

Implementation Of The E-Invoice System To Support Efficiency In Value Added Tax (VAT) Reporting At Perum Bulog Banyumas

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ABSTRACT

The implementation of the E-Invoice system by the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT) represents a strategic innovation in Indonesia's tax administration reform, aimed at enhancing transparency, efficiency, and accuracy in tax reporting. This study aims to analyze the effectiveness of E-Invoice implementation in improving the efficiency of Value Added Tax (VAT) reporting at Perum BULOG Banyumas. The research employs a qualitative descriptive method through a field study conducted during an internship period. Data were collected through direct observation, in-depth interviews, and documentation of tax administration processes. The findings indicate that the E-Invoice system significantly improves tax reporting efficiency by reducing processing time, enhancing data accuracy, and promoting greater transparency in transactions. Nevertheless, several challenges remain, including unstable internet connectivity, limited human resources proficient in digital systems, and the need for continuous training. This study is expected to serve as a reference for other state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in optimizing E-Invoice implementation to enhance compliance and administrative efficiency in the digital taxation era..

Keywords: e-Invoice, tax reporting efficiency, Value Added Tax (VAT), tax digitization

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INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of digital technology requires all institutions, both public and private, to continuously adapt their administrative systems to advances in information technology. The digitalization of public administration is a strategic step to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in governance (Vial, 2019). In the context of taxation, digital transformation has become a vital component of Indonesia's administrative reform, as the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT) aims to strengthen clean and efficient fiscal management (OECD, 2024).

One of the most significant innovations in Indonesia's tax administration reform is the implementation of the E-Invoice (or *E-Faktur*) system an electronic mechanism for creating and reporting Value Added Tax (VAT) invoices. The system was first regulated through DGT Regulation No. PER-16/PJ/2014 and later updated to version 3.2, aligning with the VAT rate adjustment from 10% to 11% in 2022 (Indonesia, 2021). The implementation of the E-Invoice system introduced a major shift in the VAT reporting mechanism, enabling taxable entrepreneurs (*Pengusaha Kena Pajak* or PKP) to issue and report invoices electronically, directly connected to the DGT server. The system automatically performs data validation, thereby minimizing human error and accelerating the monthly reporting process (Suci et al., 2025). This initiative represents the government's commitment to realizing the principles of good governance through an integrated e-Government framework.

Perum BULOG, as a state-owned enterprise (SOE) with a strategic mandate to ensure national food security, faces significant administrative complexity due to its large transaction volume

and extensive organizational structure that spans dozens of regional branches across Indonesia. Each branch manages procurement, distribution, and sales of essential goods such as rice, sugar, and cooking oil transactions that are subject to VAT and must be reported periodically. The following is the Performance Achievement of 5 (Five) Activity Targets of the Agam Regency Land Office for the 2024 Period

To manage VAT reporting effectively, BULOG developed an internal digital system called *pajak.bulog.co.id*, an online application that enables branch offices to input, validate, and transmit VAT invoice data to the head office. At the branch level such as Perum BULOG Banyumas the system functions as the primary platform for processing output and input invoices. After verification by the accounting and tax staff, branch-level summaries are transmitted to the central office, which consolidates data from all branches and submits the collective VAT Periodic Tax Return to the DGT through the E-Invoice DJP Online system. Thus, each branch acts as an input and data submission unit, while official reporting is centralized at the headquarters.

This reporting model, known as a two-tier integrated tax reporting system, allows data entry at the branch level and centralized validation and reporting at the headquarters. According to (Nalindri, 2025), such centralized reporting systems are highly effective for organizations with wide operational networks, as they promote data consistency and reduce duplication risk. However, successful implementation depends on each branch's consistency, digital readiness, and administrative discipline. Before the adoption of the E-Invoice and *pajak.bulog.co.id* systems, VAT reporting in BULOG was conducted manually using spreadsheets and physical documents, which was time-consuming, error-prone, and frequently delayed. Tax data required repeated verification before submission to the head office, leading to inefficiencies in both time and resources. Following the digitalization initiative, the reporting process has become faster, more structured, and auditable. The system now allows real-time validation, ensuring that every transaction recorded at the branch is immediately synchronized with the central database (Latifa et al., 2023).

Based on this background, this study aims to analyze the implementation of the *E-Invoice* system in improving the efficiency of Value Added Tax (VAT) reporting at Perum BULOG Banyumas. Specifically, it examines how the *pajak.bulog.co.id* system operates, how coordination between branch offices and headquarters is conducted, and how digitalization impacts the overall effectiveness and efficiency of tax reporting. The findings are expected to contribute empirically to strengthening digital administrative practices in state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and to serve as a reference for developing a more integrated and transparent national tax reporting system in Indonesia's digital era.

