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General remarks

Note on amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance (AWV) with effect as of 1 January 2025:

The forthcoming amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance (*Außenwirtschaftsverordnung – AWV*), which will enter into force as of 1 January 2025, have not been implemented for the files in XML format. This is because the systems for submitting reporting data are currently being comprehensively reprogrammed and we are preparing for the new systems to go live soon. In this context, we aim to provide a modern and efficient reporting system in line with the most recent legal requirements.

For reports in XML format, the current format can continue to be used without any changes until the summer of 2026. As of the summer of 2025, we will be providing new XML schemas based on the new tables. These will be already be available for optional use in a transitional phase before becoming obligatory as of the summer of 2026.

The documentation of the new XML schemas as well as the start and end of the transitional period will be published in a newsletter and on the Bundesbank's website.

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Alternative to submitting report files



As an alternative to submitting report files, you can create reports online using the General statistics reporting portal (*Allgemeines Meldeportal Statistik – AMS*). More information is available on the Bundesbank's website:

<https://www.bundesbank.de/en/service/reporting-systems/external-sector/electronic-submission/general-statistics-reporting-portal/general-statistics-reporting-portal-619740>

Document history

Aug. 2018	- Note that report files for which no form elements are present do not need to be submitted
Feb. 2020	- Maximum file size changed to 50 MB - UTF-8 becomes recommended character encoding standard - Description of the permitted character set - Editorial changes
Jan. 2025	- Changes in line with the most recent amendment to the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance

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1 Scope

This document describes the file format for balance of payments statistics accepted by the Deutsche Bundesbank's XML-based electronic reporting system (*XML-basiertes elektronisches Meldewesen* – XMW). The focus is on specialist content; technical details are presented in simplified form.

Technical documentation (XML schema files) is available separately on the Bundesbank's website: [Filetransfer | Deutsche Bundesbank](#)

In the event of any discrepancies or cases of doubt, the XML schema files are the sole authoritative guideline for creating XML files.

1.1 Legal framework

Residents as defined in Section 63(2) of the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance (*Außenwirtschaftsverordnung* – AWV) are, under Section 11(2) of the Foreign Trade and Payments Act (*Außenwirtschaftsgesetz* – AWG) in conjunction with Sections 64 and 67 et seq. of the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance, required to submit reports on their incoming and outgoing payments in foreign trade to the Bundesbank.

These reports correspond to the annexes of the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance and can be submitted via the ExtraNet or the general statistics reporting portal (*Allgemeines Meldeportal Statistik* – AMS) in the format described in this handbook.

Reporting form (old)	Data collection schema (new)	Content
Annex Z 4 to the AWV	Annex 5 to the AWV ZABILC1	Incoming and outgoing payments for services, transfers, capital flows, merchanting and direct investments that are not reported on other official forms
Annex Z 8 to the AWV	Annex 5 to the AWV ZABILC1	Receipts from and expenditure on maritime shipping
Annex Z 10 to the AWV	Annex 6 to the AWV ZABILC2	Securities and financial derivatives transactions with non-residents
Annex Z 11 to the AWV	Annex 5 to the AWV ZABILC1	Income payments on securities vis-à-vis non-residents
Annex Z 12 to the AWV	Annex 7 to the AWV ZABILC3	Incoming and outgoing payments in foreign travel: Volume of card transactions
Annex Z 13 to the AWV	Not applicable	Incoming and outgoing payments in foreign travel: Foreign currency and foreign currency traveller's cheques
Annex Z 14 to the AWV	Annex 5 to the AWV ZABILC1	Interest income and similar receipts in foreign trade and payments (excluding interest on securities)
Annex Z 15 to the AWV		Interest expenditure and similar expenditure in foreign trade and payments (excluding interest on securities)

Information on reporting regulations is available on the Bundesbank's website:

[External sector | Deutsche Bundesbank](#)

Storage of reporting data:

As proof of compliance with the reporting requirements, reporting documents should be retained for a minimum of three years. Individual transactions should be traceable using appropriate documents. The form of storage is at the discretion of the reporting entity, but the stored data must be able to be made readable as promptly as possible.

1.2 Notes

Indirect merchanting trade should be reported in the same manner as other trade in goods.

2 Submission

2.1 Submission channel

The monthly reports for balance of payments statistics in XML format can be submitted via the Bundesbank's ExtraNet.

Information on the ExtraNet and the options for registration is available on the Bundesbank's website: [ExtraNet | Deutsche Bundesbank](#)

In addition to ExtraNet file transfer, the General statistics reporting portal (*Allgemeines Meldeportal Statistik – AMS*) offers the following services after initial registration:

- submitting reports online;
- uploading CSV files via form;
- uploading XML files.

Information on the General statistics reporting portal is available on the Bundesbank's website: [General statistics reporting portal | Deutsche Bundesbank](#).

2.2 XML submission channel

XML ("eXtensible Markup Language") is the industry standard for defining documents with hierarchically structured content. It allows elements and attributes to be defined. Elements are basic modules and are composed recursively of data and other elements. An element consists of a start tag with the syntax `<elementname>`, the element content, and an end tag with the syntax `</elementname>`. In the start tag, attributes can be added to the element using the syntax `attributname="attribut"`. Each XML document has a tree structure with a unique root element.

Example:

```
<elementname attributname="attribut">  
  <elementname_1>elementinhalt_1</elementname_1>  
  <elementname_2>elementinhalt_2</elementname_2>  
</elementname>
```

XML is case-sensitive, i.e. it distinguishes between upper and lower case characters. XML files are pure text files. Their file extension is ".xml".

For further information on XML, see: <http://www.w3.org/XML/>.

2.3 Validation

An XML schema describes the layout of elements, their format (numbers, text, etc.) and their attributes. An XML file is termed "valid" if it conforms to its schema.

An XML file can be validated using standard tools.

3 Report files

3.1 Data delivery

Under normal circumstances, a data delivery consists of one XML file per sender and, if applicable, submitter and work area. To circumvent file size limits, a delivery can be spread over multiple XML files.

File size may not exceed **50 MB**.

Files that do not contain at least one of the following XML elements should not be submitted: VDR_04, VDR_08, VDR_10, VDR_11, VDR_12, VDR_13, VDR_14, VDR_15.

3.2 Filename

The name of the XML file for submission is comprised of the identifier for the balance of payments statistics, the current reporting month, and the 8-digit reporting number or bank sort code. If a data delivery is spread over multiple files, counters are to be added to the filenames in the format “_xx”, beginning with “_00”.

Filename format:

awzel_yyyymm_#.xml OR awzel_yyyymm_#_xx.xml

Parameter	Content
yyymm	Current reporting month with the year in 4-digit format and the month in 2-digit format
#	8-digit reporting number or bank sort code of the reporting entity or the 8-digit number of the submitter (if available) if there are multiple reporting entities, otherwise the 8-digit number of the computer centre.

Example: **awzel_201112_12345678.xml OR awzel_201112_12345678_03.xml**

3.3 File format

3.3.1 Schema files

Report files are coded in XML.

To provide assistance in creating the files, XML schemas are available for download on the Bundesbank’s website: [Information on payment reports | Deutsche Bundesbank](#).

