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Welcome to Release 11i of the *Oracle E-Records Implementation Guide*.

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- The principles and customary practices of your business area.
- *Oracle E-Records*

If you have never used *Oracle E-Records*, Oracle suggests you attend one or more of the *Oracle E-Records* training classes available through Oracle University.

- The Oracle Applications graphical user interface.

To learn more about the Oracle Applications graphical user interface, read the *Oracle Applications User's Guide*.

See Other Information Sources for more information about Oracle Applications product information.

How To Use This Guide

This guide contains the information you need to understand and use *Oracle E-Records*.

- Chapter 1 provides an introduction to the concepts of Oracle E-Records.
- Chapter 2 details the implementation steps that must be taken in order to activate Oracle E-Records.
- Chapter 3 provides instruction on the E-Record utilities.
- Chapter 4 details the reporting capabilities for Oracle E-Records.
- Chapter 5 provides details on the E-Record reporting capabilities.

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Other Information Sources

You can choose from many sources of information, including online documentation, training, and support services, to increase your knowledge and understanding of *Oracle E-Records*.

If this guide refers you to other Oracle Applications documentation, use only the Release 11i versions of those guides.

Online Documentation

All Oracle Applications documentation is available online (HTML or PDF).

- **Online Help** - The new features section in the HTML help describes new features in 11i. This information is updated for each new release of *Oracle E-Records*. The new features section also includes information about any features that were not yet available when this guide was printed. For example, if your administrator has installed software from a mini-packs an upgrade, this document describes the new features. Online help patches are available on MetaLink.
- **11i Features Matrix** - This document lists new features available by patch and identifies any associated new documentation. The new features matrix document is available on MetaLink.
- **Readme File** - Refer to the readme file for patches that you have installed to learn about new documentation or documentation patches that you can download.

Related User's Guides

Oracle E-Records shares business and setup information with other Oracle Applications products. Therefore, you may want to refer to other user's guides when you set up and use *Oracle E-Records*.

You can read the guides online by choosing Library from the expandable menu on your HTML help window, by reading from the Oracle Applications Document Library CD included in your media pack, or by using a Web browser with a URL that your system administrator provides.

If you require printed guides, you can purchase them from the Oracle Store at <http://oraclestore.oracle.com>.

Guides Related to All Products

Oracle Applications User's Guide

This guide explains how to enter data, query, run reports, and navigate using the graphical user interface (GUI) available with this release of *Oracle E-Records* (and any other Oracle Applications products). This guide also includes information on setting user profiles, as well as running and reviewing reports and concurrent processes.

You can access this user's guide online by choosing "Getting Started with Oracle Applications" from any Oracle Applications help file.

User Guides Related to This Product

Accounting Setup User's Guide

The OPM Accounting Setup application is where users set up global accounting attributes about the way financial data will be collected by OPM. These attributes include such things as account keys, financial calendars, and account segments. Since OPM is closely integrated with Oracle General Ledger (GL), much of the attributes are defined in the Oracle GL instead of OPM, and therefore, the windows are display only within OPM. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Accounting Setup User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Cost Management User's Guide

The OPM Cost Management application is used by cost accountants to capture and review the manufacturing costs incurred in their process manufacturing businesses.

The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Cost Management User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Manufacturing Accounting Controller User's Guide

The Manufacturing Accounting Controller application is where users define the impact of manufacturing events on financials. For example, event RCPT (Inventory Receipts) results in a debit to inventory, a credit to accrued accounts payable, a debit or a credit to purchase price variance, etc. These impacts are predefined in the Manufacturing Accounting Controller application so users may begin using OPM to collect financial data out-of-the-box, however, they may also be adjusted per your business needs. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Manufacturing Accounting Controller User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Oracle Financials Integration User's Guide

Since OPM is closely integrated with Oracle General Ledger, financial data that is collected about the manufacturing processes must be transferred to the Oracle Financials applications. The OPM Oracle Financials Integration application is where users define how that data is transferred. For example, users define whether data is transferred real time or batched and transferred at intervals. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Oracle Financials Integration User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Inventory Management User's Guide

The OPM Inventory Management application is where data about the items purchased for, consumed during, and created as a result of the manufacturing process are tracked. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Inventory Management User's Guide* includes information to help you effectively work with the Oracle Process Manufacturing Inventory application.

