

Zoho Books UAE E-Invoicing for Logistics Companies — Complete Guide

How UAE Logistics, Freight, Fleet, and 3PL Companies Set Up Zoho Books for UAE Peppol E-Invoicing 2027 — With Direct Peppol Built In

Zoho Books is listed by the UAE Ministry of Finance as an Approved ASP and E-Invoicing Solution Provider with direct Peppol built into Professional, Premium, and Elite plans. For UAE logistics companies — freight forwarders, fleet operators, 3PL warehousing businesses, last-mile delivery companies, and shipping agents — Zoho Books covers shipment invoicing, freight billing, fleet management, UAE VAT, and UAE mandatory e-invoicing in one platform. This guide covers every key Zoho Books feature for UAE logistics companies and what the 2027 mandatory e-invoicing deadline means for the sector.

QUICK ANSWER — ZOHO BOOKS UAE E-INVOICING FOR LOGISTICS	
Zoho Books MoF status	UAE Ministry of Finance approved ASP and E-Invoicing Solution Provider
Direct Peppol	Built in to Professional, Premium, and Elite plans — no external ASP needed
Standard plan	NOT supported — upgrade to Professional required before setup
Key logistics features	Shipment invoicing, freight billing, fleet, multi-currency, landed costs
UAE e-invoicing deadline	1 Jan 2027 (AED 50M+) 1 Jul 2027 (all other VAT SMEs)
Free zone invoices	JAFZA, DMCC, IFZA, DIFC, RAKEZ — beneficiary field configured
Perfonec role	Authorised Zoho Partner — plan upgrade, setup, pilot testing, go-live

IMPORTANT — ZOHO BOOKS PLAN CHECK BEFORE STARTING UAE e-invoicing with direct Peppol is only supported on Zoho Books Professional, Premium, and Elite plans. The Standard plan and Free tier are NOT supported. If your logistics business is currently on the Standard plan, you must upgrade to Professional before any UAE e-invoicing setup can begin. Perfonec handles plan upgrades as the Authorised Zoho Partner in UAE.

Zoho Books Plans and UAE E-Invoicing Support

Zoho Books Plan	UAE E-Invoicing	Direct Peppol	Action Required
Free tier	■ Not supported	■ Not included	Upgrade to Professional
Standard plan	■ Not supported	■ Not included	Upgrade to Professional
Professional plan	■ Supported	■ Built in	Setup with Perfonec
Premium plan	■ Supported	■ Built in	Setup with Perfonec
Elite plan	■ Supported	■ Built in	Setup with Perfonec

Key Zoho Books Features for UAE Logistics Companies

Shipment and Freight Invoicing
• Freight invoices with shipment reference, vessel name, BL number, and AWB number
• Multi-currency freight billing — USD, AED, EUR for international clients
• Freight forwarding invoices — origin, destination, port codes, transit details
• Custom invoice templates for air freight, sea freight, and road transport

• Recurring invoices for regular lane contracts and long-term shipping agreements
• All B2B freight invoices transmitted through UAE Peppol automatically
• Zero-rated export invoices for international freight services — VAT category Z
• Free zone invoices for JAFZA, DMCC, DP World Free Zone clients

Fleet Management and Vehicle Billing
• Vehicle tracking — mileage, fuel, and maintenance costs per fleet unit
• Driver billing — per trip, per kilometre, or daily rate billing
• Last-mile delivery invoicing — per consignment or per route billing
• Fleet maintenance cost allocation per vehicle or per route
• Fuel expense tracking linked directly to billing and P&L;
• Multi-vehicle fleet reporting — profitability per vehicle or per driver
• Rental and lease invoicing for fleet assets
• Inter-company fleet billing between logistics group entities

Warehousing and 3PL Billing
• Warehousing invoices — storage fees per pallet, per CBM, or per square metre
• Handling charges — inbound, outbound, and value-added services
• Inventory management linked to client billing for 3PL operations
• Container tracking — TEU charges, dwell fees, demurrage billing
• Bonded warehouse billing for JAFZA and Jebel Ali clients
• Multi-client warehouse billing with separate ledgers per customer
• Monthly recurring storage invoices with automatic Peppol transmission
• Goods in transit insurance billing included in shipment invoices

