

Energy trading & VAT fraud

HMRC has recently drawn attention to a concern raised by the Serious Organised Crime Authority (SOCA) that large scale VAT 'carousel' fraud may be migrating to the energy trading sector from sectors such as computer chips and telephone handsets. All businesses trading in energy commodities, in particular gas and electricity, should exercise due diligence in order to avoid becoming innocently involved in transactions which could be susceptible.

SOCA has raised a concern that, as opportunities to commit fraud in other sectors begin to diminish, the fraudsters may be turning their attention to other types of transaction. All businesses trading in the mobile phone, micro-chip and emissions sectors should by now be well aware of the risks and the actions which they can take to minimise the risks, but they may be less familiar to those trading in the energy sector.

If you would like to discuss the actions which you can take to manage these risks, please contact Cedric Andrew (candrew@4eyesltd.co.uk).

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