Physical Inventory User's Guide

Performing physical inventory count is the most accurate way to get an accounting of all material quantities purchased, manufactured, and sold, and update your onhand quantities accordingly. The OPM Physical Inventory application automates and enables the physical inventory process. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Physical Inventory User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Order Fulfillment User's Guide

The OPM Order Fulfillment application automates sales order entry to reduce order cycle time. Order Fulfillment enables order entry personnel to inform customers of scheduled delivery dates and pricing. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Order Fulfillment User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Purchase Management User's Guide

OPM Purchase Management and Oracle Purchasing combine to provide an integrated solution for Process Manufacturing. Purchase orders are entered in Oracle Purchasing and received in OPM. Then, the receipts entered in OPM are sent to Oracle Purchasing. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Purchase Management User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this integrated solution.

Using Oracle Order Management with Process Inventory Guide

Oracle Process Manufacturing and Oracle Order Management combine to provide an integrated solution for process manufacturers. The manufacturing process is tracked and handled within Oracle Process Manufacturing, while sales orders are taken and tracked in Oracle Order Management. Process attributes, such as dual UOM and lot control, are enabled depending on the inventory organization for the item on the sales order. Order Management accepts orders entered through Oracle Customer Relationship Management (CRM). Within CRM, orders can originate from TeleSales, Sales Online, and iStore, and are booked in Order Management, making the CRM suite of products available to Process customers, through Order Management. The *Oracle Order Management User's Guide* and *Using Oracle Order Management with Process Inventory Guide* describes how to setup and use this integrated solution.

Process Execution User's Guide

The OPM Process Execution application lets you track firm planned orders and production batches from incoming materials through finished goods. Seamlessly integrated to the Product Development application, Process Execution lets you convert firm planned orders to single or multiple production batches, allocate ingredients, record actual ingredient usage, and then complete and close production batches. Production inquiries and preformatted reports help you optimize inventory costs while maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction with on-time delivery of high quality products. The *OPM Process Execution User's Guide* presents overviews of the tasks and responsibilities for the Production Supervisor and the Production Operator. It provides prerequisite setup in other applications, and

details the windows, features, and functionality of the OPM Process Execution application.

Integration with Advanced Planning and Scheduling User's Guide

Oracle Process Manufacturing and Oracle Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) combine to provide an integrated solution for process manufacturers that can help increase planning efficiency. The integration provides for constraint-based planning, performance management, materials management by exception, mixed mode manufacturing that enables you to choose the best method to produce each of your products, and combine all of these methods within the same plant/company. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Integration with Advanced Planning and Scheduling User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

MPS/MRP and Forecasting User's Guide

The Oracle Process Manufacturing Material Requirements Planning (MRP) application provides long-term "views" of material demands and projected supply actions to satisfy those demands. The Master Production Scheduling (MPS) application lets you shorten that view to a much narrower and immediate time horizon, and see the immediate effects of demand and supply actions. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing MPS/MRP and Forecasting User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Capacity Planning User's Guide

The OPM Capacity Planning User's Guide describes the setup required to use OPM with the Oracle Applications Advanced Supply Chain Planning solutions. In addition, Resource setup, used by the OPM Production Execution and New Product Development applications, is also described.

Using Oracle Process Manufacturing with Oracle Manufacturing Scheduling

Oracle Process Manufacturing integrates with Oracle Manufacturing Scheduling to manage and utilize resources and materials. Through the Process Manufacturing application, you set up manufacturing, inventory, procurement and sales order data. Through the Manufacturing Scheduling application, you can optimize the schedule based on resource and component constraints and user predefined priorities. Using different optimization objectives, you can tailor Manufacturing Scheduling to meet your needs.

Using Oracle Manufacturing Scheduling helps you improve productivity and efficiency on your shop floor. By optimally scheduling shop floor jobs, and being able to quickly react to unplanned constraints, you can lower manufacturing costs,

increase resource utilization and efficiency, and increase customer satisfaction through improved on-time delivery. The *Using Oracle Process Manufacturing with Oracle Manufacturing Scheduling User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this integrated solution.

Product Development User's Guide

The Oracle Process Manufacturing Product Development application provides features to manage formula and laboratory work within the process manufacturing operation. It lets you manage multiple laboratory organizations and support varying product lines throughout the organization. You can characterize and simulate the technical properties of ingredients and their effects on formulas. You can optimize formulations before beginning expensive laboratory test batches. Product Development coordinates each development function and enables a rapid, enterprise-wide implementation of new products in your plants. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Product Development User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Quality Management User's Guide

The Oracle Process Manufacturing Quality Management application provides features to test material sampled from inventory, production, or receipts from external suppliers. The application lets you enter specifications and control their use throughout the enterprise. Customized workflows and electronic record keeping automate plans for sampling, testing, and result processing. You can compare specifications to assist in regrading items, and match customer specifications. Aggregate test results and print statistical assessments on quality certificates. Several preformatted reports and inquiries help manage quality testing and reporting. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Quality Management User's Guide* describes how to set up and use this application.

