



Guarantees for imports – improving your international trade

Secure against the unexpected.

Guarantees are commonly used to cover the risk of non-compliance by a contract party to fulfil agreed obligations, e.g. failure to pay or deliver. Guarantees can be used in open account trade as well as a complement to collections and documentary credits.

Common types of guarantees

- Advance payment guarantee
- Payment guarantee
- Performance guarantee

On demand or accessory

On demand guarantees are independent of the underlying trade contract and are payable directly upon the beneficiary's claim, while accessory guarantees are connected to the underlying contract and are payable upon the guaranteed party's actual default under the contract.

Obtain a credit from your seller

The seller's main concern is to receive payment promptly. By offering the seller a payment guarantee issued by Nordea* you are better positioned to negotiate deferred payment terms or credit for you. The payment guarantee can be issued for a single payment/delivery or for regular payments/deliveries over time, i.e. as a security for a purchase account.

Secure your seller's obligations

In your commercial contract with the seller there are several terms for the seller to fulfil in order for you to receive the right goods, at the right time and at the right place. Consequently, you rely on the seller's willingness to fulfil his obligations.

A performance guarantee issued by the seller's bank in your favour, securing the seller's obligations, will provide you with compensation should the seller fail.

In order for you to further reduce your risk, if you and your seller so agree and at the request of your seller's bank, Nordea can issue¹ the performance guarantee in your favour. In this way your risk is placed on Nordea instead of on the seller's bank.

How it works

First you and the seller agree on the terms of the contract (1). In this case you agree to provide the seller with a direct payment guarantee to secure your payment. You will then apply to Nordea for the guarantee (2). Nordea issues the requested guarantee based on the information on the contract between you and the seller.

The guarantee is then advised to the seller directly from Nordea in an original paper version (3) or by SWIFT through a correspondent bank acting as a "post office" (3a and 3b). You are now ready to start the trade (4). In case of a claim under the guarantee, Nordea will check the claim according to the nature of the guarantee (demand or accessory).

Contact us to find out more about how we can assist you with your trade finance transactions. You can also find us at nordea.com/tradefinance.

CONTACT

Please contact us and find out more about our solutions.

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SHORTCUTS

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[NORDEA.COM/EN/SUPPORT-CONTACT-TRADE](https://nordea.com/en/support/contact-trade)

FACTS

Nordea offers a full range of trade finance services and is the largest trade finance bank in the Nordic region. We offer trade finance services including collections, documentary credits and guarantees as well as related e-solutions.

Located in Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, China, the UK and USA.

*) subject to credit approval

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