UAE VAT and Accounting — Logistics Specific
• UAE VAT at 5% on applicable domestic logistics services
• Zero-rated international freight services — VAT category Z in PINT AE
• Exempt categories flagged automatically — certain transportation services
• FTA-compliant tax invoices with TRN, address, and VAT breakdown
• VAT 201 return compiled automatically from all invoices
• UAE Corporate Tax at 9% supported
• Multi-currency accounting — USD functional with AED statutory reporting
• Landed cost allocation for import shipments handled by logistics clients

UAE E-Invoice Types for Logistics Companies — Zoho Books Handles All

E-Invoice Type	Logistics Scenario	Zoho Books Action
Standard B2B invoice	Freight, handling, or storage invoice to UAE business	PINT AE XML created and sent through Peppol automatically

E-Invoice Type	Logistics Scenario	Zoho Books Action
Credit note — type 381	Freight rate correction or service credit	Credit note type 381 with original invoice reference in BT-25
Advance payment invoice	Deposit for container booking or charter	Advance payment invoice per UAE E-Invoicing Guidelines V1.1
Zero-rated export invoice	International freight service to overseas client	VAT category Z — service delivery outside UAE
Free zone invoice	JAFZA, DP World Free Zone, DMCC, IFZA client	Free zone beneficiary field populated automatically
Multi-currency invoice	USD freight invoice to international shipper	AED equivalent amounts included per Version 1.1
Incoming supplier invoice	Receiving Peppol invoice from agent or sub-contractor	Zoho Books receives and validates incoming PINT AE XML

PINT AE Data Issues Specific to UAE Logistics — What to Fix

PINT AE Field	Logistics-Specific Problem	How to Fix in Zoho Books
Item description — BT-153	Freight, Logistics, Handling, Transport all fail. Need specific descriptions.	Use: Sea Freight Dubai to Jeddah, Air Cargo Handling DXB, Warehouse Storage per Pallet
Unit code — BT-130	Logistics uses non-standard units — container, pallet, trip, shipment	Map to UN/CEFACT: EA (each), DAY (day), MTQ (cubic metre), KGM (kilogram)
Buyer TRN — BT-46	Many logistics clients are multinationals with UAE branches — TRN missing	Collect UAE TRN from all UAE VAT-registered clients before go-live
Zero-rated services	International freight often zero-rated — VAT category Z must be correct	Set VAT category Z on all international route invoice lines in Zoho Books
Free zone field	JAFZA and DP World Free Zone clients require beneficiary field	Configure free zone beneficiary in Zoho Books for each free zone client
Address — BT-35/50	Port addresses, free zone addresses stored as one block	Split into street, city, country code in Zoho Books contact record

UAE E-Invoicing Deadlines for Logistics Companies

Business Category	ASP Registration	Go-Live Date	Fines Begin
Revenue AED 50M or above	By 30 Oct 2026	1 January 2027	2 January 2027
All other VAT-registered SMEs	By 31 Mar 2027	1 July 2027	2 July 2027
Government logistics contracts	—	1 October 2027	Post Oct 2027
Pilot phase — all businesses	Open now	From 1 Jul 2026	ZERO FINES

Fine for not registering or not going live: AED 5,000 per month — no upper cap. Fine per non-compliant invoice: AED 100 — capped AED 5,000 per month. Maximum combined fine: AED 10,000 per month. The pilot phase from 1 July 2026 carries zero financial penalties. Start your Zoho Books setup now — while testing is free.

About Perfonec Computers — Authorised Zoho Partner UAE

Perfonec is an authorised Zoho Partner listed on the official Zoho Partner Directory UAE. We implement Zoho Books for UAE logistics companies — shipment invoicing, fleet management, 3PL billing, UAE VAT, and direct Peppol UAE e-invoicing. Perfonec handles plan upgrades, PINT AE data audit, Zoho Books configuration, pilot phase testing, and go-live support. Perfonec is also Odoo Ready Partner with Odoo Middle East (Cert n°0000699697), Authorised QuickBooks Dealer and Pro Advisor, Authorised Silver Partner for TallyPrime, and Authorised Sage Reseller UAE. Developer of QBESync and OESync.

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