Regulatory Management User's Guide

The Oracle Process Manufacturing Regulatory Management application generates the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) required by authorities to accompany hazardous materials during shipping. You can create MSDSs from OPM Formula Management with Regulatory or Production effectivities. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Regulatory Management User's Guide* describes how to setup and use this application.

Implementation Guide

The *Oracle Process Manufacturing Implementation Guide* offers information on setup. That is, those tasks you must complete following the initial installation of the Oracle Process Manufacturing software. Any tasks that must be completed in order to use the system out-of-the-box are included in this manual.

System Administration User's Guide

Much of the System Administration duties are performed at the Oracle Applications level, and are therefore described in the *Oracle Applications System Administrator's Guide*. The *Oracle Process Manufacturing System Administration User's Guide* provides information on the few tasks that are specific to OPM. It offers information on performing OPM file purge and archive, and maintaining such things as responsibilities, units of measure, and organizations.

API User's Guides

Public Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) are available for use with different areas of the Oracle Process Manufacturing application. APIs make it possible to pass information into and out of the application, bypassing the user interface. Use of these APIs is documented in individual manuals such as the *Oracle Process Manufacturing Inventory API User's Guide*, *Oracle Process Manufacturing Process Execution API User's Guide*, *Oracle Process Manufacturing Product Development Formula API User's Guide*, *Oracle Process Manufacturing Product Development Recipe API User's Guide*, *Oracle Process Manufacturing Quality Management API User's Guide*, and the *Oracle Process Manufacturing Cost Management API User's Guide*. Additional API User's Guides are periodically added as additional public APIs are made available.

Installation and System Administration

Oracle Applications Concepts

This guide provides an introduction to the concepts, features, technology stack, architecture, and terminology for Oracle Applications Release 11i. It provides a useful first book to read before an installation of Oracle Applications. This guide also introduces the concepts behind Applications-wide features such as Business Intelligence (BIS), languages and character sets, and Self-Service Web Applications.

Installing Oracle Applications

This guide provides instructions for managing the installation of Oracle Applications products. In Release 11*i*, much of the installation process is handled using Oracle Rapid Install, which minimizes the time to install Oracle Applications, the Oracle8 technology stack, and the Oracle8*i* Server technology stack by automating many of the required steps. This guide contains instructions for using Oracle Rapid Install and lists the tasks you need to perform to finish your installation. You should use this guide in conjunction with individual product user's guides and implementation guides.

Upgrading Oracle Applications

Refer to this guide if you are upgrading your Oracle Applications Release 10.7 or Release 11.0 products to Release 11*i*. This guide describes the upgrade process and lists database and product-specific upgrade tasks. You must be either at Release 10.7 (NCA, SmartClient, or character mode) or Release 11.0, to upgrade to Release 11*i*. You cannot upgrade to Release 11*i* directly from releases prior to 10.7.

Maintaining Oracle Applications

Use this guide to help you run the various AD utilities, such as AutoUpgrade, AutoPatch, AD Administration, AD Controller, AD Relink, License Manager, and others. It contains how-to steps, screenshots, and other information that you need to run the AD utilities. This guide also provides information on maintaining the Oracle applications file system and database.

Oracle Applications System Administrator's Guide

This guide provides planning and reference information for the Oracle Applications System Administrator. It contains information on how to define security, customize menus and online help, and manage concurrent processing.

Oracle Alert User's Guide

This guide explains how to define periodic and event alerts to monitor the status of your Oracle Applications data.

Oracle Applications Developer's Guide

This guide contains the coding standards followed by the Oracle Applications development staff. It describes the Oracle Application Object Library components needed to implement the Oracle Applications user interface described in the *Oracle Applications User Interface Standards for Forms-Based Products*. It also provides

information to help you build your custom Oracle Forms Developer 6i forms so that they integrate with Oracle Applications.

Oracle Applications User Interface Standards for Forms-Based Products

This guide contains the user interface (UI) standards followed by the Oracle Applications development staff. It describes the UI for the Oracle Applications products and how to apply this UI to the design of an application built by using Oracle Forms.

Other Implementation Documentation

Oracle Applications Product Update Notes

Use this guide as a reference for upgrading an installation of Oracle Applications. It provides a history of the changes to individual Oracle Applications products between Release 11.0 and Release 11*i*. It includes new features, enhancements, and changes made to database objects, profile options, and seed data for this interval.

