Epicor 7.3.5 Release Notes

Financials and Supply Chain Management

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New Features

Overview

Introduction   This section describes features added to the installation and changes affecting all Epicor Financials and Supply Chain Management applications. This sections describes features and changes implemented since Version 7.3. Download previous release notes from http://www.epicor.com to review features added in prior releases.

Overview   The Financials and Supply Chain Management Suites, previously known together as Epicor eBackOffice, share a number of common components and feature sets. This section describes the changes that apply to both Financials and Supply Chain Management.

Administration

Copy User Permissions Across All Companies   A system administrator can now copy a user's permissions from one company to another, to multiple other companies, or to all other companies (that is, companies that are included in the selected control database). The user's permissions will be copied to the target company or companies only for applications that exist in the target company or companies.

Select All Databases to Upgrade   Upgrading multiple databases is now much easier for enterprises that have many company databases. The upgrade selection screens permits a drag-and-drop to a control database which automatically cues the upgrade process to upgrade all company databases within that control database.

Desktop Layout "Save As…"	Desktop layouts are a powerful way to provide you with focus on only the activities you need to perform your duties. With 7.3.5, you can now "clone" a layout and modify it as needed with the "Save As…" option. You can select any layout and copy it by saving it with a new name.
Server Name on the Windows Title Bar	Many customers operate Epicor Enterprise applications on multiple servers. This enhancement puts the server name on the Windows title bar so that you will always know to what server you are logged in.

Reports

Magnification Default for All Reports	An option has been added to the report output form to generate the report at 100% magnification, rather than the percentage determined by the current Windows display settings. The default value for the new option will come from the Name & Options settings in your General Ledger module.
Maintenance	A customer record can be maintained from Accounts Receivable or from Sales Order. In this release, the fields available on the forms in the respective applications are made consistent by adding fields for Location, Alternate Location and Shipping Options to the form in Accounts Receivable. On the Customer Listing report in Accounts Receivable, the Ship Complete field has been replaced by the Shipping Options field.

Financials Suite

Overview   Epicor Financials 7.3.5 includes several new features that simplify maintenance and provide process improvements.

Recover Transaction   The Recover Transactions window is available in each module. This window shows all the transactions pending recovery from all companies within the same control database. A field has been added to display the company name to help identify transactions.

The following new features are available for the specified module.

Accounts Payable

Approve Transactions   Vendor Name has been added to the Approve Transactions window, along with a running total of those transactions selected for approval

Ungenerate Payments   A new Batch Code field has been added to detail section of the Ungenerate Payments window to help identify which batch needs to be ungenerated.

AP Matching

Accounts Payable Matching, a module that is used for matching invoices to receipts from Epicor Procurement, is now included with Accounts Payable.

Accounts Receivable

Customer   New fields have been added to the Customer Defaults and the Customer Template windows to define Location and Alternate Location shipping fields. In addition, a new section for Shipping Options has been added permit the following default settings:

- Allow Back Orders
- Ship Complete
- Ship Partial - No Back Orders

Reports   **Customer Listing Report**

The Customer Listing Report has a new Shipping Options field to display options selected in the Customer Defaults window.

Aged Receivables Report

The Aged Receivables report has been modified to include the parent account associated with a subordinate national account.

Cash Management

Process to General Ledger   **Name and Options**

A new default setting has been added to the Name and Options window to automatically process bank transfers to general ledger. You can manually change the setting for a specific item during bank transfer entry.

Bank Transfer Entry
The Bank Transfer Entry window is used to transfer funds from one bank, or cash account, to another. There is a new option on this window to Process GL. In this release, that option will default to on or off based on a setting in the Name and Options window. You can turn the option on or off at the time each transfer is entered.

General Ledger

Budgeting

Reference Codes

Budgeting has been updated to include Reference Codes. This permits creation of a budget at the reference code level. When using a Reference Code on a budget, the reference code must be valid for the account according to the reference status specified in Account Reference window (exclude, optional or required). You can now have a separate budget line for each account/reference code combination as desired. You are also permitted to have multiple entries for an account as long as there are unique reference code values for each account.

Reference Codes are now included with the following:

• Budget Listing Report

• Budget Import

• Budget Export

• Budget Explorer views.

Intrastat Documentation

Description   Intrastat is the system for collecting statistics on the physical trade in goods (that is, the actual movement of goods) between the Member States of the European Union (EC). It has been in operation since the beginning of the Single Market on 1 January 1993 and replaced customs declarations as the source of trade statistics within the EC. The requirements of Intrastat are similar in all Member States of the EC.

The Intrastat documentation, previously in a separate user guide, is now incorporated in the *General Ledger User Guide*. Installation and Setup instructions are incorporated in the *Financials and Supply Chain Management 7.3.5 Installation Guide*.