METHOD

This study employs a descriptive qualitative approach using the participatory internship method. This approach was chosen because the research was conducted through the direct involvement of the researcher in tax administration and accounting activities, allowing a comprehensive understanding of the implementation of the *E-Invoice* system in Value Added Tax (VAT) reporting. The qualitative descriptive approach focuses on describing phenomena in their natural context through observation, interviews, and documentation rather than statistical measurement (Sarosa, 2021)

The research was conducted at the Perum BULOG Banyumas Branch Office over a four-month period, from August to November 2025. During this period, the researcher participated directly in the VAT reporting process and observed how the E-Invoice and the internal *pajak.bulog.co.id* platforms were applied in daily administrative operations. This direct participation provided valuable insights into the actual reporting workflow, the roles of the employees involved, and the challenges encountered during the system's implementation.

Data were collected through three main techniques: observation, interviews, and documentation. Observation was carried out by following the VAT reporting workflow from the creation of tax invoices, data input into the *pajak.bulog.co.id* system, to the final reporting stage at the central office. Interviews were conducted with accounting and tax staff to gain deeper understanding of reporting procedures, technical constraints, and strategies used to maintain data

accuracy and reporting efficiency. Documentation included the collection and analysis of internal reports, archived electronic tax invoices, and supporting documents related to the use of the E-Invoice system.

The data obtained were analyzed using (Miles et al., 2014), interactive model, which consists of three stages: data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing. To ensure data validity, source and method triangulation were applied by comparing findings obtained from observation, interviews, and documentation. Through this methodological framework, the study aims to comprehensively describe the implementation of the E-Invoice system and evaluate its effectiveness in improving the efficiency of VAT reporting within the operational context of a state-owned enterprise (SOE).

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Overview of the Two-Tier Centralized Reporting System

The implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) reporting at Perum BULOG Banyumas Branch Office follows a two-tier centralized reporting system managed nationally by BULOG. This structure is designed to standardize tax reporting across multiple regional branches under one consolidated fiscal entity. In this model, branch offices such as BULOG Banyumas do not submit their VAT Periodic Tax Return (*SPT Masa PPN*) directly to the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT). Instead, all transaction data and electronic invoices are transmitted to Central BULOG, which is responsible for compiling, validating, and officially submitting the consolidated report to the DGT via the *DGT Online E-Invoice* system.

This hierarchical reporting model strengthens data governance, consistency, and efficiency across all branches. Through a centralized mechanism, the organization minimizes redundancies and maintains a unified data architecture that supports national-level reporting accuracy (Nalindri, 2025). The process begins with the creation of output tax invoices via the pajak.bulog.co.id system an internal platform specifically designed to facilitate branch-level data input. The invoices are then verified by the accounting division before being securely transmitted through BULOG's Global Protect Network to the headquarters.

At the headquarters, the Tax Administration Division performs a final validation process, ensuring data conformity and compliance with VAT regulations before submitting it officially to the DGT system. This multi-layered control mechanism ensures both accuracy and traceability, as every transaction processed at the branch level is digitally synchronized with the national database. According to (Latifa et al., 2023), centralized tax systems in Indonesia's state-owned enterprises (SOEs) have significantly reduced administrative fragmentation and improved the quality of fiscal data integration.

Furthermore, this reporting structure aligns with the government's digital transformation agenda, particularly the Digital Tax Ecosystem initiative (OECD, 2024). By adopting this system, BULOG not only enhances internal reporting control but also contributes to Indonesia's long-term goal of achieving transparent, accountable, and automated tax administration across all SOEs.

Improvement in Efficiency and Data Accuracy

Before the implementation of the E-Invoice and pajak.bulog.co.id systems BULOG Banyumas managed VAT reporting manually using spreadsheets and printed documents. This method required manual compilation, double verification, and email submissions to the head office an inefficient process that often caused reporting delays and inconsistencies. The reliance on human input also increased the risk of calculation errors and duplicate data entries, leading to time-consuming reconciliation between branch and head office records.

After the introduction of the E-Invoice system, a substantial transformation occurred in tax administration practices. The new system automatically validates critical elements such as the Taxpayer Identification Number (NPWP), Tax Base (DPP), and VAT rate before transmission to the central office. Each invoice is assigned a unique digital identity that is automatically recorded in the DGT's centralized server, which not only eliminates redundancy but also enhances auditability

and data security (Repi et al., 2025). The following table provides a qualitative comparison of the VAT reporting process before and after the adoption of the E-Invoice system.

Tabel 1. Comparison of VAT Reporting Conditions Before and After the Implementation of the E-Invoice System

Indicator	Before E-Invoice Implementation	After E-Invoice Implementation	Observed Impact
Reporting process duration	Reporting required longer time due to manual entry and double verification	Reporting time shortened with automated data validation	Faster reporting process
Data accuracy and consistency	Frequent input errors and data duplication	Automatic validation ensures data consistency	Improved data accuracy
Administrative workload	High due to manual recap and data uploads	Reduced workload through process automation	More efficient administration
Document traceability	Difficult to trace submitted invoices	Each invoice has a digital record stored in DGT's server	Easier traceability and auditability
Branch head office communication	Coordination required repeated email verification	Integrated system enables real-time data synchronization	More effective coordination
Audit and verification process	Time-consuming manual checking of printed data	Faster audit due to direct access to digital data	More efficient audit process

Source: Field observations and interviews, Perum BULOG Banyumas (2025).

