Validate UK and Non-EU VAT Numbers with VATSense

How to · https://wpfactory.com/docs/vatsense-non-eu-validation/

To validate UK, Australian, Norwegian and Swiss VAT numbers, EU/UK VAT Manager for WooCommerce uses VATSense. Go to WPFactory > EU VAT (also reachable at WooCommerce > Settings > EU VAT), Validation sub-tab, Advanced group, paste your key into VATSense.com API key, and save. This is free; you supply your own VATSense API key.

Before you start

- A VATSense API key from vatsense.com (a free tier is available).

Set it up

1. Go to **WPFactory > EU VAT** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > EU VAT**), **Validation** sub-tab, **Advanced** group.
2. Paste your key into **VATSense.com API key** (`alg_wc_eu_vat_vatsense_key`).
3. Save changes.

Numbers for the UK (`GB`), Australia (`AU`), Norway (`NO`) and Switzerland (`CHE`) are then validated through VATSense automatically.

Use VATSense as a VIES fallback

You can also let VATSense stand in when VIES is unreachable. Enable **Enable VATSense fallback** (`alg_wc_eu_vat_vatsense_fallback`). When a VIES check returns no result, the plugin retries the number through VATSense using the same key.

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
VATSense.com API key	`alg_wc_eu_vat_vatsense_key`	(empty)	Free

Enable VATSense fallback	`alg_wc_eu_vat_vatsense_fallback`	No	Free

> **Note:** for Australian VAT validation, also enable **Allow VAT number input without country code** on the Validation sub-tab.

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