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Payroll Version 6.1 available

Further to bulletin GT594 and Tuesday's budget by the Chancellor of the Exchequer we can now announce the availability of version 6.1 of Global Payroll. The first deliveries should arrive at resellers early in the week beginning 22 March 1993.

The budget announced new tax rates to be used in the first Payroll run after 16th May 1993. The corresponding rate file can be loaded from the Payroll version 6.1 diskettes or set up by hand. Luckily the budget did not include any unpleasant surprises for Payroll developers.

Version 6.1 Payroll is required to be installed by the sooner of:
- The date the 1992/93 end-of-year forms are printed;
- The first payroll run after 5th April 1993.

Version 6.1 is documented in a set of A4 notes (MPRNV6.1). These describe the differences between the (unchanged) version 6.0 manual (as amended by the correction pages) and the version 6.1 software. There is also a Release Notice (MPRRV6.1), but as the upgrade process is very easy this is more for completeness than anything else. We recommend resellers examine these two documents at the earliest opportunity (see below). They must be read and understood before any attempt is made to install Payroll version 6.1.

The Software production department will assume that existing sites have the Payroll manual and will only ship the Notes and Release Notice to existing sites.

One-day turnaround service for Payroll version 6.1 orders or orders which include Payroll version 6.1 will be suspended from now until the bulk of the Payroll orders are shipped (probably around 24th March). Any orders including a one-day charge will be billed excluding the one-day charge. Three-day turnaround standards will be maintained. We recommend that you do not mix Payroll version 6.1 and any other software on the same order. We would like to take this opportunity to remind resellers that only one delivery charge applies to orders received together for shipment to the same address.

The bulletin board will be used to report on Payroll progress. We have set up three entries in the `bulletin' section:-

- **Menu item 3 – This bulletin**
- **Menu item 4 – Payroll Production Status**
  This will be updated between 5 pm and 6 pm every day until Friday 26th March. It will report production of Payroll orders in the form "All orders received by us by *date & time* have been generated and shipped by courier for delivery on *date*".
- **Menu item 5 – Payroll Support Information**
  This will be updated between 5 pm and 6 pm every day until Easter. It will report on known problems and fixes to problems in Payroll version 6.1.
- **Menu item 6 – Payroll Notes version 6.1 (MPRNV6.1)**
- **Menu item 7 – Payroll Release Notice version 6.1 (MPRRV6.1)**

Please do not use the bulletin board to report problems – please use the usual support department.