Multiple Reporting Currencies in Oracle Applications

If you use the Multiple Reporting Currencies feature to record transactions in more than one currency, use this manual before implementing *Oracle E-Records*. This manual details additional steps and setup considerations for implementing *Oracle E-Records* with this feature.

Multiple Organizations in Oracle Applications

This guide describes how to set up and use *Oracle E-Records* with Oracle Applications' Multiple Organization support feature, so you can define and support different organization structures when running a single installation of *Oracle E-Records*.

Oracle Workflow Guide

This guide explains how to define new workflow business processes as well as customize existing Oracle Applications-embedded workflow processes. You also use this guide to complete the setup steps necessary for any Oracle Applications product that includes workflow-enabled processes.

Oracle Applications Flexfields Guide

This guide provides flexfields planning, setup and reference information for the *Oracle E-Records* implementation team, as well as for users responsible for the ongoing maintenance of Oracle Applications product data. This manual also provides information on creating custom reports on flexfields data.

Oracle eTechnical Reference Manuals

Each eTechnical Reference Manual (eTRM) contains database diagrams and a detailed description of database tables, forms, reports, and programs for a specific Oracle Applications product. This information helps you convert data from your existing applications, integrate Oracle Applications data with non-Oracle applications, and write custom reports for Oracle Applications products. Oracle eTRM is available on Metalink

Oracle Manufacturing APIs and Open Interfaces Manual

This manual contains up-to-date information about integrating with other Oracle Manufacturing applications and with your other systems. This documentation includes API's and open interfaces found in Oracle Manufacturing.

Oracle Order Management Suite APIs and Open Interfaces Manual

This manual contains up-to-date information about integrating with other Oracle Manufacturing applications and with your other systems. This documentation includes API's and open interfaces found in Oracle Order Management Suite.

Oracle Applications Message Reference Manual

This manual describes all Oracle Applications messages. This manual is available in HTML format on the documentation CD-ROM for Release 11i.

Training and Support

Training

Oracle offers a complete set of training courses to help you and your staff master *Oracle E-Records* and reach full productivity quickly. These courses are organized into functional learning paths, so you take only those courses appropriate to your job or area of responsibility.

You have a choice of educational environments. You can attend courses offered by Oracle University at any one of our many Education Centers, you can arrange for

our trainers to teach at your facility, or you can use Oracle Learning Network (OLN), Oracle University's online education utility. In addition, Oracle training professionals can tailor standard courses or develop custom courses to meet your needs. For example, you may want to use your organization structure, terminology, and data as examples in a customized training session delivered at your own facility.

Support

From on-site support to central support, our team of experienced professionals provides the help and information you need to keep *Oracle E-Records* working for you. This team includes your Technical Representative, Account Manager, and Oracle's large staff of consultants and support specialists with expertise in your business area, managing an Oracle8i server, and your hardware and software environment.

Do Not Use Database Tools to Modify Oracle Applications Data

Oracle STRONGLY RECOMMENDS that you never use SQL*Plus, Oracle Data Browser, database triggers, or any other tool to modify Oracle Applications data unless otherwise instructed.

Oracle provides powerful tools you can use to create, store, change, retrieve, and maintain information in an Oracle database. But if you use Oracle tools such as SQL*Plus to modify Oracle Applications data, you risk destroying the integrity of your data and you lose the ability to audit changes to your data.

Because Oracle Applications tables are interrelated, any change you make using Oracle Applications can update many tables at once. But when you modify Oracle Applications data using anything other than Oracle Applications, you may change a row in one table without making corresponding changes in related tables. If your tables get out of synchronization with each other, you risk retrieving erroneous information and you risk unpredictable results throughout Oracle Applications.

When you use Oracle Applications to modify your data, Oracle Applications automatically checks that your changes are valid. Oracle Applications also keeps track of who changes information. If you enter information into database tables using database tools, you may store invalid information. You also lose the ability to track who has changed your information because SQL*Plus and other database tools do not keep a record of changes.

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Introduction to Oracle E-Records

The following topics are discussed:

- eSignatures
- Electronic Records
- Sign What You See
- Electronic Batch Records (EBR)
- Framework
- Online Versus Deferred Mode Capture

eSignatures

Organizations that want to maintain electronic documents must have systems that support the ability to electronically sign those documents, ensuring that the appropriate personnel have reviewed and approved them.

Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) generally requires signatures on transactions which affect product quality. Companies can also require signatures when moving the custody of goods from one department to another, or when moving responsibility for manufacture from one department to another. So, wherever a signature is needed on a paper document, a signature is needed on the electronic document that replaces it. This document addresses the enabling of electronic signatures in OPM for static (setup), as well as transaction data.

