information-reporting requirement also concerns managers of Alternative Investment Funds, who manage a special common fund under the provisions of Act on Common Funds (Laki vaihtoehtorahastojen hoitajista 162/2014). If an Alternative Investment Fund has been set up in Finland but it has a foreign manager, the information-reporting requirement also concerns the foreign manager in the same way as it concerns a Finnish manager of an Alternative Investment Fund.

The reports must comply with this specification when the beneficiaries or shareholders are Finnish tax residents.

You must submit taxpayer-specific itemizations for all the payments and assets discussed in this specification. This means that itemizations of the paid aftermarket bonuses and quantities of shares in the funds are also required. In addition, the itemizations should include any payments of interest made from other countries, or intermediated from other countries, and information on any shares in Undertakings for Common Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) and foreign funds, including their distributions of profit or yield.

You must file your information return electronically if you had more than five (5) recipients of payments. However, the requirement to use e-filing does not concern physical persons and estates of deceased physical persons unless they operate a trade, business, or an agricultural farm/forestry farm.

If your reporting concerns investment fund shares and yield payments on such shares, you must file electronically. There is no paper-printed form available for the purpose.

For beneficiaries who are nonresidents, you must use the VSRKOERI information flow. In the case of nonresident beneficiaries, you do not have to report the quantities and comparison values of the shares or units in any mutual funds or UCITS funds.

If you have made payments to Individual Retirement Account holders (as provided by the legislation on long-term savings / Laki sidotusta pitkäaikaissäästämisestä 1183/2009), you do not have to report the yields. Similarly, no reporting of the invested or saved assets is necessary, on the condition that they are included in the scope of the savings agreement.

To read more about annual information returns, go to <u>Forms</u> (*tax.fi* > *About us* > *Contact us* > *Forms* > *Annual information*).

To check the method of identification required by this information flow, the required role and the place in the flow where authorisations are checked, go to Methods of sign-in, roles and rights to represent organisations (Ilmoitin.fi > Instructions and templates > Methods of sign-in, roles).

## 3 MAKING CORRECTIONS

For year-specific instructions for making corrections, go to Annual information returns (tax.fi > About us > IT developers > Data format specifications > Making corrections to electronically filed submittals of information returns).

## 4 PERIOD OF VALIDITY

This specification sets out the requirements of file formatting that come into force 26 January 2021 and continue to be in force until a new version of this specification is released.

For information about deadlines for filing, see the year-specific schedule on <a href="IT developers">IT developers</a> (vero.fi > Verohallinto > Ohjelmistokehittäjät > Aikataulu vvvv). The schedule is available in Finnish and Swedish.

## 5 COMBINED INFORMATION FLOWS

You may send us the following flows in the same computer file as you are sending your VSTVERIE flow:

- VSTVVYHT

## 6 CHANGES ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Version	Data Name	Data element	Description
1.0			Check number has been corrected #1733 -> #1704.
1.0	15-18/058	Year of payment	Year changed
	189- 201/080	Business ID of the account operator or other filer	Changes were made to the description text.
	203/158	Filer's role	New data element
	205- 274/067	Name of the securities depository	New data element
	276- 305/068	ID code of the securities depository	New data element
			Message #1092 has been deleted.

## 7 LIST OF THE DATA CONTENT

Positio n	Cod e	P/ V	T	L/T	Description	Format	Permissibl e values
1-8	000	Р	Т		File identifier	AN8	VSTVERIE
10	082	V			Deletion	A1	D
12-13	084	P	Т	*	Type of Payment or Type of Asset	AN2	2B,2C,2D,2 E, 2F,2G, 3J,3L,3K, 3M,3N
15-18	058	Р	Т		Year of payment  The year of payment is the calendar year when payment took place.	VVVV	2021
20-32	010	Р	Т		Payor's ID	YTUNNUS   HETU	
34					Reserve space		
35-45	083	Р	Т	*	Taxpayer's identity code / Business ID	YTUNNUS   HETU	
46-57	534	V			Amount of payment / value of fund shares or UCITS shares for purposes of comparison	R9,2	
58-68	535	V			Taxes withheld	R8,2	
70-99	540	Р	Т		Name of fund / UCITS	AN30	
101-113	541	V	Т	* V/ P	Fund's Business ID (in the case of Payment Types 2B and 2G)	YTUNNUS	
114-132	542	V		* V/ P	Quantity of shares in fund or UCITS in the case of 2G and 3L Asset Types	+D12,6	
133-143	536	V		* V/ P	Taxes withheld in a foreign country in the case of 3J, 3K, 3M, 3N Types of Payment	R8,2	

