Announcement: WBSCM 2.2.14.0 Release Notes

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WBSCM Release 2.2.14.0 was deployed on November 29, 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 - Stevedores have access to WBSCM
Previously stevedores did not have access to WBSCM. Now, stevedores have access and are able to view and record information on unloading services that are carried out at ports on behalf of the commodity vendors. In addition to accessing certain reports, Stevedores can display or print the International Shipment Receipt Log, and enter Commodity Goods Receipts. (#9124) For more information on how an FSA Org Admin can create/maintain/display a stevedore, see work instructions: "Create Stevedore," “Maintain Stevedore,” and “Display Stevedore.” For more information on the transactions available to stevedores, see job aid: “JA_Stevedore – Release 2.2.14.0 Changes.”

PRO - Vendors can filter results on the All ASNs and All Invoices Pages
Previously, vendors could not filter on the All ASNs and All Invoices Page. Now, vendors have this capability. (#9984)

FIN / PRO - Vendors can filter search criteria on the List of ASN's screen and new fields have been added to the table view for this screen
Previously, while in Supplier Self Service on the List of ASN's screen, vendors were unable to see details such as Sales Order Number and Item Number in the table view. Now, this information has been added to this view. Additionally, users can now filter for search criteria. (#10056)

FIN/PRO – Vendor invoice submission issues have been fixed
Previously, users were unable to submit invoices through self-service for certain purchase orders. Users were receiving "Price too High" or "Parameter Missing" error messages while submitting the invoice. Now, the issue has been resolved, and users can submit without problems. (#10257)

PRO - Users can print multiple Purchase Orders simultaneously
Previously, users could only print one purchase order at a time. Now, a new feature has been added and users can print multiple purchase orders simultaneously. This feature is available for users with the view-only role and display access, as well as Freight Forwarders and Vendors. (#10395) For more information, see work instruction: “Print Multiple Purchase Orders.”

FUL - Freight Forwarders will receive daily Goods Receipt (GR) notification emails
Freight Forwarders will receive a daily email notification that will identify all the Commodity GRs that were processed in the system. This would be similar in format to the Sales Order Status Notification emails, and will aim to provide visibility to what shipments have been received, allowing Freight Forwarders to follow-up on any outstanding receipts. (#10475) For more information, see job aid: “JA_Freight Forwarders – 2.2.14.0 Changes.”

FUL/PRO - Alternate unit of measure available for Goods Receipt (GR) on freight materials
Previously, when entering shipment receipts, users could only enter freight materials in the unit GMT (metric tons). Now, users can use GMT (metric tons) or EA (each). (#10476) For more information, see work instruction: “Enter International Freight Receipt.”

FUL – New transactions for Freight Forwarders and Stevedores to “Enter International Commodity Receipts” and “Enter International Freight Receipts” have been added to WBSCM
A new transaction, "Enter International Shipment Receipt", has been added to WBSCM. This provides functionality to process international shipment information based on the Advance Shipping Notification (ASN) and the related Goods Receipt information. This will provide a commodity summary, a freight detail and Commodity Details for international Purchase Orders (POs). Users can print the International Shipment Receipt Log or change Stevedores from this display. (#10482) For more information, see work instructions: "Enter International Commodity Receipt,” “Enter International Freight Receipt,” “Display International Shipment Receipt Log,” and “Assign Stevedore to PO Line Items” (a transaction completed on the International Shipment Receipt Log screen).

