



KPMG AEOI Updates & Tracking Service FATCA Alert



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Germany: Issued FATCA Newsletter 04/2026

On 01 June 2026, the Federal Central Tax Office of Germany (BZSt) issued FATCA Newsletter 04/2026, outlining the following key updates:

— XML Upload Functionality for FATCA Reporting:

The BZSt has released an updated version of the *Communication Handbook Part 1 – FATCA* (found [here](#)), incorporating information on the upcoming XML upload functionality for submitting FATCA reports through the BZSt online portal (found [here](#)). The XML upload functionality is scheduled to be available from mid-July 2026. The BZSt also notes that this new functionality will support the submission of test data in the new customer test environment (DIP) from the same date .

Additional information can be found in Chapter 7 of the *DIP Standard Communication Manual* (found [here](#)).

— Transition to a New Customer Test Environment (DIP):

The customer test environment has been transitioned from the existing KTST platform to a new technical interface (DIP), effective 1 June 2026. While no further adjustments are required by Reporting Financial Institutions (RFIs) in respect of the already implemented DIP mass data interface, the following should be noted:

- Effective 1 June 2026, the previous DIP IDs (client IDs) used to log in to the former KTST platform are no longer valid. As a result, no data, including any pending reports or user messages, can be submitted or retrieved using these IDs.

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RFIs are required to complete a reactivation process to access the new customer test environment DIP. Activation is available:

- From 1 June 2026 using a BZSt certificate.
- From 2 June 2026 using an ELSTER certificate.
- Reactivation, along with any subsequent updates to user data, must be completed via the new test portal (found [here](#)). Upon successful reactivation, RFIs will be assigned a new DIP ID, which must be used for all future test data submissions. The previously used self-signed certificate remains valid and may continue to be used.
- As no historical data was migrated to the new interface during the transition, logs related to previously submitted test data are no longer accessible from 1 June 2026 onwards. Only logs for data submitted after this date will be available going forward.
- The URLs for the DIP interface remain unchanged and can be found in the *DIP Standard Communication Manual* and the associated customer checklist (found [here](#)). Additional information is available on the BZSt website relating to DIP (found [here](#)).

Notably, the DIP production environment remains unaffected by these changes.

— **Temporary Issues with FATCA Form Storage:**

The BZSt has acknowledged reports from RFIs regarding issues with the temporary storage of FATCA forms in the BZSt online portal. The matter has been forwarded to the relevant technical department and is currently under review.

Reference (German): [FATCA Newsletter 04/2026](#)

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