

# Communicate indications of violations within the scope of money laundering supervision (whistleblower system)

If you have information about a violation of the Money Laundering Act (such as: failure to identify a contracting party), you can report this as a notice completely anonymously to the relevant supervisory authority.

## Competent Department

- [Der Senator für Inneres und Sport](#)
- [Finanzamt Bremen](#)
- [Landgericht Bremen](#)
- [Abteilung 5 - Gewerbe und Marktangelegenheiten - Die Senatorin für Wirtschaft, Häfen und Transformation](#)
- [Magistrat der Stadt Bremerhaven - Bürger- und Ordnungsamt](#)

## Basic information

- Money laundering is the process by which illegally generated assets are channelled into the legal economy and removed from the reach of the law enforcement authorities.
- If you have information about potential or actual violations of the Money Laundering Act (such as non-identification of a contracting party), you can report this as a tip completely anonymously to the responsible supervisory authority.
- Your tip can contribute to the prevention of money laundering or terrorist financing.
- However, you must note that reporting via the anonymous whistleblower system is not the same as reporting a reportable suspicious case to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) located at Customs in accordance with the reporting obligation and ordinance authorization in the Money Laundering Act. In this case, you must report your suspicious case to the FIU. When submitting reports, you are not required to provide any personal information. The report can also be made anonymously.

## Procedure

You can report your tip about a violation of the Money Laundering Act in writing and anonymously.

Written procedure:

- You prepare a written report of the potential or actual violation of the Money Laundering Act. If available, attach evidence.

- Important: You can always submit your report anonymously. - In the next step, you must locate the responsible office, for example through the service portals of the federal states. The report can be submitted by mail, by e-mail (via an e-mail address set up at short notice with immediate deletion) or via a lawyer. Upon receipt, the competent body will examine the reported information.
- If contact data is available from you and the responsible office has queries, a consultation regarding your report can take place.
- In the case of an anonymous submission, further processing will take place without contact.
- If the information indicates a suspected crime, it will be forwarded to the responsible public prosecutor's office or police and followed up there.

## Legal bases

- [§ 53 Absatz 1 Geldwäschegesetz \(GwG\)](#)

## More information

There are several competent authorities for money laundering supervision in the state of Bremen. Below you will find the responsibilities per business sector.

The Senator for Economics, Labor and Europe

Supervision in the municipality of Bremen over:

- Financial companies according to § 2 para. 1 no. 6 GwG
- Insurance intermediaries according to § 2 para. 1 no. 8 GwG
- Service providers for companies and trust assets or trustees according to § 2 para. 1 no. 13 AMLA
- real estate agents according to § 2 para. 1 no. 14 GwG and
- dealers in goods according to § 2 Para. 1 No. 16 GwG

The Magistrate of the City of Bremerhaven

Supervision in the Municipality of Bremerhaven of:

- financial companies according to § 2 Para. 1 No. 6 GwG
- Insurance intermediaries according to § 2 Para. 1 No. 8 GwG
- Service providers for companies and trust assets or trustees according to § 2 Para. 1 No. 13 GwG
- Real estate agents according to § 2 para. 1 no. 14 GwG and
- dealers in goods, art brokers and art warehouse keepers, insofar as the warehousing takes place in duty-free zones according to Section 2 (1) No. 16 GwG.

The Senator for the Interior

- Supervision of organizers and brokers of games of chance according to Section 2 Para. 1 No. 15 AMLA

Bremen Tax Office

- Supervision of wage tax assistance associations according to §2 Para. 1 No. 12 GwG i.V.m. §4 No. 11 StBerG

President of the Bremen District Court

Supervision of:

- Notaries according to §2 Para. 1 No. 10 GwG
- Non-chambered legal advisors and registered persons within the meaning of §10 Legal Services Act according to §2 Para. 1 No. 11 GwG

### **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

There is no deadline.

### **What are the costs?**

There are no costs involved.