WBSCM Release 2.2.11.0 was deployed June 8, 2012. Key changes in WBSCM functionality are described in these release notes.

Vendor and other External User Impacts

The following changes will impact USDA Suppliers or Freight Forwarders:

PRO - Vendor Response Log option has been included in the Enter Offers transaction
Previously, vendors were required to go to another transaction to generate the Vendor Response Log for their review. Now, Vendors can select the Vendor Response Log option from the “Enter Offers” transaction and the Output Preview will be generated for the selected Vendor Response/Offer(s). (#10076) For more information, see job aids:
“Vendor Response Log Option (Release 2.2.11) - International Commodity Bidding” and “Vendor Response Log Option (Release 2.2.11) – Domestic Bidding.”

PRO - Vendors can now delete prices from an existing offer
Previously, the process for deleting prices from a domestic commodity offer was circuitous. Now, there is a more efficient transaction available for vendors to delete prices. This new option is available on the Basic Data tab of the Offer header. (#10091) For more information, see job aids: “Create Offer Changes (Release 2.2.11) – Domestic Bidding,” “Create Offer Changes (Release 2.2.11) – International Bidding,” and “Vendor Response Changes (Release 2.2.11) - International Freight Bidding.”

PRO - The Offer Output format has changed to include ETA information
Previously, the Offer Output did not include a summary of the ETA information. Now, ETA information, like the Discharge Port, Description, and ETA Dates will now be included on the Offer Output. These changes will only apply for International Freight Orders from USAID and FAS. This will impact the Offer Output from the Bid Entry screen as well as the Vendor Response Log Report. (#10120) For more information, see job aid: “Offer Output - ETA Summary Change (Release 2.2.11) - International Freight Bidding.”

PRO – The Enter Offers application now displays offer information on the Vendor Response Screen for International Freight Invitations
Previously, the Vendor Response Screen of the “Enter Offers” transaction did not display information for International Freight Invitations. Now, a field has been added specifically for these types of invitations. The field contains a combination of Bid Label, Freight Service, and Vessel Information. (#10134) For more information, see job aids: “Create Offer Changes (Release 2.2.11) – Domestic Bidding,” “Create Offer Changes (Release 2.2.11) – International Bidding,” and “Vendor Response Changes (Release 2.2.11) - International Freight Bidding.”

PRO - International Commodity Vendor constraints
Previously, vendors were able to enter 0 for the international commodity constraint. Now, a validation has been added to generate an error message if the constraint is entered as 0 for an international commodity invitation. (#10021)

Domestic Customer Impacts (SDAs/ITOs/Co-ops/RAs)

The following changes will impact domestic customers including State Distribution Agencies (SDAs), Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs), Co-ops, and Recipient Agencies (RAs):

Redistributions

FUL - SDAs are now able to easily cancel Redistributions
Previously, if SDAs needed to cancel redistributions, they were unable to do so. Now, the redistribution process offers cancellation functionality. Cancellations will impact the entitlement balance (if indicated by the user) by cancelling the redistribution order and its associated redistribution credit memo. (#8935) For more information, see work instruction: “Redistribute Order Quantities.”

FUL – Redonations are now included in the Value of Materials Received – Domestic Report
Previously, the Value of Materials Received - Domestic Reports were not accounting for Redonation transactions. Now, the report includes both Redonation Orders and Redonation Credit Memos. (#9239) For more information, see work instructions: “Create Redonation Sales Order” and “Create Redonation Credit Memo.”

FUL – Redistribution Orders & Credit Memos have distinct transaction types from Redonation Orders & Credit Memos
Previously, Redonations and Redistributions shared the same transaction types. Redistribution and Redonation Sales Orders were represented by ZRE, and Redistribution and Redonation Credit Memos were represented by ZRCR. Now, redistributions and redonations have separate and distinct transaction types associated with them (Redonation Orders are now represented by ZRDO and Redonation Credit Memos are represented by ZRDC). Redistribution Documents now start with a 19* and Redonation Documents now start with a 59*. (#9295) For more information, see work instructions: “Redistribute Order Quantities,” “Create Redonation Sales Order” and “Create Redonation Credit Memo.”