Supply Chain Management Suite

Overview   Epicor Supply Chain Management 7.3.5 includes the following new features.

Addition of customized buttons and zooms   You can now add customized buttons or zoom views to Supply Chain Management screens. The buttons can be customized to launch Explorer views, views of other Supply Chain Management windows or to launch external applications. In addition, you can now define a zoom for any field on the Supply Chain Management windows that currently does not have zoom capabilities as well as change existing zoom views.

User Defined Fields   User defined fields have been added to the Inventory Adjustment, Purchase Order and Sales Order screens. You can define fields to be more specific to your inventory, purchasing or sales order needs. A new tab in the Configuration screen is where the your or your System Administrator can maintain field names and tab labels.

Additional Comment Functionality   Located to the right of Item description, this function appears as a second note icon on the Inventory, Sales Order Entry, and Purchasing screens. Each checkbox corresponds to a screen or report. Select a checkbox and the comment appears on that corresponding screen or report.

Convert Reports to Crystal Reports   Reports generated from the Report menu now have the ability to convert into Crystal Reports. Any reports that are not business forms are only available in the application menus.

Email Documents   With the ability to convert to business forms to Crystal Reports, you can now email documents.

Soft Close

New functionality has been added to allow you to set up rules regarding posting to prior periods. This new functionality will only be valid if the you configure your system to Validate Apply Dates. When enabled, periods must be updated on a regular basis so that transactions can be completed.

You can configure your system to do the following:

• Allow prior period posting

• Allow future period posting

• Allow posting within a selected date range

Additional module-specific features are listed below.

Inventory
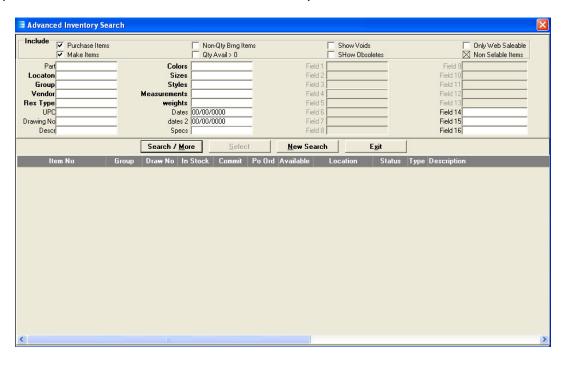
Advanced Inventory Form

Advanced Inventory Form is found under a new tab on the Inventory main screen, labelled 'Add'l Info.' Add'l Info contains 24 new fields that store additional inventory information. Most fields are user defined and are accessible to the Advanced Search and Maintain views.

Advanced Forecasting Form

This form allows you to enter forecasted quantities at a customer level. This form can be set to show totals in a weekly or monthly format. This feature is designed to be used with SmartForecasting. If SmartForecasting is not used, the data needs to be manually entered. A new functionality allows for the recording of Lost Sales in this data for better forecasting accuracy. Setting up these features is done in the Inventory tab of the Configuration screen.
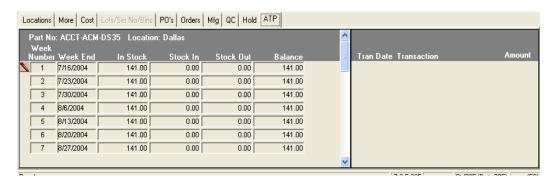
Advanced Searches

Advanced Search is accessed by right clicking in the Item No. field in the Inventory main screen. This brings up the Advanced Inventory Search window. This window allows a search including user defined fields. The Advanced Search Option is also available in Sales Order Entry.

ATP Tab added to Inventory

A new ATP (Available to Promise) tab formerly only available from the Sales Order window has been added to the detail section of the Inventory screen.

The ATP screen looks like the one below.

Locations	More	Cost	Lots/Ser No/Bins	PO's	Orders	Mfg	QC	Hold	ATP

Part No: ACCT-ACM-DS35   Location: Dallas

Week Number	Week End	In Stock	Stock In	Stock Out	Balance		Tran Date Transaction	Amount
1	7/16/2004	141.00	0.00	0.00	141.00			
2	7/23/2004	141.00	0.00	0.00	141.00			
3	7/30/2004	141.00	0.00	0.00	141.00			
4	8/6/2004	141.00	0.00	0.00	141.00			
5	8/13/2004	141.00	0.00	0.00	141.00			
6	8/20/2004	141.00	0.00	0.00	141.00			
7	8/27/2004	141.00	0.00	0.00	141.00			

Non sellable item check-box

Non sellable is a new checkbox added to the Inventory screen for non sellable items. Selecting this checkbox, marks the item as not being for sale, but still being valid in other Supply Chain Management areas. This checkbox appears in other Supply Chain Management screens and views.

