

ELECTRONIC INVOICING COMPLIANCE IN COSTA RICA

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Powered by SAP Document and Reporting Compliance (DRC), Cloud Edition

The Challenge

Costa Rica has established one of the most mature electronic invoicing frameworks in Latin America. Under the supervision of the Dirección General de Tributación (DGT), part of the Ministry of Finance (Ministerio de Hacienda), the country operates a clearance-based model: invoices must be generated in structured XML format, digitally signed, and validated by the tax authority in near real time before they are considered legally valid. The mandate applies broadly across B2B, B2C and B2G transactions, along with credit notes, debit notes and other fiscal documents.

For organizations operating in the country, compliance is not optional — it is a continuous, transaction-level obligation that demands accuracy, speed and system reliability. Costa Rica's model emphasizes transparency, auditability and continuous reporting, so manual processes or fragmented tools introduce risk, inefficiency and compliance gaps. Organizations running SAP need a standard, scalable path to compliance — without re-architecting their landscape or taking on custom-code risk.

The Crimson Solution

Crimson's Electronic Invoicing Compliance solution for Costa Rica extends SAP Document and Reporting Compliance, Cloud Edition, to address DGT requirements end to end, while remaining fully aligned with SAP's standard architecture.

- Native integration with SAP ERP and SAP S/4HANA — no complex custom development required
- XML generation in line with Costa Rica's schema requirements, with integrated digital signature
- Real-time submission and validation with the DGT via the tax authority's clearance platform
- Automated status tracking, response handling, full audit trail and document traceability
- Consolidates billing and financial data across the organization using SAP's source document concept

How It Works

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Create & Convert

Billing documents from SAP Finance and Sales are consolidated using SAP's source document concept and converted into e-documents under a single compliance framework.

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Validate in Real Time

The e-invoice is digitally signed and submitted to the DGT for validation, which returns an approval response in near real time, including rejection reasons if any.

3

Deliver & Retain

The compliant invoice is delivered to the customer along with the official approval response; the record is securely archived to support DGT audit requirements.

Scope of the Mandate

B2B — Business to Business

All VAT-registered suppliers issue structured XML invoices, digitally signed and validated by the DGT before they are legally valid.

B2C — Business to Consumer

Electronic invoices, credit notes and debit notes issued to consumers follow the same clearance-based validation framework.

B2G — Business to Government

Public-sector transactions follow the same real-time DGT validation, archiving and audit requirements as B2B and B2C.

Key Benefits

Reduced Compliance Risk

Reduced compliance risk through SAP-standard configuration and validated, real-time processes.

Centralized Visibility

Real-time visibility into invoice status, approvals and exceptions, with centralized monitoring across finance and sales.

Future-Proof by Design

Scalable architecture aligned with SAP's upgrade and innovation roadmap, ready to extend across Latin America.

Minimal Disruption

Lower long-term maintenance than custom-built or third-party-heavy solutions, with minimal disruption to the existing landscape.

Why Crimson

Costa Rica's clearance-based invoicing environment demands precision, reliability and deep technical alignment with SAP systems. Crimson Technology Partners combines strong SAP expertise with regulatory insight to deliver solutions that are both compliant and operationally efficient.

- SAP DRC implementations delivered across 60+ countries and multiple industries
- Proven regional and multi-jurisdiction depth — Costa Rica, Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Congo, Ivory Coast, Morocco and beyond
- A single, consistent user experience across every market we deploy in
- Direct engagement with DGT technical specifications to keep the solution current as Costa Rica's mandate evolves

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