Electronic Records

21CFR Part 11 describes the requirements for companies wanting to move from paper based record keeping to electronic record keeping. GMP describes where it's appropriate to keep electronic records and capture electronic signatures.

This document details all areas in OPM that GMP explicitly or implicitly states are important for capturing eSignatures and eRecords. There are also events where data is captured that are industry standard, or dictated by other authorities (like the DEA) that are not mentioned by GMP.

Sign What You See

Since electronic signatures are a legal and binding equivalent to hand written signatures, it is important to review the data you are responsible for signing. The pertinent data is displayed on screen at the time of eSignature capture, rather than having to review it using the transaction forms.

Electronic Batch Records (EBR)

The following requirements describe what is needed for OPM to manage batch records electronically in accordance with 21 CFR Part 11:

- Processing instructions must be automatically viewable on the screen.
- Any instructions made visible during processing must be part of the EBR document that is made available for review and signing. It must also be printed any time the EBR is printed.
- A window must be easily accessible for entering text comments during processing. These comments must also be part of the EBR document that is reviewed and signed, and must print along with the EBR.
- Batch steps must be configurable such that a signoff by one or more users must be captured prior to proceeding to any subsequent steps. The signature must be in accordance with Part 11 requirements. This must not be a workflow process. It must happen on the same window as the processing step that is being recorded.
- Batch signoffs must be enabled through a workflow process, or on the same window as the batch processing taking place. Rules must be configurable to determine points in the process where signatures are required, such as pending to work in process, or completed to closed.

- Quality tests and results are included on the EBR.
- Processing parameters are included on the EBR.
- A secure document representing the batch must be created for signing and printing. This is the EBR.

Framework

Based on Good Manufacturing Practices and customer requirements, the following application windows are configured to capture eRecords or eSignatures, or both.

Application windows, along with their associated programs, must be enhanced to call the data capture framework. Events are defined within the framework. An event consists of an event name, the tables, the columns, and the data values.

If an event exists, but is disabled for eRecords or eSignatures, then the window behaves as expected. If an event exists and is enabled for eRecords or eSignatures, then the framework reacts accordingly:

- If eSignatures are enabled, then the eSignature window is displayed, requiring entry from the appropriate user.
- If eRecords are enabled, then a snapshot of the event takes place at the appropriate time:
 - If an eSignature is not required for this event, then a snapshot occurs after the data is posted (not yet committed) to the database.
 - If an eSignature is required for this event, then the snapshot takes place after the appropriate signoffs occur and the data is posted (not yet committed) to the database.

Framework Components

The framework consists of the following components:

Workflow Business Event System

Workflow Business Event system is used to define an eSignature event and associate synchronous eSignature subscription to the event.

XML Gateway

XML Gateway is used for mapping definition and generation of XML for an eRecord. Individual product teams define XML maps and DTDs for

eRecord/eSignature events supported by them. These maps and DTDs are loaded into the database and source controlled under the respective product tops. The eRecord Style sheet is also defined as part of XML Gateway.

Oracle Approval Management Engine (AME)

This component is used to define conditions, rules, and approval hierarchy. It stores rule specific attributes such as electronic recording required or electronic signature is required, and what type of style sheet need to be applied for this rule. These rules are evaluated at runtime based on the transaction ID, which is the primary key for the transaction.

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A generic call is available, which is called to raise an event from the window.

Workflow Notification Subsystem

Notification subsystem is used to generate the signature user interface and control the flow of the user interface and return a status back to the application.

Digital Signatures Evident Store

Digital signatures evident store is used for storing electronics signatures.

Online Versus Deferred Mode Capture

When windows require an eSignature, there are two methods of capturing this data. The signature can be captured in process (online) or asynchronously (deferred) through workflow notifications.

- Transaction windows (e.g., Batches, Inventory Quantities, Quality Results) require you to enter all signatures online only. If the signatures cannot be fulfilled in that session, then the new or updated transaction data is not committed to the database.
- For those objects where a status or active/inactive column exists (e.g., Items, Lots, Formulas, Recipes, etc.), a generic workflow notification exists to enable deferred mode signatures. In these cases, windows prompt you for an eSignature when appropriate. If an eSignature is not entered online, then a notification is automatically sent to the user responsible for signing that record. Once all signatures have been fulfilled, the pending rows are updated to the appropriate status (active, approved, etc.). While signatures are in progress, the OPM window prevents any updates from being made to the pending data.

Online signatures are beneficial for those real-time processes that cannot proceed without immediate authorization.