FUL - Redistributions will use the Requisition price - not the current material price when Redistribution is created
Previously, the redistribution process was using the current material price. Now, it will use the price found on the Domestic Requisition that is being redistributed. (#9578) For more information, see work instruction: “Redistribute Order Quantities.”

Reporting

FUL - Filtering capabilities have been improved for the Requisition Status Report
Previously, the filtering capabilities on the Requisition Status Report were not functioning correctly. The report would show bonus requisitions even when the user filtered by entitlement requisitions only. Now, the filtering capability has been fixed and users will be able to run this report for bonus, entitlement, or both. (#9372) For more information, see Reporting job aid: “Requisition Status Report.”

USDA-Internal Impacts

The following changes will impact internal users from FNS, FSA, AMS, FAS, & USAID:

FAS Agreements

FUL - Line items on FAS Agreements can now be deleted
Previously, users were unable to delete a line item on an FAS Agreement once the agreement file was uploaded into WBSCM. Now, users have access to this capability. (#9254) For more information, see work instruction: “Upload FAS Agreement.”

Finance

FIN - Users no longer receive invoice approval error message
Previously, when attempting to approve certain invoices, users were receiving an error message indicating that QM/FI surcharges and discounts were not matching. To resolve this, the SRA team has introduced some validations and logic t o avoid the LIQ discounts being added to the table before approval and causing issues when approval fails. Users can now approve these invoices without receiving errors. (#9482)

FIN - Multiple OBLs can be associated with one Statement of Loss
A Statement of Loss can account for multiple Ocean Bills of Lading (OBLs). Previously, the system did not allow users to enter multiple documents of the same document type with the same header text. Users would receive an error message and a hard stop. Now, new validations have been added to check that.

- “Header Text Number” is entered and is not blank.
- The combination of Header Text Number, Reference Number, and Document Type field values across the fiscal years is unique. An error message will be displayed in case of duplication. (#9962)

FIN - Adjust Inspection Lot transaction will work regardless of number of PO Line Items
Previously, the Adjust Inspection Lot functionality was not working properly in cases where the invoice contained multiple PO line items. Now, the Adjust Inspection Lot functionality will work regardless of the number of line items. (#10075)

FIN - OFD Detailed Tonnage Report has been enhanced
Previously, Freight PO Number was not included on the OFD Detailed Tonnage Report. Now, this information has been added to the free characteristics that can be added to the report by the user. (#10087)

FIN - Pricing discrepancies between PO and Invoice amounts have been resolved
Previously, there were pricing differences between the Purchase Order (PO) and the Invoice. This was because SUS would calculate the invoice price when the PO was held (saved), and PO pricing changes were not being considered after that. Now, the pricing discrepancy has been rectified. Additionally, the Invoice Approval Report would apply Po line item pricing from ECC while approving the invoice, which often meant discrepancies between the invoice amount on the invoice and the invoice amount shown in Supplier Self-Service. Now, this pricing discrepancy has been corrected as well. (#10139)

Goods Receipts (GRs)

FUL - Changes were made to the process for Uploading Domestic Goods Receipts (GR)
The following changes were made to the GR functionality:

- GR upload for NW Replenishment PO was not creating batches properly (for single batches or multiple batches), so this functionality was fixed to ensure POs contain the appropriate batches.
- When batch numbers contain lower case letters, a program now exists to convert them to upper case and save the batch properly.
- There are 2 tags holding the quantity information in the file <qtyUOE> and <qtySKU>. The program for bulk materials would not work properly if both tags contained values. This was fixed to ensure that the program would run properly, even if there were values in both fields.
- For variable weight materials, both tags are now mandatory fields.
- For bulk materials, the program only reads the <qtyUOE> field and not the <qtySKU> field.
- For materials in cases, the program only reads the <qtySKU> field and not the <qtyUOE> field. (#9540)

For more information, see work instruction: “Upload Goods Receipt (GR).”

