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Global 3000 Intrastat Customs & Excise changes

From the 1st January 1999 the option to submit Intrastat returns on plain paper has been withdrawn by Customs & Excise. Returns in future will need to be made on official forms or sent electronically. The Global 3000 Intrastat module has been enhanced to send the forms electronically. A new option is now available when producing the final SSD report giving the ability to write the information to a DOS format file. Users running the software on GSM(BOS) systems will need the File Converters product to produce their DOS file. On request, this will be provided free of charge to existing GSM(BOS) users. Official paper forms are not supported by the Intrastat module as Customs and Excise are firmly moving towards electronic transmissions.

OTHER NEW FEATURES

The Aggregation feature within Intrastat has been extended. Previously it was only available during the posting of manual transactions but is now available at the time of running the SSD report subject to the Custom & Excise transaction limits. Please note that aggregation is not allowed when returns are submitted electronically.

AVAILABILITY

These enhancements are available in versions 4.4 and 4.5 only. The program changes have been released via the following Autozaps:

- version 4.4 – ZX4402

- version 4.5 – ZX4501

They are both available now on the BBS and Web Site.

DOCUMENTATION CHANGES

The documentation changes will be included in a future release of the Global 3000 Intrastat manual. The following points summarise the changes:

- Intrastat system parameters. A new window ("Low Value

Consignments") has been added for entry of the EC threshold below which consignments may be aggregated. The limit, currently 100, is entered in Euro together with a currency exchange rate table for conversion of the limit to a non-Euro currency.

- Final SSD print. Arrival and dispatch information may now be created in the same run if the output is to a DOS file. A new window ("SSD Message Details") has been added for entry of the DOS file details (see below). All existing reports are still available under the new software.

CUSTOMS & EXCISE APPROVAL

Whatever format you choose for producing your SSD, you are still required to obtain site-specific approval from Customs & Excise of your use of that format.
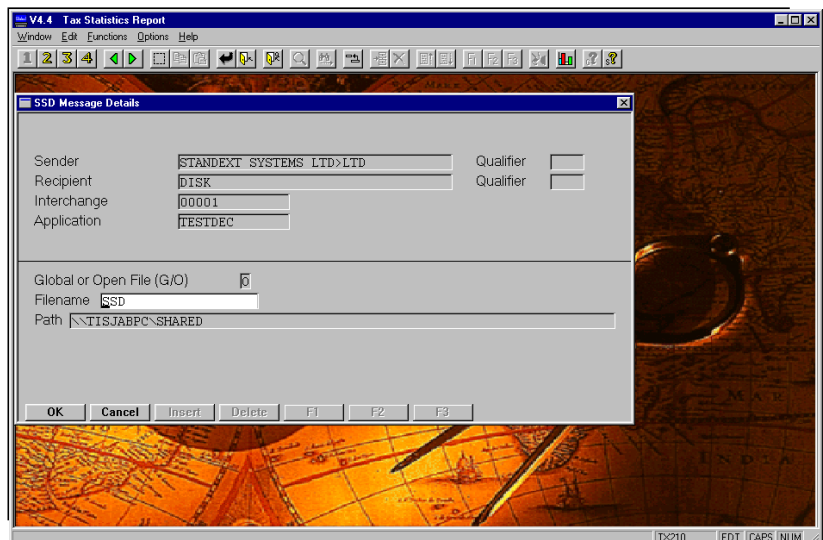
DOS FILE SPECIFICATION

The DOS file conforms to the following Customs & Excise format:

- Message standard – UN/EDIFACT level A.
- Message description format - INSTAT (INSTAT is the EC wide version of the Intra-EC Trade Statistic messages and acceptable in all member states).
- Media format for transfer - diskette or E-mail.
- Data compression - the DOS file may be in a zipped format.

For further details refer to the HM Customs & Excise EDCS Trade Specification.

SSD MESSAGE DETAILS

This window appears when you elect to print a trial SSD or produce a final SSD and select a media type other than paper.

Purpose This window prompts you to confirm the transmission details of the message and to identify the file into which the message is to be written.

The prompts are:

Sender   Up to 35 characters of continuous text identifying the data supplier. This defaults to the setting for your last transmission. For the first transmission on diskette or via E-mail, this should be set to your company name with all characters outside the EDIFACT level A character set (including spaces) removed followed by a greater than sign (>) followed by LTD, PLC or INC as appropriate.

For further details and for settings for other transmission mechanisms refer to the HM Customs & Excise EDCS Trade Specification.

Qualifier   Blank unless sending via IBM Information Exchange, in which case set this to ZZ.

Recipient   Up to 35 characters of continuous text identifying the data recipient. Set to DISK when sending on declarations on diskette or to OTHER when sending an E-mail attachment.

For further details and for settings for other transmission mechanisms refer to the HM Customs & Excise EDCS Trade Specification.

Qualifier   Blank unless sending via IBM Information Exchange, in which case set this to ZZ.

Interchange   This distinguishes multiple transmissions on the same day. It is usually set to 00001 and should only be changed if for some reason you submit more than one declaration in a day.

Application   Set this to LIVDEC when sending a live declaration. Set this to TESDEC when you submit your test declaration(s) to Customs.

Global or Open File (G/O)   Set this to G to create a file in GSM format suitable as an input file for the Global File Converters.

Set this to O to create a DOS format file.

Filename and Unit   *(Only when creating declaration file in GSM format)* If you have elected to create a GSM format file, enter the name and unit of the file.

Filename and Path   *(Only when creating declaration file in DOS format)* If you have elected to create a DOS format file, enter the filename & path.

On completion   If you selected Print Trial SSD from the End of Period menu

⇒ A report that:

1. lists the information that will be included in the declaration.

2. identifies missing information

3. highlights any characters that do not belong to the EDIFACT level A character set in the transmission data.

If you selected Produce Final SSD from the End of Period menu

⇒ Writes the declaration to file and prints an audit report of the information sent.

Note   When producing a final SSD, any characters that do not belong to the EDIFACT level A character set (including plus, colon and apostrophe) will cause the run to be abandoned except for lower case alphabetic characters which will be converted to upper case in the message stream.