To ensure data integrity, we recommend validating the generated XML files using the schema definitions. However, this is only possible with additional software.

Name	Description
BbkXmwBasis.xsd	Basic schema for XML reports to the Bundesbank
BbkXmwAwzel.xsd	Schema for XML reports on balance of payments statistics

These schemas are the basis for the subsequent format description.

XML is case-sensitive. In the Bundesbank's XML reporting system (XMW), the names of elements are usually written in upper case and those of attributes in lower case. If different elements are located at the same hierarchical level, the sequence of elements is generally the determining factor. The sequence of attributes is arbitrary.

If an element is to be omitted, then the element must be omitted in its entirety, not only its contents (with the exception of Z4 nil reports, see below).

3.3.2 Character encoding and character set

Character encoding and character set requirements are described in detail in the document "Character encoding and character set" on our Homepage [Filetransfer | Deutsche Bundesbank](#).

3.4 Data types and elements

The XMW schema definitions use self-defined elements and data types. These are described below.

3.4.1 Elements

KOMMENTAR

This element contains a comment and is of the type alphanumeric (see below).

MELDETERMIN

This element contains the reporting date in the format YYYY-MM.

BETRAG

This element contains the amount in the format betrag18neg (see below).

3.4.2 Simple data types

Name	Format	Comments
alphanumeric	1-80 characters, alphanumeric; must not be left blank	For text content such as name fields; multiple spaces, tabs and line breaks are reduced to single spaces during processing
betrag18neg	Amount in thousands of euro with no decimal places; max. 18 digits, numeric characters only; commas, decimal points and other separators are not permissible	Either in full without spaces or right-aligned with preceding zeros or spaces; a minus sign ("-") can be inserted before the first digit, but this then reduces the maximum number of subsequent digits to 17
email	charactersequence@charactersequence.do ("do" = 2 to 4-character top-level domain)	A personal or functional address can be entered
isoLand	ISO 3166 – 2 upper case letters e.g. "FR" for France; for international organisations, use pseudo ISO codes; these consist of a number and an upper case letter	The 2-character ISO alpha country code and the international organisation codes are to be used in accordance

		with the list of countries for foreign trade and payments statistics of the Federal Republic of Germany Code lists Deutsche Bundesbank
isoWaehrung	ISO 4217 – 3 upper case letters, e.g. “EUR” for euro	Code lists Deutsche Bundesbank
telnr	Sequence of digits	The area code is optional and can be denoted by “()” or “/”; extensions can be introduced with “-”; spaces can be used to structure the number
belart	The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permissible	
zif2	2-digit sequence of numbers	
zif3	3-digit sequence of numbers	
verrechnung	Value: “E” or “V”	Used to indicate clearings (V) and the contributions of assets and rights (E)
isin	2 upper case letters (A-Z), followed by 10 digits or upper case letters (A-Z)	

3.4.3 Complex data types

3.4.3.1 adresse

The data type `adresse` creates a standardised form for address data. It is used in the elements ERSTELLER, ADRESSAT, ABSENDER and MELDEPFLICHTIGER and has the following sub-elements.

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
FIRMENNR or BLZ or RZNR	+	Numeric, 8 to 9 digits	Institution identification number: reporting number or bank sort code or number of the computer centre that created the XML report
NAME	+	alphanum	Institution name
STRASSE or POSTFACH	-	alphanum	Institution address
PLZ	-	1 to 20 characters	Postal code
ORT	-	alphanum	Town/city
LAND	-	isoLand	Country
KONTAKT	+	See below	Contact person or unit

* Column “Req.”: “+” and “-” indicate “required” and “optional”, respectively.

The **KONTAKT** element contains information on how to contact a person or functional unit for further information. The **KONTAKT** element must be entered for the elements **ABSENDER**, **ERSTELLER** and **MELDEPFLICHTIGER**.

It contains the following sub-elements.

KONTAKT

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
ANREDE	-	alphanum	Form of address
VORNAME	-	alphanum	First name of contact person
ZUNAME	+	alphanum	Last name of contact person or name of functional contact unit
ABTEILUNG	-	alphanum	Department
TELEFON	+	telnr	Telephone number (with extension)
FAX	-	telnr	Fax number
EMAIL	+	email	Email address
EXTRANET-ID	-	"EXN" followed by 5 letters or digits	User name in the Bundesbank's ExtraNet (if available)

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

Example:

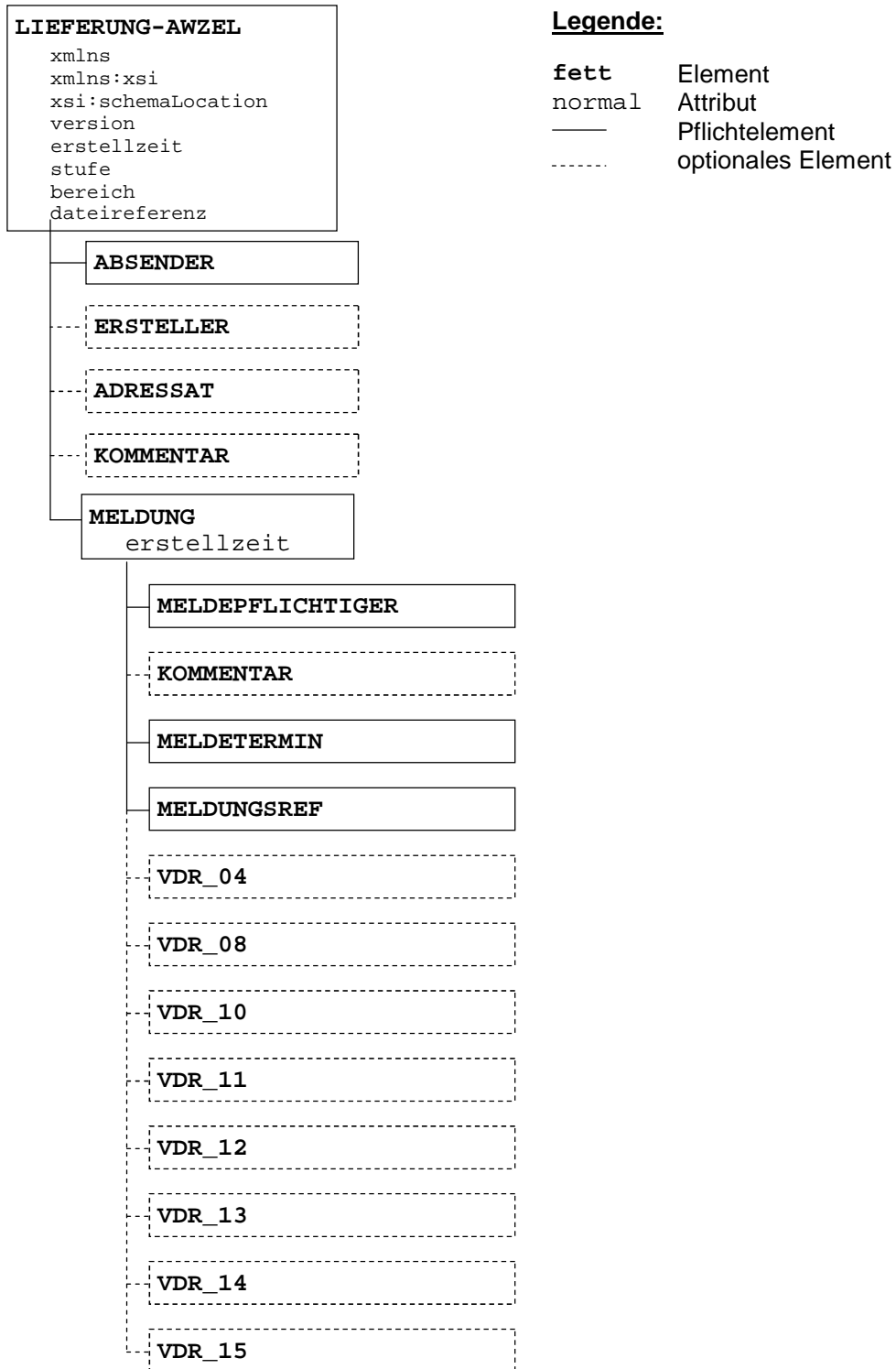
```

<ABSENDER>
  <FIRMENNR>00345678</FIRMENNR>
  <NAME>Firma XY</NAME>
  <STRASSE>ABC-Straße 9</STRASSE>
  <PLZ>88888</PLZ>
  <ORT>Irgendwo</ORT>
  <LAND>DE</LAND>
  <KONTAKT>
    <ANREDE>Herr</ANREDE>
    <VORNAME>Hans</VORNAME>
    <ZUNAME>Schmidt</ZUNAME>
    <ABTEILUNG>Wertpapiere</ABTEILUNG>
    <TELEFON>000/111-999</TELEFON>
    <FAX>000/111-888</FAX>
    <EMAIL>hans.schmidt@firma.de</EMAIL>
    <EXTRANET-ID>EXNTESTA</EXTRANET-ID>
  </KONTAKT>
</ABSENDER>
    
```