Inventory Adjustment Form

Viewing the on-hand quantities of inventory proves useful to warehouse employees. This feature helps catch user errors when inventory levels are being adjusted.

SKU Generator

The SKU number generator generates part numbers based on settings chosen in a new Style Maintenance screen. This screen also shows the SKU numbers and their statuses, sets pricing, locations or change inventory settings for all of the SKU created numbers.

Order Quantity Increment Field

This field, at the bottom of Inventory's main screen, shows the minimum increment quantity in which an item can be sold. The system automatically rounds up the quantity ordered if not a multiple of the original number.

Purchasing

Buying Cycle Days
This new text box appears on the Maintain Vendors main tab and the Accounts Payable tab. The user enters the number of days for a buying cycle at the vendor level in this box.

Inventory Replenish-ment Form
A new tab in the Inventory Replenishment screen, displays the sales history for each part at a specified location. Viewing an item's sales history is often helpful when scheduling Purchase Orders. This tab displays the Net quantity of units sold in defined time periods.

Quality Control

Ad Hoc Qual-ity Control Form
The Ad hoc QC screen allows items to be placed on hold, so they are not available in inventory.

Receiving

Auto Fill Quantity Check Box
This new features allows you to choose Auto fill quantities during receiving for a single PO, instead of for all POs. This feature effects all non-lot/bin tracked items. If not selected, you will manually enter receipt quantities.

The Auto Fill check box features appears in the main Receiving window as follows:

Sales Order Entry

Advanced Forecasting Form
This form allows you to enter forecasted quantities at a customer level. This form can be set to show totals in a weekly or monthly format. This feature is designed to be used with SmartForecasting. If SmartForecasting is not used, the data needs to be manually entered. A new functionality allows for the recording of Lost Sales in this data for better forecasting accuracy. Setting up these features is done in the Inventory tab of the Configuration screen.

Delivery Days Text Box
Found on the Maintain Customer's ADM tab, this feature show a delivery date when you enter Sold on a new sales order. The system automatically adds the number of days from the Delivery Days field to the current date, then lists that date as the delivery date in the Deliver Dt. field. There is no distinction between week days and weekends.

Consolidated Invoicing	Shipments to the same customer, but those sales orders with different ship to's are consolidated into two invoices. This allows you to consolidate invoices without considering the Ship to. Also, you can consolidate invoices by national account.
Default Ship from Location	Allows you to enter a default location at the customer and ship to levels. During sales order entry, the customer's default location overrides your default location and the ship to's default location overrides the customer's location. Default locations can be entered on the customer and ship to maintenance screens in Supply Chain Management.
Customer Carrier Account	This functionality allows for the setup of shipping account numbers for specific customers and shipping methods. You can predefine account numbers to use when using third party billing. You can also enter a ship-to code, customer code, a freight type, a carrier and carrier account number. Once saved, these numbers appear on ever sales order created for that customer.
Customer Calculated price to Alternate Item screen	A new price field has been added to the Alternate Sales Item screen. This field takes into account customer pricing during the calculation.
Order History Tab	Order History is a new tab on the SOE screen in the detail section. All past orders where the customer has bought this part, list in this tab. The date, order number, order extension, quantity order, UOM, PC and price are all shown on this tab.

Business Intelligence Explorer

Multi-Company Explorer Views

Description   In this release, you can use Explorer views to review information from multiple companies in a single view. The views display the account and its balance in all companies with one line item per company/account. The following views now have multi-company capabilities:

- Account Balances
- Journal Entries
- Assets
- Invoices
- Credit Memos
- Cash Receipts
- Customers
- Vouchers
- Debit Memos
- Payments
- Vendors

These new Explorer views use an Intercompany prefix to identify them from the single company views and will include sub-views available with a right mouse click.

Note: The ability to go directly from the Explorer view to the originating application is only available from the single company views.

Inquiry Parameters

Additional Criteria   This release now allows for up to six criteria parameters to be used when defining an inquiry.

New Fields

The following new fields have been added to the Explorer view specified below:

- **Cash Receipts**: Description field
- **Budgets**: Reference Codes.
- **Vendors**, **Vouchers**, **Debit Memos**, and **Payments**: Remit-To Codes

Notes and Links

In the Customer and Vendor Explorer views you can right click for a new Notes and Links option. This option opens notes and links for the selected Customer or Vendor.

Open Issues

Overview

Introduction   This document lists issues identified in installation and all applications since version 7.3.

Issues on the Web   Information about open issues will be published on the Epicor web site at http://www.epicor.com. At the web site, go to the Support and Services section, For Customers. This area of the web site requires a password.

Upgrade Issues

Description   When upgrading from previous versions with large history tables, running DBUpdate may take a long time.

Workaround: Before running DBUpdate, make a backup of your database. Next, delete historical information in your active database. You can now proceed with DBUpdate. (SCR 33364)

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