PRO - A check has been added to ensure that vendors cannot perform the copy transaction unless the original vendor response has saved
Previously, if a vendor created an offer, entered prices, held the offer, refreshed the vendor response screen, and then copied details to create a new response, the vendor would experience issues with the copy transaction because the background save of the original bid had not yet completed. Now, before a copy can be performed, the system will automatically check that a background save has been performed. If it has not, an error message indicating that the offer is locked will be displayed. Vendors should perform a manual save, or wait until the background save has occurred. (#10496)

FIN / PRO - Vendors will no longer receive IDOC errors when submitting invoices in SUS after PO line items have been deleted
Previously, users were receiving IDOC errors when submitting an invoice in SUS after the PO line item had been deleted. Now, users will not receive this error because the system will present a hard stop if a user attempts to submit an invoice on a deleted PO line item. (#10507)

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):

FUL - Issues with the catalog output for the "Download Catalog" transaction have been resolved
Previously, 1) “Available Date” field was pulling by a single date not a range, 2) for some programs the catalog would be listed multiple times, and 3) the Catalog ID field was not included in the CSV file format. Now, 1) Available Date will pull by a range, 2) a catalog will only be displayed once in the results and 3) Catalog ID has been added to the CSV format to keep the CSV and XML consistent. (#8541) For more information, see work instruction: "Download Catalog."

FUL - Order Status Report will not error out when no records found
Previously, when searching by Ship-To on the Order Status Report, if no record existed the report would timeout rather than display, no record found. Now, the report has been updated to stop searching and return the message "No Records Found". (#9340) For more information, see job aid: "Order Status Report."

FUL – SDA Entitlement/Bonus Detail Report will run more efficiently
Previously, many users were experiencing timeout issues when attempting to run the SDA Entitlement/Bonus Detail Report, due to the high volume of data this report was processing. The report has been optimized to improve performance. As a result, the report will process data more efficiently and users will experience fewer timeouts caused by large datasets. Note – Re-Distribution documents no longer appear on the detail report. (#9801) For more information, see job aid: "SDA Entitlement/Bonus Detail Report"

FUL - Bonus subarea of the domestic catalog is now available in the cView application

Previously, due to an inconsistency in the database, the certain bonus catalogs were not displaying in the RA Catalog View application. Now, the issue has been fixed and the RA Catalog Views will display as expected. (#9494)

FUL - Delivery Dates on Sales Orders will now display correctly
Previously, if a Sales Order (via the Consolidated Workbench) or a Requisition (via the Redistribution process) was created between 00:00:00 to 00:59:59 CST the expected delivery date was being created one day prior than the expected date (based on the original docs). These order creation processes have been updated so the timing of the creation does not affect the expected delivery date. (#10192)

International Customer Impacts
The following changes will impact International Customers including Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and International Organizations (IOs):

FUL – New fields have been added to International Purchase Requisitions and International Commodity Purchase Orders

The following field options are being added to the international order entry screens. Under Markings: “Commercial Marking” is now available. An Additional Markings section has been added with the following fields: “Production Date,” “Crop Year,” and a “Best Used By Date (BUBD)” field have been added. In addition, on the Commodity PO, there will be an auto-populated field with a calculated date in MM/YYYY format that is equal to XX (defined per material) months from the vendor-defined production date. This pre-populated value will appear within the existing Markings field under the Documents section of the PO line item; it will only appear on line items with materials that require BUBDs. The field is editable on both the purchase requisition and the purchase order. Additionally, Material Plant Report has been modified to provide the visibility into BUBD period maintained for international materials (for international statistical plant ‘1500’). The report will list the BUBD period value maintained for given material(s), or will display zero if no BUBD period is maintained. (#5586)

USDA-Internal Impacts

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

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PRO - Automatic data changes will no longer occur on Purchase Orders
Previously, when Purchase Order modifications were done, the data would change when it should have remained stable. Data changes occurred for every tenth record that ended in a "1" (i.e., 11, 21, 31, etc.) Now, this modification issue has been solved and will no longer occur. (#10422)

BEOS/PRO - Archived BEOS events can be restored online by end users
Previously, users had difficulty restoring archived events and needed to put in a helpdesk ticket to do this. Now, a procedure has been put in place so users can do this online without helpdesk involvement. Events that have not been accessed in the last sixty days will be moved

to "Archived" status on the user's My Events page. When the user clicks on the event, the user will be prompted with the following message: “You have attempted to access an event that has been archived because it has not been accessed in the last 60 days. If you choose to restore the event, it will be available within 30 minutes. You will be notified by email when your event is available. Would you like to restore this event?” The user can click "Restore" or "Cancel." (#10648) For more information, see job aid: "Restore Archived Event in BEOS."