- Deferred mode signatures are useful when the signature does not need to occur immediately, the signers are not typically in the same physical location or are otherwise not immediately available at the time of the signature request, or if there are several items that the signers must verify prior to signing, thus creating a time lag between receipt of the eSignature request and the response.
- Workflow notifications can come as email or can be accessed through Oracle Applications. The use of Oracle Workflow provides an additional level of auditing - Workflow keeps an electronic history of when parties were notified and when they completed their signoff.

In order to ensure the proper signatures are captured for each document or event within each internal organization, part of the Electronic Record Framework enables secured users to associate the appropriate Users with each event.

An eRecord contains a defined set of data from a moment in time captured by the software. This set of data is unique for each application, and each event within that application. For organizations capturing eSignatures with eRecords, the intent is to present the eRecord to the application user and let them approve or reject the data along with their signature. For those not using eSignatures, eRecords are captured as a background process. Layouts for all OPM eRecords are contained within this document and is further explored within the detail designs to follow.

eRecords are captured in an XML format. XML provides portability, ultimately enabling the delivery of eRecords to the FDA electronically. XML also provides longevity of the data. This helps eliminate the need to keep old versions of programs available just to read the documents.

eRecords are then generated using the XML data in an XSL format.

eRecords are stored in an evidence store. The evidence store provides a secure storage location and links to the transaction windows.

Implementing E-Records

You must complete the following steps to enable the E-Records functionality:

1. Enable profile options
2. Enable the Event
3. Enable the Subscription
4. Set up Oracle Approval Manager Rules
5. Set up Input Configuration Variables for Oracle Approval Manager Rules
6. Run Concurrent Programs

Enable Profile Options

eSignatures Enabled

You must set up the profile option EDR: eSignatures Enabled. This profile option lets you enable the functionality for your entire system. Valid values for this profile option are:

Yes - Enable eRecord/eSignature

No - Do not enable eRecord/eSignature (default value)

Server Timezone

Set the profile option Server Timezone to the time zone where the database is running. If you don't set this value, then all eRecords have a null value for the time zone.

- Make sure that the database time zone is the same as the server time zone profile option value since the system does not verify the database value.

- Once the Oracle E-Records is enabled, do not reset this value.
- This value does not reflect the current user time zone value. It is always the server time zone.

Enable the Event

The Oracle Workflow Event Manager lets you register:

- interesting business events that may occur in your applications,
- the systems among which events are communicated,
- named communication agents within those systems, and
- subscriptions indicating that an event is significant to a particular system.

You can use the Event Manager web pages to define and maintain these events, systems, agents, and subscriptions.

A business event is an occurrence in an internet or intranet application or program that might be significant to other objects in a system or to external agents. For instance, the creation of a purchase order is an example of a business event in a purchasing application. You can define your significant events in the Event Manager.

Business Event Creation

Internal Name

When you define an event in the Event Manager, you must assign it a unique internal name, which is case-sensitive. The format for these internal names is a compound structure of identifiers separated by periods (.) as follows:

```
oracle.apps.<product>.<component>.<object>.<event>
```

This format lets you organize the events you define into a classification hierarchy.

Example: oracle.apps.gme.Process.Batch.close, Process Batch Close Event

Display Name

The Display Name displays in the Edit Event list.

Description

A brief description of the eSignature event.

Status

All seed data is sent set to enabled.

Generate Function

Generate functions is NULL for all eSignature Events.

Owner Name (mandatory)

The Owner Name must be your product name.

Owner Tag (mandatory)

The Owner Tag must be your three letter product code.

Identify Event Key

Each instance of an event must be unique and is identified by an event key. The key helps to tag the transaction data with eSignature and eRecord data. The key must be a unique identifier for an event and not hold multiple values. In most cases, it is the primary key of a table on which the event is taking place. In some cases, the primary key can be a multi part key, which is concatenated and treated as a single event key. This key is used as a business event key and is passed as a parameter to the event raise API.

Example of a single key:

Event: GME_BATCH_RELEASE

Event Key: GME_BATCH_HEADER.BATCH_ID

Example of a multi part key: (If the Batch Header table does not have BATCH_ID)

Event: GME_BATCH_RELEASE

Event Key: GME_BATCH_HEADER.PLANT_CODE

GME_BATCH_HEADER.BATCH_NO

Event key representation during API calls:

GME_BATCH_HEADER.PLANT_CODE || GME_BATCH_HEADER.BATCH_NO

Refer to the *Oracle Workflow Guide* for details on enabling events.

Enable the Subscription

Subscription processing can include the following types of processing:

- Run a function on the event message.
- Send the event message to a workflow process.
- Send the event message to an agent.