4 AWZEL report

4.1 Structure of the XML report

Reports in AWZEL start with a root element with address information. The root element contains one or several report elements (MELDUNG) which, in turn, contain form elements. The form elements contain reporting data.



4.2 LIEFERUNG-AWZEL

The root element of an AWZEL XMW report is the element LIEFERUNG-AWZEL.

4.2.1 Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
xmlns	+	http://www.bundesbank.de/xmw/2003-01-01	Namespace for XML reporting system
xmlns:xsi	+	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance	Namespace for XML schema definition
xsi:schemaLocation	+	http://www.bundesbank.de/xmw/[Pfad]BbkXmwAwzel.xsd	Search path for XML schema
version	+	"1.0"	Currently fixed
erstellzeit	+	yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Example: 2012-01-05T12:00:00
stufe	+	"Test" or "Produktion"	Distinguishes between test and production data
bereich	+	"Statistik"	
dateireferenz	-	Whole number ("1", "2", etc.)	Counter for repeated submissions

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

4.2.2 Sub-elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
ABSENDER	+	1	adresse	Address of the submitter
ERSTELLER	-	0..1	adresse	Address of the creator
ADRESSAT	-	0..1	adresse	Address of the addressee
KOMMENTAR	-	0..1	alphanum	Comments on the report
MELDUNG	+	1..n		AWZEL report data

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

ABSENDER

The ABSENDER element is of the `adresse` data type. The contents include address information for the institution that submitted the XML file. The first sub-element is as follows:

- Non-banks: FIRMENNR (reporting number, 8 digits)
- Banks: BLZ (bank sort code, 8 digits)

Enter the reporting number or bank sort code here.

ERSTELLER

The element ERSTELLER is optional and of the data type *adresse*. It contains address information for the creator of the XML report if this is not identical to the reporting entity. The first sub-element is FIRMENNR or BLZ.

ADRESSAT

The element ADRESSAT is optional and of the data type *adresse*. As a general rule, it is not used for reports submitted to the Bundesbank. It is intended for use when exchanging data with third parties.

KOMMENTAR

The optional element KOMMENTAR can be used for messages from the sender.

MELDUNG

The element MELDUNG is mandatory for all balance of payments statistics reports. It must occur at least once and can be repeated as often as desired. A MELDUNG element summarises all reporting data from one reporting entity for one reporting month for the balance of payments statistics. These reporting data include the name and address of the reporting entity, the reporting date and the data from the previous forms Z4, Z8 and Z10 to Z15 for that reporting date. The element MELDUNG has attributes and sub-elements.

Example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<LIEFERUNG-AWZEL
  xmlns="http://www.bundesbank.de/xmw/2003-01-01"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.bundesbank.de/xmw/2003-01-01
BbkXmwAwzel.xsd"
  version="1.0"
  erstellzeit="2012-07-23T10:00:00"
  stufe="Test"
  bereich="Statistik">

  <ABSENDER>
    <FIRMENNR>00345678</FIRMENNR>
    <NAME>Firmen AG</NAME>
    <STRASSE>ABC-Straße 9</STRASSE>
    <PLZ>88888</PLZ>
    <ORT>Irgendwo</ORT>
    <LAND>DE</LAND>
    <KONTAKT>
      <ANREDE>Herr</ANREDE>
      <VORNAME>Hans</VORNAME>
      <ZUNAME>Schmidt</ZUNAME>
      <ABTEILUNG>MELDUNGEN</ABTEILUNG>
      <TELEFON>000/111-999</TELEFON>
      <FAX>000/111-888</FAX>
      <EMAIL>hans.schmidt@firma.de</EMAIL>
      <EXTRANET-ID>EXNTESTA</EXTRANET-ID>
    </KONTAKT>
  </ABSENDER>

  <ERSTELLER>
    <FIRMENNR>00000224</FIRMENNR>
    <NAME>Service AG</NAME>
    <KONTAKT>
      <ZUNAME>Müller</ZUNAME>
      <TELEFON>000/444444</TELEFON>
      <EMAIL>service@sag.de</EMAIL>
    </KONTAKT>
  </ERSTELLER>

  <KOMMENTAR>Dies ist eine Testmeldung</KOMMENTAR>

  <MELDUNG>
    <!-- Meldung für die Zahlungsbilanzstatistik -->
  </MELDUNG >

</LIEFERUNG-AWZEL>
```

4.3 MELDUNG

The reporting element of an AWZEL-XMW report is the element MELDUNG.

4.3.1 Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
erstellzeit	+	yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Example: 2012-01-05T12:00:00

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

4.3.2 Sub-elements

Name	Req. *	Number	Value range/format	Comments
MELDEPFLICHTIGE R	+	1	adresse	Master data for the reporting entity
KOMMENTAR	-	0..1	alphanum	Comments on the report
MELDETERMIN	+	1	yyyy-mm	Reporting month
MELDUNGSREF	-	0..1	alphanum, max. 35 characters	Reference to identify the report Optional: Additional text "Fehlanzeige"
VDR_04	-	0..1	See Annex 5 ZABILC1 (formerly Annex Z4)	
VDR_08	-	0..1	See Annex 5 ZABILC1 (formerly Annex Z8)	
VDR_10	-	0..1	See Annex 6 ZABILC2 (formerly Annex Z10)	
VDR_11	-	0..1	See Annex 5 ZABILC1 (formerly Annex Z11)	
VDR_12	-	0..1	See Annex 7 ZABILC3 (formerly Annex Z12)	
VDR_13	-	0..1	See Annex Z13 (obligation to report no longer applicable as of January 2025)	
VDR_14	-	0..1	See Annex 5 ZABILC1 (formerly Annex Z14)	
VDR_15	-	0..1	See Annex 5 ZABILC1 (formerly Annex Z15)	

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

Optional elements without any content must not be included in the report.

The reporting number or bank sort code of the reporting entity must be entered as an 8-digit number.

4.3.3 Optional submission of nil reports

If a reporting entity has no report for a form in a given month, it is possible to submit a nil report instead. Nil reports for multiple forms can be submitted in a single report.

To do so, the element MELDUNGSREF must contain the value/text "**Fehlanzeige**". Only

the relevant element for the corresponding Annex/form (e.g. VDR_04 for Z4 or VDR_15 for Z15) is to be included, without any sub-elements.

Example of structure:

```
<MELDUNG erstellzeit="2012-07-23T10:00:00">
  <MELDEPFLICHTIGER>
    <FIRMENNR>00345678</FIRMENNR>
    <NAME>ABC-Firma</NAME>
    <STRASSE>ABC- Straße</STRASSE>
    <PLZ>99999</PLZ>
    <ORT>Irgendwo</ORT>
    <KONTAKT>
      <ZUNAME>Meier</ZUNAME>
      <TELEFON>000/111-777</TELEFON>
      <EMAIL>emeier@abcfirma.de</EMAIL>
    </KONTAKT>
  </MELDEPFLICHTIGER>

  <MELDETERMIN>2012-07</MELDETERMIN>

  <MELDUNGSREF>
    <!-- Angaben zur Meldung -->
  </MELDUNGSREF>

  <VDR_04>
    <!-- Angaben zu Vordruck Z4 -->
  </VDR_04>

  <VDR_10>
    <!-- Angaben zu Vordruck Z10 -->
  </VDR_10>

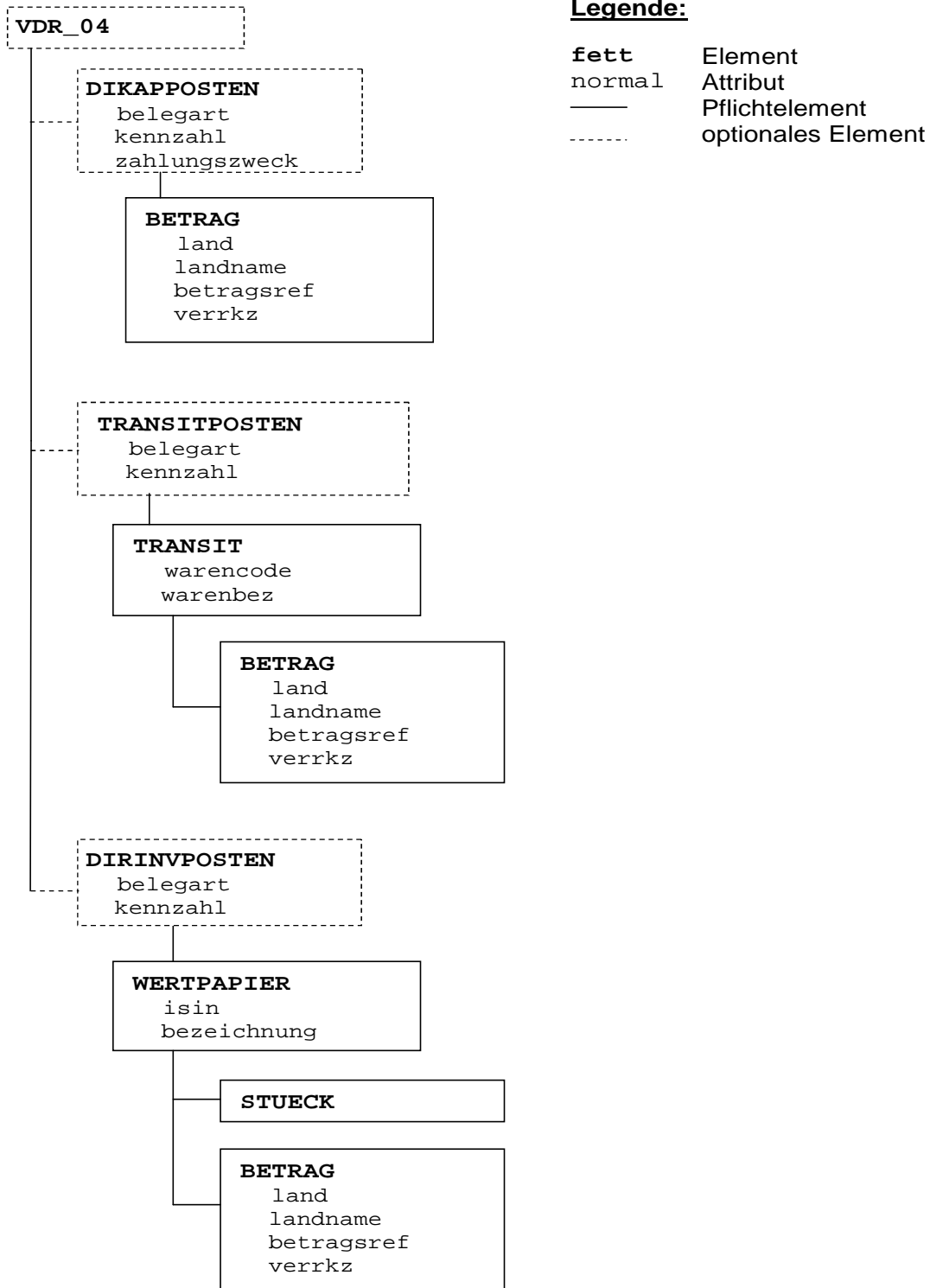
  <VDR_12>
    <!-- Angaben zu Vordruck Z12 -->
  </VDR_12>