Positio n	Cod e	P/ V	Т	L/T	Description	Format	Permissibl e values
145-146	537	V	Т	* V/ P	Country code, ISO3166	MAATUNNUS	
148-187	085	V	ET	* V/ P	Taxpayer's name	AN40	
189-201	080	V	Т		Business ID of the account operator or other filer	TIHOYHTEISO	
203	158	V		*	Filer's role  1= account operator  2= securities depository  3= other foreign filer of annual information	N1	1,2,3
205-274	067	V		*	Name of the securities depository where the stock, share or other security had been issued	AN70	
276-305	068	V	ET	*	ID code of the securities depository where the stock, share, other security had been issued	AN30	
307-326					Reserve space		
328-339	014	Р	Т		Name of the software that produced the file	Y- TUNNUS_AN2	
341-375	048	Р			Software application that produced this file	AN35	
377-390	198	Р			Software-generated timestamp	DDMMYYYY HHMMSS	
	999	Р			Final identifier	N8	

# 8 AUTOMATED CHECK PROCESSES

New /	Code	Description of Calc. Rule / Check
Changed		
	541	If the Type of Payment is Annual yield on a fund share (2B), Mutual fund share
	084	(2G), the Fund's Business ID (541) is a mandatory field.
		#123;If the Type of Payment is Annual yield on a fund share (2B), Mutual fund share (2G), you must populate Fund's Business ID (541).
	542	For Payment Types 2G and 3L, the Quantity of fund shares or UCITS shares
	084	(542) is a mandatory field that must be populated with a non-zero value. Look up the descriptions of different Payment Types in section 9.

New / Changed	Code	Description of Calc. Rule / Check
		#317; For Payment Types 2G and 3L, you must populate Quantity of fund shares or UCITS shares (542) with a non-zero value.
	537	If Type of Payment 3J, 3K, 3L, 3M is 3N reported, Country Code (537) is a
	084	mandatory field, but its value cannot be FI.
		#1089;For 3J, 3K, 3L, 3M and 3N Types of Payment you must populate Country Code 537 with a code value other than 'FI'.
	085	Taxpayer's name (085) is a mandatory field when a dummy identity code is
	083	entered in the Personal ID or Business ID (083) field.
		#1090; Taxpayer's name (085) is a mandatory field because you have entered a dummy identity code in the Personal ID or Business ID (083) field.
	536	#1580; You must populate Tax withheld in a foreign country (536) with 3J, 3K,
	084	3M, or 3N types of Payment.
New	080	#1704; If you populated either the Business ID of the account operator or other
	158	third-party filer that submits the return (080) or the value of Filer's role (158) 1=
		account operator, 2= securities depository or 3= other foreign filer of annual
		information, you must populate both two elements.
New	536	#1734; Taxes withheld in a foreign country (536) can not exceed Amount of
	534	payment (534).
New	068	#1705; If you populated either the Name of the securities depository where the
	067	share was issued (067) or the ID code of the securities depository where the
		share was issued (068), you must populate both two elements.
New	084	#1735; For Payment Types (084) other than 2G and 3L, Amount of payment /
	534	value of fund shares or UCITS shares for purposes of comparison (534) must
		be a non-zero value.
New	535	#1736; Taxes withheld (535) can not exceed the amount of the payment (534).
	534	

## 9 MESSAGES

New / Changed	Code	Description of the message
	536	#1619; Are you sure you want to report that the amount of tax collected abroad
	084	is €0?

## 10 DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TYPES OF PAYMENT

# Finnish payment and asset types

2B Annual distribution paid out on a yield share

- 2C Annual interest on bonds or debentures
- 2D Other interest or other income from investment (capital income)
- 2E Aftermarket bonus paid by the filer to the taxpayer (is capital income for the taxpayer concerned)
- 2F Aftermarket bonus withheld (received) by the filer (is a tax deduction for the taxpayer concerned)
- 2G Mutual fund share.

## Foreign payment and asset types

- 3J Annual distribution paid out on foreign shares in foreign UCITS
- 3L Shares in foreign UCITS
- 3M Interest paid/intermediated from another EU member state
- 3K Interest paid/intermediated from a non-EU country
- 3N Repurchase or redemption money paid/intermediated from another EU member state

## 11 RECORD OF COUNTRY CODES

For all country codes of the ISO 3166 standard, see List of country codes.

#### 12 EXAMPLE

The example file below, created by the Test\_Accounting\_Pro software application (048), consists of the following: An itemization of the beneficiaries of interest payments taxable under Income Tax Act, VSTVERIE (000).

#### Itemization

In this example, you create a filing to report a paid yield on a fund share, Type of Payment 2B (084) and Year of payment 2021 (058), with Payor's ID 1234567-8 (010), beneficiary's ID 131052-000T (083), amount €2,000.33 (534), on which €550.00 was withheld (535), the name of the fund being 'Asia Pacific' (540), the fund's Business ID 1234678-9 (541), name of the person to contact is Robert Holden and the sequential number of the itemization is '1', which also is the value of the last line (999) i.e. the final identifier.

#### 000:VSTVERIE

084:2B

058:2021

010:1234567-8

083:131052-000T

534:2000.33

535:550,00

540:ASIA PACIFIC

541:1234678-9

048:TestiAccounting Pro 1.0

198:02012020203015

999:1

000:VSTVVYHT

058:2021

010:1234567-8

041:HOLDEN ROBERT

041:09123456

198:31012021213515

999:2