Add Synchronous eSignature Subscription

A synchronous subscription is added to the defined business event, which is a local subscription. The phase of the subscription determines if the subscription is synchronous or not. The phase of the subscription must be set to 0 to make sure that eSignature subscription is the first subscription executed when an event occurs. A rule function is associated to the subscription that determines if an eSignature is required and generates a snapshot of the data to be signed. The snapshot is generated as an XML document in the rule function. This is the generic rule function, which is used by all product teams while defining a subscription.

Subscriber: System

This is the local system, on which the subscription code is to run.

Triggering Condition: Source Type

Set the triggering condition to local.

Triggering Condition: Event Filter

Select the event that this subscription is for.

Triggering Condition: Source Agent

Leave blank.

Execution Control: Phase (mandatory)

Set the phase to 0.

Execution Control: Status

All seed data is sent set to disabled.

Execution Control: Rule Data

Key: the subscription requires only the event key.

Action: Rule Function (required)

Enter EDR_PSIG_RULE.PSIG_RULE. This is the rule function, which determines if eSignature is required for the event instance and generate XML document if required.

Action: Workflow Item Type and Workflow Process Name

Workflow item Type = EDRPSIGF

Workflow Process Name = PSIG_ESIGN_PAGE_FLOW

Action: Out Agent and To Agent

Leave blank.

Action: Priority

Leave blank.

Action: Parameters

The parameter column can be used to add space delimited name=value pairs, which can be accessed by rule function. The rule function looks for the following parameter and if the parameters are not, then set it. It assumes the business event Name=XML Map Name=AME transaction Type = AOL Audit Group Name

EDR_XML_MAP_CODE=<Your XML Map Code>

EDR_AME_TRANSACTION_TYPE=<AME transaction Type>

EDR_AUDIT_GROUP=<AOL Audit Group> (This is required only if you need to integrate eSignatures with AOL Audit.)

Documentation: Owner Name (mandatory)

The Owner Name must be your product name.

Documentation: Owner Tag (mandatory)

The Owner Tag must be your three letter product code.

Documentation: Description

Any information you want to document about the subscription.

Refer to the *Oracle Workflow Guide* for details on enabling subscriptions.

Set Up Oracle Approvals Management

Oracle Approvals Management (OAM) is a self-service web application that enables users to define business rules governing the process for approving transactions in other Oracle Applications.

The purpose of Oracle Approvals Management (OAM) is to define approval rules that determine the approval processes for Oracle Applications. Rules are constructed from conditions and approvals.

AME Seed Data Setup for Attribute, Condition, Rule, and Approval Group Customizations

1. Create Transaction Attributes

In OAM, an attribute is a named business variable such as TRANSACTION_AMOUNT, whose value OAM fetches at run time, when it constructs transactions' approver lists. OAM includes the attributes commonly required for the transaction type(s) of each application that can use OAM.

The following steps detail adding transaction attributes:

- a. Navigate to the **Attribute** tab on the **AME Application Administrator Approvals** window.
- b. Select the required transaction type.
- c. Click **Add Attribute** to create a new attribute for the event you want.
- d. Click **Create New Name**.
- e. Enter the new name and click **Continue**.
- f. Select **Attribute Type = String** (Relevant data type).
- g. Enter the description.
- h. Select No for static usage, and enter the select statement for the attribute to map to the database column.

2. Create Conditions

In OAM, a condition specifies a list or range of attribute values required to make a rule apply to a transaction. For example:

```
INVENTORY_TYPE IN {'A'}
```

The following steps detail adding conditions:

- a. Navigate to the **Conditions** tab on the **AME Application Administrator Approvals** window.
- b. Select the required transaction type.
- c. Click **Add Condition**.
- d. Select Ordinary as the condition type.
- e. Click **Continue**.
- f. Select INVENTORY_TYPE attribute.
- g. Click **Continue**.
- h. Type in an attribute value and click **Add Text Value**. If you want to add more values, then click **Create Text Value**.
- i. Click **Quit** when done.

3. Create Approval Groups

An OAM approval group is an ordered list of persons or user IDs. You can create OAM rules to include one or more approval groups in a transaction approver list. You must create an approval group before using it in an approval-group rule.

The following steps detail adding groups:

- a. Navigate to the **Groups** tab on the **AME Application Administrator Approvals** window.
- b. Enter the name and description for the group.
- c. Select **Active List** as static and click **Create Group**.
- d. Click **Add Approver**. If it is an FND user, then select Account. If it is an HR user, then select Individual. To look for an existing user, enter the username and click **Search**.
- e. Once you have the matching approver, click **Continue**.
- f. Select the sequence order for the approver. This can be changed when you add another user.
- g. Click **Create Approver**.