FIN - Prompt Pay Days were altered for certain material groups in WBSCM
Previously, certain material groups that were set-up in WBSCM were assigned the wrong number of days per the Prompt Pay Act. Now, prompt pay days have changed from 7 days to 30 days for the following materials: #301010 (canned bone chicken) and #205010 (canned salmon). (#10701)

PRO - New multi-stop requirements have been added
This change request is to evaluate the multi-stop requirements on Long Term Contract (LTC) master/shortfall invitations and award contracts similar to domestic multi-stop rules. The multi-stop can be across states, and in that case, a contract for that requirement needs to be awarded only to the vendor that has pricing for both states. Now, during allocation, all the line items that are correlated together will be awarded to the same vendor. Additionally, USDA will be able to modify the correlation number at the time of master/shortfall invitation. (#8641) For more information, see work instructions: "Create LTC Master Solicitation" and "Display LTC Master Solicitation."

Finance

FIN - General Ledger tab on Invoices will now update correctly
Previously, the Invoice General Ledger (GL) tab was not updating entries properly. This error was happening in the following conditions: (1) with invoices that should have more than one line item, (2) when both invoice line items should have FI miscellaneous discounts, and (c) when invoice line item numbers and PO line item numbers did not match. Now, the tab will update with the correct entries regardless of the conditions. (#10511)

FIN - New finance reports are available
The WBSCM Team will deploy the following reports on the portal:
1) Document Chain Report - which will display all follow-on documents for a specific document
2) FM Purchase Order History Report - which will show the original and consumption amounts by PO line item
3) Federal Transaction Register Report - Displays documents along with G/L account number and amounts with credit/debit side. (#10519)
For more information, see the following work instructions: "Display Document Chain," "Display FM Purchase Order History," and "Display Federal Transaction Register."

FIN - Budget Fiscal Year will be pulled from Posting Date instead of Document Date
Previously, certain purchase orders were erroring in the eFMS outbound interface due to an incorrect budget fiscal year. The budget fiscal year was erroneously pulling from the Document Date instead of the Posting Date. Now, the budget fiscal year will be pulled from the Posting Date instead. (#10572)

FIN - Budget types will no longer automatically populate
Previously, automatic GL account entries derived from treasury warrants erroneously populated the budget types in the L95BLSTATUS9 fields needed for the year end close budget accounting close. Now, this field will no longer automatically populated. (#10550)

FIN - Budget entry method now lets users access budget information
Previously, the budget entry method did not allow for easy access to budget information for review, assignment, or reporting. Now, funds have a clear, unique identification of first year and second year apportionments for two year funds. FNS FDD financial staff can now enter program funds uniquely by the appropriation and apportionment (program) year. FNS Order Managers can efficiently and easily identify funds available based on the appropriation and apportionment designations. Reporting is available to easily monitor and report the fund expenditures. And direct site payments can differentiate between a two year fund on its second year of use and a two year fund on its first year of use. (#10600)

FIN - BL updates made for FAS Funds
Previously, there was a Budgetary Ledger (BL) update for expenditure transactions. This did not update FAS funds properly. All direct funds for FAS (2903 funds) require a GL accounting entry of D1307/C5700 at time of expenditure postings (i.e., GRs and IRs with expenses in addition to the standard BL update of D4801/C4901). Now, these updates have been made. (#10634)