</MELDUNG>
```


5 Elements for the Annexes

5.1 Annex Z4 (in future included in Annex 5 ZABILC1)

The element **VDR_04** is used to report transactions that are relevant for the balance of payments statistics. The element **VDR_04** is optional and can be used only once per MELDUNG.



The element **VDR_04** has no attributes.

Sub-elements of VDR_04

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
DIKAPPOSTEN	-	0..n	See element DIKAPPOSTEN	
TRANSITPOSTEN	-	0..n	See element TRANSITPOSTEN	
DIRINVPOSTEN	-	0..n	See element DIRINVPOSTEN	

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

Optional elements without any content must not be included in the report.

5.1.1 Element DIKAPPOSTEN

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
belegart	+	belart	See below
kennzahl	+	zif3	Code pursuant to coding list
zahlungszweck	+	String, max. 140 characters	Purpose of payment in words

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

belegart:

The following values are to be entered here:

- "1" Receipts from services/secondary income
- "2" Expenditure on services/secondary income
- "3" Receipts from investment
- "4" Expenditure on investment

kennzahl:

The code is to be entered here (pursuant to the "Notes on the coding list for the balance of payments statistics" on the Bundesbank's website under [Code lists | Deutsche Bundesbank](#)).

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
BETRAG	+	1..n	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.1.1.1 Element BETRAG

This element contains the amount of incoming and outgoing payments, cumulated where applicable. The amount must be in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice. For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
land	+	isoLand	Country code pursuant to ISO standards
landname	-	alphanum, max. 16 characters	Country name
betragsref	-	alphanum, max. 35 characters	User-defined reference for identification purposes in case of queries
verrkz	-	"V" or "E"	See below

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

land:

In general, the following is to be entered here:

- Incoming payments: Country in which the debtor is resident or domiciled
- Outgoing payments: Country in which the creditor is resident or domiciled

However, there are the following exceptions to this rule:

Transaction type	Country to be entered
For lending, repayment, and purchase of external assets	Country in which the debtor is resident or domiciled
For borrowing, repayment, and sale of domestic assets	Country in which the creditor is resident or domiciled
For German direct investment abroad	Country in which the investment enterprise is located
For foreign direct investment in Germany	Country in which the foreign investor is resident or domiciled
For land abroad	Country in which the land is located
For land in Germany	Country in which the foreign investor is resident or domiciled
For payments for construction sites abroad	Country in which the construction site is located
For construction sites in Germany	Country in which the construction enterprise is domiciled
For unrequited payments (gifts)	Expenditure: Country in which the payment beneficiary is resident or domiciled; Receipts: Country from which the transfer originates

In some cases, an international organisation is to be entered instead of a country.

verrkz:

The following values are to be entered here:

Netting and clearing:	"V"
Contribution of assets and rights:	"E"

5.1.2 Element TRANSITPOSTEN

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
belegart	+	belart	See below
kennzahl	+	zif3	See below

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

belegart:

The following values are to be entered here:

- "5" Revenue from merchanting
- "6" Expenditure on merchanting

kennzahl:

The following code is to be entered for merchanting:

003 Merchanting

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
TRANSIT	+	1..n	See element TRANSIT	

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.1.2.1 Element TRANSIT

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
warencode	+	zif2	2-digit chapter number from the international trade classification statistics
warenbez	-	String, max. 140 characters	Description of goods

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
BETRAG	+	1	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.1.2.1.1 Element BETRAG

This element contains the amount of incoming and outgoing payments, cumulated where applicable. The amount must be in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice. For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

Purchase or sale of shares in foreign listed public companies:

Investor is an MFI: 827
 Investor is not an MFI: 927

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
WERTPAPIER	+	1..n		See element WERTPAPIER

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.1.3.1 Element WERTPAPIER

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
isin	+	isin	Identification number of the share, see below
bezeichnung	+	String, max. 35 characters	Name of the foreign listed enterprise to be purchased or sold or name of the foreign investor

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

isin:

Enter the ISIN. A valid ISIN consists of two upper case letters followed by ten digits or upper case letters.

bezeichnung:

If the investor is resident in Germany, enter the name of the foreign investment enterprise.

If the investment enterprise is domiciled in Germany, enter the name of the foreign investor.

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
STUECK	+	1	betrag18neg	See Element STUECK
BETRAG	+	1	betrag18neg	See Element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

The element STUECK must always come before the element BETRAG.

5.1.3.1.1 Element STUECK

This element contains the number of *shares purchased or sold*. For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

5.1.4 5.1.4 Example for the structure of element VDR_04

```
<VDR_04>
  <DIKAPPOSTEN belegart="2" kennzahl="556"
    zahlungszweck="Ausgabe für kaufmännische Dienstleistungen">
    <BETRAG land="US" landname="USA" betragsref="A005" >578765</BETRAG>
  </DIKAPPOSTEN>

  <TRANSITPOSTEN belegart="5" kennzahl="003">
    <TRANSIT warencode="35" warenbez="Computerteile" >
      <BETRAG land="US" betragsref="T004" verrkz="V">25874</BETRAG>
    </TRANSIT>
    <TRANSIT warencode="35" warenbez="Computerteile" >
      <BETRAG land="GB" landname="GBRIT" betragsref="T005">123</BETRAG>
    </TRANSIT>
  </TRANSITPOSTEN>

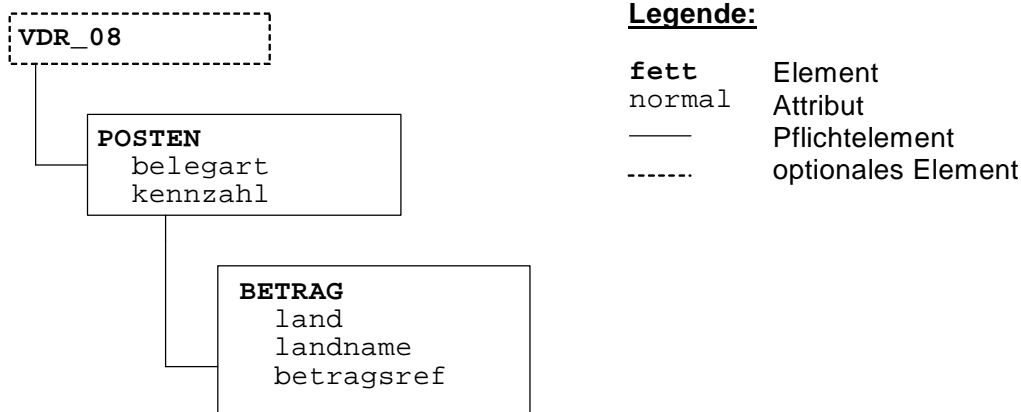
  <TRANSITPOSTEN belegart="6" kennzahl="003">
    <TRANSIT warencode="35" warenbez="Computerteile" >
      <BETRAG land="GB" landname="GBRIT" betragsref="T006">-67</BETRAG>
    </TRANSIT>
  </TRANSITPOSTEN>

