

UK supplier payment practices: duty to report

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Heard about GDPR? Of course you have, it's been everywhere. But if you don't know much about the new regulations introduced last year compelling the UK's largest businesses to report on supplier payment practices, you're not alone. 14 months on from its introduction, and only 2,000 out of a total of 15,000 eligible companies have published their reports. All 15,000 need to have reported by Nov-18, so there's still a lot of work to be done.

If you are not yet compliant, there really is no time to lose, as the reporting is unlike anything most businesses will have produced before. The required calculations are based on invoice-level days-to-pay averages that are far more complex to produce accurately than typical Days Payable Outstanding metrics, the standard for measuring supplier payments. In an ideal world, you will set up detailed supplier payment reporting not just to comply with the new regulations, and not simply as a one-off, but using automated analytics to drive powerful reporting to better understand and to optimise supplier payment timeliness to improve cash-flow, payment authorisation compliance, and supply chain relations.



Source: <https://deliveringcash.com/tools/uk-payment-practice-reporting/> ¹ 2017 European Payment Report, Intrum Justitia

While the reporting requirement may seem onerous at first, it is another positive step towards improving the transparency of payment behaviour in the UK, and along with growing membership of initiatives such as the Prompt Payment Code, is gradually contributing to the development of better, fairer and prompter payment practices along the supply chain.

And while the current format of the data is not especially easy to review easily from the [government portal](#), we have created a free online [UK Payment Practice Reporting tool](#) to enable easy and fast access to more detailed analyses and reports, giving a clear understanding of how your potential or current customers treat and pay their suppliers. Armed with this information, you can make commercial decisions as to accept or reject a potential new customer, or even potentially renegotiate payment terms, based on having visibility on how promptly other suppliers may be paid.

And as 2,000 businesses becomes 15,000 over the coming months, that's probably a page you will want to add to your favourites.

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