Purchase Requisitions

PRO - Bid Invitations will generate PRs even in shortfall scenarios
Previously, if the bid invitation contained more than two sales orders with full shortfalls during the complete event, one sales order would fail to generate new Purchase Requisitions (PRs) and the status would update as "Approved by SpAgency." Now, the necessary PRs will generate. (#10224)

Purchase Orders

PRO - Error message that users were receiving when modifying a PO has been removed
Previously, when changes were made to a PO, users would receive the following message: "The PO status is in error in process after transferring to ECC and SUS (Change version of the PO.)" Though the changes would save, the error was occurring because the system tried to send new PO data after the changes were made. Now, the backend error that was causing this has been resolved, and users will not receive this message. (#9117)

Reporting

PRO - Users will no longer receive error message when running International Transportation Report
Previously, when entering selection criteria such as the PO Creation Date and Period on the International Transportation Report, users would receive an error message and data dump. Now, users will be able to execute the report without this error. (#10034)

FUL - Goods Receipt Detail Report now includes ASN Submission Date in the selection criteria and report output
Previously, the selection criteria and report output for the Goods Receipt Detail Report did not include the ASN Submission Date. Now, both the international and domestic versions of this report will include ASN Submission Date. This ensures that Freight Forwarders are able to easily identify new records. (#10035) For more information, see Reporting job aid: “Goods Receipt Detail Report.”

Sales Orders

PRO - Recipient Country field is now in sync between the Sales Order and Purchase Requisition (PR)
Previously, when the recipient country was changed on the Sales Order, the change was not flowing to the Purchase Requisition (PR). Now, this has been fixed and the PR will sync with the Sales Order without issues. (#9608)

FUL - Changes will not be made to International sales orders in "Approved by Sp Agency" and "On Invitation" statuses
Previously, when opening and saving an order within Order Entry, the plant (vendor) values were sometimes deleted, even when no changes were made to the sales order. This was happening with orders in "Approved by Sp Agency" and "On Invitation" statuses. Now, this issue has been fixed and users will not see any changes occurring to the orders during these statuses. (#9678)

FUL - Quantity changes can be made on MOA without impacting the freight line or the plant
Previously, orders received distribution errors in the backend when updating line items on the Mass Order Approval (MOA) screen. If a user changed the quantity on orders that contained cancelled Lines, the freight line and plant value would sometimes be blanked out and the associated Purchase Requisition (PR) would be deleted. Now, users can adjust quantity information on this screen without other fields being modified and having downstream impacts. (#9974)

FUL - Pricing for substitutables will be consistent between the Sales Order and the Purchase Requisition
Previously, when substitutables were used, there were instances whereby the Sales Order and the Purchase Requisition (PR) would have different prices. Now, a fix has been implemented to ensure that the prices are consistent between these two documents. (#10043)

FUL - Pricing issues in the sales order process have been resolved
Previously, pricing issues in the sales order process were causing downstream issues with PR creation, fluctuation in pricing, performance issues, and additional batch jobs. Now, the pricing issue has been fixed and users will no longer experience these impacts. (#10079)

PRO - Commitment item will update upon full award of a third party sales order
Previously, upon full award of a third party sales order, the commitment item was not updating on the Purchase Requisition (PR). Now, the commitment item will update correctly. (#10126)

Security

SECURITY - FAS Invoice Processors have access to enter invoices in WBSCM
Previously, FAS users did not have access to input freight invoices. Now, security roles have been revised to ensure members of the FAS Freight Purchasing Group with the Invoice Processor-FAS role will have access to enter invoices. (#9877)

SECURITY - Receivables Processor-FSA role can now be assigned to FAS users
Previously, the role "Receivables Processor - FSA" could only be assigned to FSA users. Now, per request, this role can be assigned to FAS users as well. (#10095)

SECURITY - All AMS users have been converted to PROD, and no legacy roles remain
In Release 2.2.10.0, the SRA team began converting AMS users to Production. In Release 2.2.11.0, the team converted the remainder of the user base. This involved preventing new users from being assigned legacy roles, removing legacy roles from the DEV and SIT environments, and discontinuing maintenance on any legacy roles/folders. (#10282)

PMO Reference

PRO - Additional storage space reclaimed for SRM document repositories
Previously, two SRM document repositories were growing quite large in the Production environment. Now, developers have added OSS notes which will alleviate the growth issues and allow us to reclaim 50 GB of database. (#10309)

Help Documentation

Want to learn more on the transactions that are changing?
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Work Instructions, Course Material, Job Aids, and Release Notes.