  <DIRINVPOSTEN belegart="3" kennzahl="947">
    <WERTPAPIER isin="DE0007100000" bezeichnung="DaimlerChrysler" >
      <STUECK>6370</STUECK>
      <BETRAG land="GB" landname="GBrit" betragsref="F011">21333</BETRAG>
    </WERTPAPIER>
  </DIRINVPOSTEN>
</VDR_04>
```


5.2 Annex Z8 (included in Annex 5 ZABILC1 in future)

The element **VDR_08** is used to report receipts from and expenditure on maritime shipping.

The element **VDR_08** is optional and can be used only once per MELDUNG.



Legende:

fett	Element
normal	Attribut
—	Pflichtelement
- - - - -	optionales Element

The element VDR_08 has no attributes.

Sub-elements of VDR_08

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
POSTEN	+	1..n	See element POSTEN	

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.2.1 Element POSTEN

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
belegart	+	belart	See below
kennzahl	+	zif3	Code pursuant to coding list

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

belegart:

The following values are to be entered here:

- "1" Incoming payments
- "2" Outgoing payments

kennzahl:

The following values are to be entered here:

Voucher type	Transaction type	Code
1	Receipts from non-residents from sea freight in incoming traffic	667
	Receipts from non-residents from sea freight in outgoing traffic	668
	Receipts from non-residents from sea freight with third countries	081
	Receipts from non-residents from passage	654
2	Expenditure to non-residents for chartering ocean-going vessels owned by non-residents	298
	Expenditure to non-residents for ancillary costs of maritime shipping	310

As of 1 January 2025, codes 677 and 678 will no longer be used for receipts from residents in connection with sea freight.

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
BETRAG	+	1..n	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.2.1.1 Element BETRAG

This element contains the amount of the outgoing payments in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice.

Receipts from non-residents from sea freight in incoming and outgoing traffic and passage as well as receipts from residents from sea freight in incoming and outgoing traffic are to be entered here. Expenditure to non-residents for chartering ocean-going vessels owned by non-residents and for ancillary costs of maritime shipping are also to be entered here. For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
land	+	isoLand	Country code pursuant to ISO standards, see below
landname	-	alphanumeric, max. 16 characters	Country name
betragref	-	alphanumeric, max. 35 characters	User-defined reference for identification purposes in case of queries

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

land:

The following values are to be entered here:

- Receipts: Country in which the foreign debtor is domiciled or resident
- Expenditure: Country in which the creditor is domiciled or resident

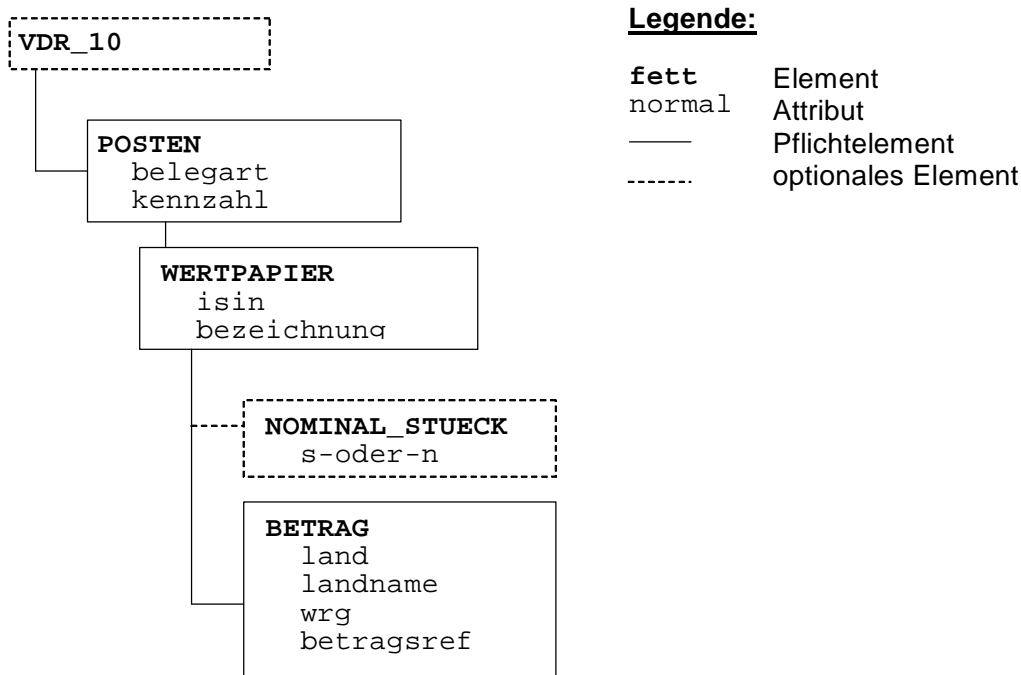
Example for the structure of element VDR_08

```
<VDR_08>
  <POSTEN belegart="1" kennzahl="667">
    <BETRAG land="AR" landname="Argentinien"
betragoref="x01">173</BETRAG>
    <BETRAG land="GB" landname="Gross-Brit"
betragoref="x02">2226</BETRAG>
  </POSTEN>
  <POSTEN belegart="2" kennzahl="298">
    <BETRAG land="AR" landname="Argentinien"
betragoref="x03">1088</BETRAG>
    <BETRAG land="FR" landname="Frankreich"
betragoref="x04">14277</BETRAG>
  </POSTEN>
</VDR_08>
```

5.3 Annex Z10 (included in Annex 6 ZABILC2 in future)

The element **VDR_10** is used to report securities and financial derivatives transactions with non-residents, both for own and for the account of customers.

The element **VDR_10** is optional and can be used once per MELDUNG.



The element VDR_10 has no attributes.

Sub-elements of VDR_10

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
POSTEN	+	1..n	See element POSTEN	

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.3.1 Element POSTEN

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
belegart	+	belart	See below
kennzahl	+	zif3	Code pursuant to coding list

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

belegart:

The following values are to be entered here:

- “3” Incoming payments
- “4” Outgoing payments

kennzahl:

The code is to be entered here (pursuant to the “Notes on the coding list for the balance of payments statistics” on the Bundesbank’s website: [Code lists | Deutsche Bundesbank](#)).

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
WERTPAPIER	+	1..n	See element WERTPAPIER	

* Column “Req.”: “+” and “-” indicate “required” and “optional”, respectively.

5.3.1.1 Element WERTPAPIER

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
isin	+	isin	Identification number of financial instrument, see below
bezeichnung	+	String, max. 35 characters	Description of financial instrument, see below

* Column “Req.”: “+” and “-” indicate “required” and “optional”, respectively.

isin:

The ISIN is to be entered for securities transactions. A valid ISIN consists of two upper case letters followed by ten digits or upper case letters. For derivatives transactions, enter “XXXXXXXXXXXX”.

bezeichnung:

For securities transactions, the description of the securities must also be entered.

For financial derivatives transactions, the type of derivative and the description of the underlying must also be entered (e.g. Bund future/Liffe, OTC FX option premium).

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
NOMINAL_STUECK	(+)	0..1	betrag18neg	See element NOMINAL_STUECK
BETRAG	+	1	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column “Req.”: “+” and “-” indicate “required” and “optional”, respectively.

The element NOMINAL_STUECK must always come before the element BETRAG.

5.3.1.1.1 Element **NOMINAL_STUECK**

This element contains the number or nominal amount of shares, bonds or other financial instruments. For correction reports, insert a “-” before the first digit.

This element can be omitted for financial derivatives transactions only.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
s-oder-n	+	“S” or “N”	Code for number or nominal amount

* Column “Req.”: “+” and “-” indicate “required” and “optional”, respectively.

s-oder-n:

“S” is to be entered as the value for this attribute if the element contains the number of shares or the number of units of other financial instruments that are traded by unit. The exact number of traded financial instruments is to be entered. For correction reports, insert a “-” before the first digit.

“N” is to be entered as the value for this attribute if the element contains the nominal amount of financial instruments that are traded by amount.

The nominal amount of the traded financial instruments is to be entered in thousands of units of the currency of issue.

For correction reports, insert a “-” before the first digit.

5.3.1.1.2 Element **BETRAG**

This element contains the amount of incoming and outgoing payments, cumulated where applicable. The amount must always be in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice. For correction reports, insert a “-” before the first digit.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
land	+	isoLand	Country code pursuant to ISO standards, see below
landname	-	alphanum, max. 16 characters	Country name
wrg	-	isoWaehrung	Currency code pursuant to ISO standards, see below
betragref	-	alphanum, max. 35 characters	User-defined reference for identification purposes in case of queries

* Column “Req.”: “+” and “-” indicate “required” and “optional”, respectively.

land:

The following values are to be entered here:

Transaction type	Country to be entered
Foreign securities transactions	Country in which the issuer is resident or domiciled
Domestic securities transactions	Country in which the foreign seller or purchaser is resident or domiciled
Financial derivatives	Country in which the foreign counterparty is resident or domiciled; country in which the stock exchange or clearing participant is resident or domiciled

wrg:

For securities transactions that are not traded by unit, enter the ISO code of the currency of issue.

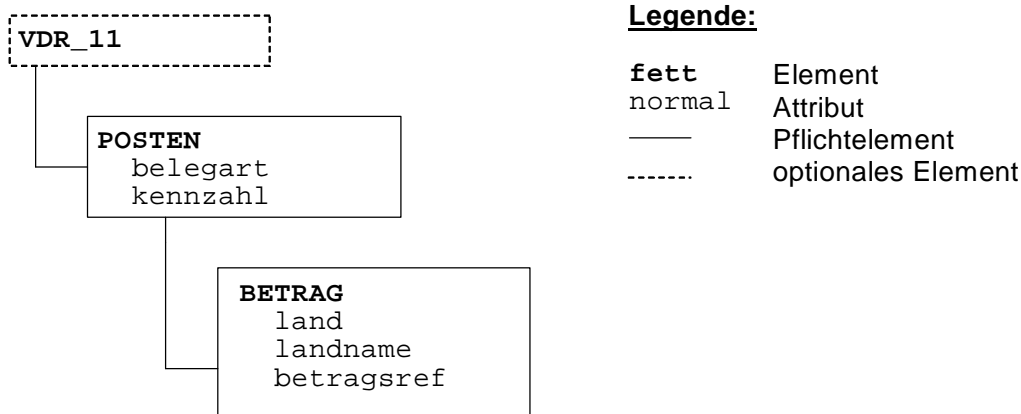
For securities and financial derivatives quoted by unit, the currency of issue does not need to be specified.

5.3.2 Example for the structure of element VDR_10