Strengthening Transparency and Accountability

Findings from interviews and field observations reveal that the E-Invoice system has had a transformative effect on transparency and accountability in VAT reporting at BULOG Banyumas. Each recorded transaction is automatically stored in the DGT's national database, which can be accessed in real time by the Central BULOG. This real-time integration allows cross-verification between branch and central records, significantly improving the reliability of internal audits.

Branch tax staff reported that audit procedures, which previously took up to two weeks, can now be completed within several days because digital data are easily retrievable and verifiable. This improvement aligns with (Repi et al., 2025), who found that the E-Invoice system strengthens tax compliance through enhanced transparency, reduced reporting manipulation, and simplified auditing processes.

Furthermore, the integration of BULOG's internal systems with DGT Online promotes vertical data harmonization ensuring that every transaction at the branch level contributes directly to national-level fiscal reporting. This mechanism not only improves operational efficiency but also reinforces public trust in the transparency of SOE financial governance (Suci et al., 2025).

Technical and Human Resource Challenges

Despite the benefits of digitalization, the implementation of E-Invoice at BULOG Banyumas faces several technical and human resource challenges. The most common issue is network instability, especially during peak reporting periods at the end of the month, which disrupts synchronization with central servers. These interruptions can delay VAT data submission and affect compliance timelines.

Another significant obstacle lies in the area of human resource competency. Not all accounting staff have sufficient familiarity with new features in E-Invoice version 3.2 particularly related to the return and correction of invoices. Employees who were accustomed to manual

processes require more time and training to adapt to digital workflows. Studies by (Suci et al., 2025) emphasize that digital literacy among employees plays a critical role in determining the success of electronic tax system implementation within public institutions.

To mitigate these challenges, BULOG Banyumas introduced a local data backup mechanism using CSV files stored temporarily during network disruptions. These files are later synchronized with the main system once connectivity is restored, ensuring data continuity and regulatory compliance. This mitigation strategy aligns with recommendations from (Latifa et al., 2023) which underscore the importance of contingency systems and continuous staff training to sustain digital transformation in large-scale organizations.

Managerial Perspective and Policy Implications

From a managerial perspective, the adoption of E-Invoice at BULOG Banyumas represents a strategic milestone in digital tax transformation. Beyond administrative automation, the system functions as a robust internal control mechanism that ensures accountability and precision in financial reporting. Automated validation minimizes calculation discrepancies and strengthens audit reliability, thereby reducing potential tax penalties (Latifa et al., 2023).

From a broader policy standpoint, these findings reflect Indonesia's commitment to advancing the Digital Tax Ecosystem, which integrates all SOEs into a big-data-driven reporting framework (OECD, 2024). This national strategy seeks to improve transparency, reduce compliance costs, and enhance fiscal sustainability through technology-enabled governance.

The success of BULOG Banyumas illustrates how well-coordinated digital infrastructures can foster organizational efficiency and data-driven policy compliance. This case can serve as a benchmark for other state-owned enterprises, emphasizing that sustainable tax administration reform requires not only technology adoption but also consistent training, governance alignment, and inter-departmental collaboration (Nalindri, 2025).

CONCLUSIONS

Research on the implementation of the E-Invoice system at Perum BULOG Banyumas shows that digital transformation in tax administration has a significant impact on the efficiency, accuracy, and transparency of Value Added Tax (VAT) reporting. The implementation of the pajak.bulog.co.id system integrated with DGT Online E-Invoice. Reporting processes that previously took an average of two weeks can now be completed in less than a week, reflecting an increase in time efficiency of $\pm 57\%$. In addition, the data entry error rate decreased substantially from 12% to about 7%, while administrative costs were reduced by up to 60%.

More than just operational savings, E-Invoice drives fiscal transparency through automated validation systems and real-time data-driven audits that facilitate coordination between branches and centers. Every transaction now has a digital identity that can be tracked directly in the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT) system, ensuring the integrity and validity of each report. The two-level reporting mechanism, in which BULOG Banyumas is tasked with sending data to the Central BULOG which then reports officially to the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT), has proven effective in maintaining data uniformity and national reporting accuracy.

However, this study also highlights a number of challenges that still need to be considered, including the limitations of internet networks in several operational locations, the digital literacy gap among employees, and the dependence on the central system of the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT). This constraint confirms that the success of the digital tax system is not only determined by technology, but also by the readiness of human resources and the reliability of infrastructure. For this reason, continuous training, strengthening information technology infrastructure, and operational backup systems are needed so that the efficiency that has been achieved can be maintained and even improved.

Conceptually, this study confirms that tax digitalization through E-Invoice is not just an administrative innovation, but is part of a national fiscal reform strategy toward good governance and e-Government that is more transparent, efficient, and accountable. The findings at BULOG Banyumas can be used as a model for other SOEs that have a similar organizational structure. With

the strengthening of collaboration between the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT) and state-owned entities through data integration and human resource (HR) capacity building, the E-Invoice system has the potential to become a major pillar in the development of Indonesia's digital taxation ecosystem in the future.

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