FNS Order Management

FUL - FNS Order Managers have access to view sales orders in "Resubmit to AMS/FSA" status
Previously, FNS Order Managers did not have the ability to view Sales Orders that had been re-submitted to FSA/AMS procurement agencies using the Mass Order Approval application. Now, they will have access to see this. The status "Resubmit to AMS/FSA" has been added to the list of selectable statuses on the Mass Order Approval selection screen and can be used to pull up Sales Orders in this status. (#9218)

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FIN/PRO - Statement of Loss will print with the appropriate details
Previously, users experienced issues with printing the Statement of Loss (SOL). SOLs were printing by BOL number, subtotal by Loss Type, Grand Total by Material, and Bill of Lading (BOL) number. Additionally, document type Z1 was printing initial notifications only and while printing multiple document types, the system would print the initial notification for all document types. Now, the SOLs will print by Header Text Number, Subtotal by BOL Number, and Grand Total by Header Text. Subtotals will not be printed by Reason Code and Material. Each BOL will start from a new page, and the second page will not print the header information. The date on the SOL will be the date of approval for the document. Z1s will print in the same format of SOL as Z2, Z3, and Z4. Additionally, document number will be an optional field on the "Create Correspondence for Receivables" transaction for Loss/Damage Receivables Correspondence Processing. (#10372)

Recall Processing

FUL - Timeout issues for recall processing transactions have been resolved
Previously, users experienced timeout issues and slow performance when performing recall transactions, including updating the case type from "Hold" to "Recall," or when changing the return date for completed surveys. Now, performance has been improved on these transactions, and users can complete the transaction in 20-30 second with no timeouts. (#10667)

Reporting

FUL/PRO - "Timely Delivery Report" (a new report) has been launched in WBSCM
A new report has been created in WBSCM. This report can be found at the following Portal Path: Operations tab > Procurement tab > Reports folder > Contract Administration folder. This report will include the following fields: PO #, PO Line Item #, PO Item Qty, Material Document, Material Document Item, GR Quantity Delivered, Central Vendor, Vendor Plant, Required On Delivery Date, GR Receipt Date, Material, Railcar/Bill of Lading (BOL), and PO Item Ship-To. (#10429) For more information, see job aid: "Timely Delivery Report."

PRO - Vessel Description is now available on the PO Quantities & Values report
Previously, the Vessel Description was missing from the PO Quantities & Values Report. Now, users will be able to access this information by right clicking the Vessel ID, scrolling to Properties, scrolling to Characteristics, and in the Display dropdown, selecting the key and medium text, and clicking the OK button. The Vessel Description (including Vessel Name) will now display. (#10625) For more information, see job aid: "PO Quantities & Values Report."

FIN/FUL/PRO - New FAS Report "Document History by Agreement Number" has been created
A new report, the Document History by Agreement Number Report has been created for FAS. This report will show summary and detailed level information based on the quantity and dollars associated with an order. It will be structured similar to the Goods receipt Detail Report, displaying different record types for each of the level. (#10553) For more information, see job aid: "Document History by Agreement

Number Report."

PMO Reference

PRO - WBSCM Bidding Encryption Tables have been purged and a process has been put in place for continual purging
Previously, there were multiple custom tables involved in the WBSCM bidding encryption solution. These tables were growing with every bid item. Now, the tables (specifically the Bid Response Encryption Table) have been cleaned up, and a follow-on process has been created to run a program to purge the tables periodically. (#10047)

SECURITY - Access for View-Only Roles has changed

Previously, certain view-only roles had access to allow activities for transport types under 's_transprt.' This authorization has been removed from the roles, as they should not have access to push transports. (#10486)

BASIS - CCR and ORCA daily jobs were put on hold

Previously, WBSCM and SAM were experiencing issues interfacing with one another. Now, the CCR and ORCA daily interface jobs that would run in SIT, QA, and PRD environments have been put on hold until the WBSCM Team can resolve the issue. (#10508)

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Help Documentation

Want to learn more on the transactions that are changing?

A complete database of training materials is available on the Help tab, including Work Instructions, Course Material, Job Aids, and Release Notes.