```
<VDR_10>
  <POSTEN belegart="3" kennzahl="701">
    <WERTPAPIER isin="FR0010083428" bezeichnung="Frankreich 04/14" >
      <NOMINAL_STUECK s-oder-n="N">125</NOMINAL_STUECK>
      <BETRAG land="FR" landname="Frankr" wrg="EUR"
betragref="F010">124</BETRAG>
    </WERTPAPIER>
  </POSTEN>
  <POSTEN belegart="3" kennzahl="258">
    <WERTPAPIER isin="DE0007100000" bezeichnung="DaimlerChrysler" >
      <NOMINAL_STUECK s-oder-n="S">637500</NOMINAL_STUECK>
      <BETRAG land="GB" landname="GBrit" wrg="EUR"
betragref="F011">21462</BETRAG>
    </WERTPAPIER>
  </POSTEN>
</VDR_10>
```

5.4 Annex Z11 (included in Annex 5 ZABILC1 in future)

The element **VDR_11** is used to report securities income payments in foreign trade and payments.
 The element **VDR_11** is optional and can be used once per MELDUNG.



Legende:

fett Element
 normal Attribut
 — Pflichtelement
 - - - - - optionales Element

The element VDR_11 has no attributes.

Sub-elements of VDR_11

5.4.1 Element POSTEN

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
POSTEN	+	1..n	See element POSTEN	

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
belegart	+	belart	See below
kennzahl	+	zif3	Code pursuant to coding list

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

belegart:

The following values are to be entered here:

"3" Incoming payments

"4" Outgoing payments

kennzahl:

The codes are available on the Bundesbank's website: [Code lists | Deutsche Bundesbank](#).

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
BETRAG	+	1..n	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.4.1.1 Element BETRAG

This element contains the amount of the outgoing payments in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice.

The (net) amounts actually paid out or credited to non-residents are to be entered here. All paid securities income in foreign trade and payments should be included regardless of amount, since the reporting thresholds pursuant to Section 67(2) No 1 and Section 70(2) of the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance do not apply in this case. For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
land	+	isoLand	Country code pursuant to ISO standards, see below
landname	-	alphanumeric, max. 16 characters	Country name
betragref	-	alphanumeric, max. 35 characters	User-defined reference for identification purposes in case of queries

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

land:

Enter the country in which the payment beneficiary is resident (creditor country). For incoming payments from foreign depositories, enter the country in which the depository is domiciled. If an international organisation is the payment beneficiary, the amounts should not be entered against the country in which it is domiciled, but against the name of the organisation.

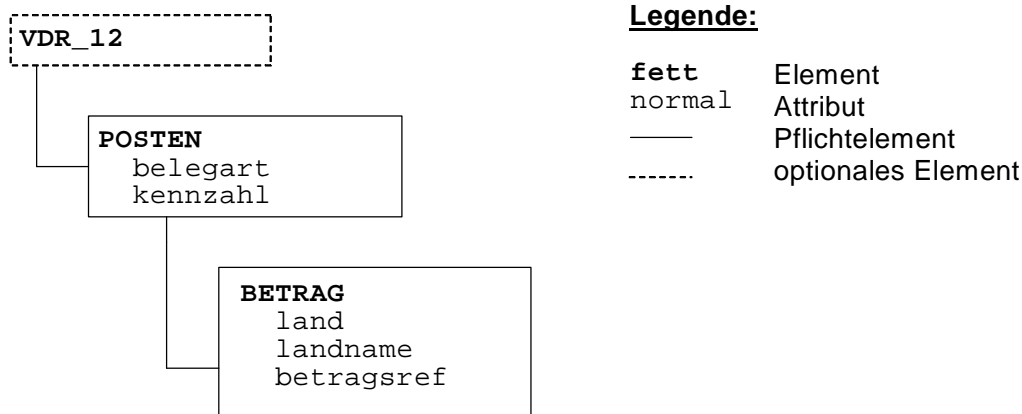
5.4.2 Example for the structure of element VDR_11

```
<VDR_11>
  <POSTEN belegart="4" kennzahl="382">
    <BETRAG land="AR" landname="Argentinien" betragref="x0001"
  >123</BETRAG>
    <BETRAG land="CH" landname="Schweiz" betragref="x0002" >456</BETRAG>
  </POSTEN>
  <POSTEN belegart="4" kennzahl="183">
    <BETRAG land="AR" landname="Argentinien" betragref="x0003"
  >888</BETRAG>
    <BETRAG land="FR" landname="Frankreich" betragref="x0004"
  >14977</BETRAG>
  </POSTEN>
</VDR_11>
```

5.5 Annex Z12 (included in Annex 7 ZABILC3 in future)

The element **VDR_12** is used to report volumes of card transactions in incoming and outgoing payments in foreign travel.

The element **VDR_12** is optional and can be used once per MELDUNG.



The element VDR_12 has no attributes.

Sub-elements of VDR_12

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
POSTEN	+	1..n	See element POSTEN	

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.5.1 Element POSTEN

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
belegart	+	belart	See below
kennzahl	+	zif3	Code pursuant to coding list

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

belegart:

The following values are to be entered here:

- "1" Receipts from foreign travel (transactions by non-resident travellers in Germany)
- "2" Expenditure on foreign travel (transactions by resident travellers abroad)

kennzahl :

The following values are to be entered here:

Transactions settled with other countries:	- Debit card volumes	018
	- Credit card volumes	007

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
BETRAG	+	1..n	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.5.1.1 Element BETRAG

This element contains the amount of the payments in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice.

Enter the countervalues of the debit card and credit card volumes settled with other countries by the reporting credit institution. Outgoing payments must be reported by the card-issuing bank, whilst incoming payments must be reported by the trader's bank that credits the amount to one of its customers. Transactions at ATMs must also be included.

For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
land	+	isoLand	Country code pursuant to ISO standards, see below
landname	-	alphanumeric, max. 16 characters	Country name
betragref	-	alphanumeric, max. 35 characters	User-defined reference for identification purposes in case of queries

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

land :

The following values are to be entered here:

Receipts: Country of residence of the non-resident traveller
Expenditure: Country of travel of the resident traveller

5.5.2 Example for the structure of element VDR_12

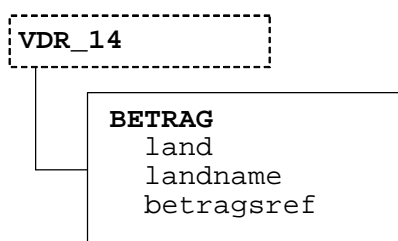
```
<VDR_12>
  <POSTEN belegart="1" kennzahl="018">
    <BETRAG land="NO" landname="Norwegen" betragsref="ze00034"
>123</BETRAG>
    <BETRAG land="JE" landname="Jersey" betragsref="ze00035"
>456</BETRAG>
  </POSTEN>
  <POSTEN belegart="2" kennzahl="007">
    <BETRAG land="JE" landname="Jersey" betragsref="ze00036" >50</BETRAG>
    <BETRAG land="FR" landname="Frankreich" betragsref="ze00037"
>14</BETRAG>
  </POSTEN>
</VDR_12>
```

5.6 Annex Z13 (no longer applicable as of 1 January 2025 owing to the amendment to the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance (AWV))

5.7 Annex Z14 (included in Annex 5 ZABILC1 in future)

The element **VDR_14** is used to report interest income and similar receipts in foreign trade and payments – excluding interest on securities, however.

The element **VDR_14** is optional and can be used once per MELDUNG.



Legende:

fett	Element
normal	Attribut
—	Pflichtelement
-----	optionales Element

The element VDR_14 has no attributes.

Sub-elements of VDR_14

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
BETRAG	+	1..n	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.7.1 Element BETRAG

This element contains the amount of the payments in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice.

Interest income and similar receipts are to be included in accordance with their allocation in the profit and loss account. For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
land	+	isoLand	Country code pursuant to ISO standards, see below
landname	-	alphanum, max. 16 characters	Country name
betragoref	-	alphanum, max. 35 characters	User-defined reference for identification purposes in case of queries

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

land:

Here, enter the country in which the non-resident is resident. For international organisations, the amounts should not be entered against the country in which it is domiciled, but against the name of the organisation.

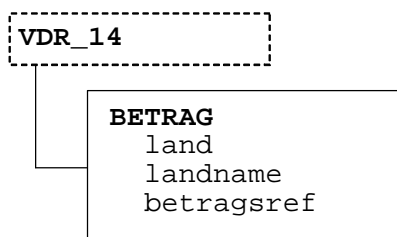
5.7.2 Example for the structure of element VDR_14

```
<VDR_14>
  <BETRAG land="IE" landname="Irland" betragsref="k0000001" >890</BETRAG>
  <BETRAG land="FR" landname="Frankreich" betragsref="k0000002"
>88</BETRAG>
  <BETRAG land="CU" landname="Kuba" betragsref="k0000003" >15</BETRAG>
  <BETRAG land="5B" landname="BIZ" betragsref="k0000004" >1422</BETRAG>
</VDR_14>
```

5.8 Annex Z15 (included in Annex 5 ZABILC1 in future)

The element **VDR_15** is used to report interest expenditure and similar expenditure in foreign trade and payments – excluding interest on securities, however.

The element **VDR_15** is optional and can be used once per MELDUNG.



Legende:

fett	Element
normal	Attribut
—	Pflichtelement
- - - - -	optionales Element

The element VDR_15 has no attributes.

Sub-elements of VDR_15

Elements

Name	Req.*	Number	Value range/format	Comments
BETRAG	+	1..n	betrag18neg	See element BETRAG

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

5.8.1 Element BETRAG

This element contains the amount of the payments in **thousands of euro** and rounded. Amounts are to be rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice.

Interest expenditure and similar expenditure are to be included in accordance with their allocation in the profit and loss account. For correction reports, insert a "-" before the first digit.

Attributes

Name	Req.*	Value range/format	Comments
land	+	isoLand	Country code pursuant to ISO standards, see below
landname	-	alphanum, max. 16 characters	Country name
betragsref	-	alphanum, max. 35 characters	User-defined reference for identification purposes in case of queries

* Column "Req.": "+" and "-" indicate "required" and "optional", respectively.

land:

Enter the country in which the non-resident creditor of the interest payments is resident. For international organisations, the amounts should not be entered against the country in which it is domiciled, but against the name of the organisation.

5.8.2 Example for the structure of element VDR_15

```
<VDR_15>
  <BETRAG land="IE" landname="Irland" betragsref="tt0000001"
>890</BETRAG>
  <BETRAG land="FR" landname="Frankreich" betragsref="tt0000002"
>88</BETRAG>
  <BETRAG land="CU" landname="Kuba" betragsref="tt0000003" >35</BETRAG>
  <BETRAG land="5B" landname="BIZ" betragsref="tt0000004" >1422</BETRAG>
</VDR_15>
```


6 Complete example

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<LIEFERUNG-AWZEL xmlns="http://www.bundesbank.de/xmw/2003-01-01"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.bundesbank.de/xmw/2003-01-01 BbkXmwAwzel.xsd"
version="1.0" erstellzeit="2003-07-23T10:00:00" stufe="Test" bereich="Statistik">
  <ABSENDER>
    <FIRMENNR>00345678</FIRMENNR>
    <NAME>Firmen AG</NAME>
    <STRASSE>ABC-Straße 9</STRASSE>
    <PLZ>88888</PLZ>
    <ORT>Irgendwo</ORT>
    <LAND>DE</LAND>
    <KONTAKT>
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      <VORNAME>Hans</VORNAME>
      <ZUNAME>Schmidt</ZUNAME>
      <ABTEILUNG>MELDUNGEN</ABTEILUNG>
      <TELEFON>000/111-999</TELEFON>
      <FAX>000/111-888</FAX>
      <EMAIL>hans.schmidt@firma.de</EMAIL>
      <EXTRANET-ID>EXNTESTA</EXTRANET-ID>
    </KONTAKT>
  </ABSENDER>
  <ERSTELLER>
    <FIRMENNR>00000000</FIRMENNR>
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