4. Define Approval Rules

In OAM, an approval rule associates one or more conditions with an approval action. The rule applies to a transaction if and only if all of the rule's conditions

are true for the transaction. Each application that can use OAM defines one or more transaction types.

Each transaction type has its own set of approval rules. Several transaction types can share attribute names, while defining separate usages for those attribute names. This makes it possible for several transaction types to share conditions and rules.

The following steps detail adding rules:

- a. Navigate to the **Rule** tab on the **AME Application Administrator Approvals** window.
- b. Select the required transaction type.
- c. Click **Add Rule**.
- d. Enter the description and rule type.
- e. Click **Continue**.
- f. Select an approval group. For example, chain of authority includes an approval group.
- g. Click **Continue**.
- h. Select an approval. For example, Require approval from Mfg user.
- i. Select the constraints. For example, None.
- j. Select the ordinary-condition attributes. If you need more than one attribute, then select by holding down the Shift. for example, INVENTORY_TYPE and reason code.
- k. Click **Continue**.
- l. Select the ordinary conditions. For example, INVENTORY_TYPE in {A, B} and REASON_CODE in {BOTH}.
- m. Click **Continue**.

Refer to the *Implementation Oracle Approvals Management* documentation for details on setting this up.

Set Up the Transaction Type Configuration Variables

The Transaction Type Configuration Variables lets you add, delete, and update new variables to transactions and rules. You can also add a variable to a rule that overrides the default global value for the variable in the transaction.

Associate the eRecord output XSL to the rule. This ensures multiple style sheets can be associated to a single event based on the control parameters.

An example of this is:

Rule	Input: Value	Approvers
If Plant = 'OPME' and Product='Cyanide	'ERecord= YesEsignature=YesERecord Style Sheet = opmstylesheet.xsl	James Arthur
If Plant = 'PL1	'ERecord= YesEsignature=NoERecord Style Sheet=NULL	David Anderson

■ To view variables associated with a transaction:

1. Navigate to the **Transaction Type Configuration Variables** window.
2. Select a Transaction Name from the list of values. Required.
3. Click **Go**. The available variables are listed under the Result for Transaction section. All seeded variables can be updated but not deleted. Any custom variables can be updated and deleted, unless associated with a rule. The following transaction fields are display only:
 - Variable Name displays the name of either a seeded or custom variable.
 - Description displays the description of the variable.
 - Data Type displays the type of data for the variable.
 - Default Value displays the default value for the variable.

■ To view variables associated with a transaction and rule:

1. Navigate to the **Transaction Type Configuration Variables** window.
2. Select a Transaction Name from the list of values.
3. Select a Rule Name from the list of values. Only rules associated with the selected transaction type are displayed.
4. Click **Go**. The available variables are listed under the Result for Transaction and Result for Rule regions. All seeded variables can be updated but not deleted. Any custom variables can be updated and deleted, unless associated with a rule. The following rule fields are display only:
 - Variable Name displays the name of either a seeded or custom variable.
 - Description displays the description of the variable.

- Data Type displays the type of data for the variable.
- Default Value displays the value for the variable that overrides the value found in the transaction.

● **To add a transaction variable:**

1. Click **Add** from the **Transaction Type Configuration Variables** window. The **Transaction Variable Definition** window displays. The Transaction Name is a display only field.
2. Enter the variable name to create. Required.
3. Enter a description for the variable.
4. Select a data type for the variable. Valid values are:
 - Boolean
 - Character
 - Date
 - Number
 - Time
 - String
5. Enter the default global value for the variable.
6. Click **Apply** to save the variable.

● **To add a rule variable:**

1. Click **Add** from the **Transaction Type Configuration Variables** window. The **Rule Variable Definition** window displays. The Transaction Name and Rule Name are display only fields.
2. Select the input variable you want to add. If you do not see the variable, then ensure that it is already created as a global variable under transactions. The Data Type field is display only. Required.
3. Enter the value for the variable that overrides the global default value.
4. Click **Apply** the save the variable.

► To update a variable for a transaction:

1. Once the transaction variables display, click **Update**. The **Transaction Variable Definition** window displays. The following fields are display only:
 - Transaction Name
 - Variable Name
 - Data Type
2. Modify the Description and Default Value as necessary.
3. Click **Apply** to save your changes.

► To update a variable for a rule:

1. Once the rule variables display, click **Update**. The **Transaction Variable Definition** window displays. The following fields are display only:
 - Transaction Name
 - Rule Name
 - Input Variable
 - Data Type
2. Modify the Variable Value as necessary.
3. Click **Apply** to save your changes.

► To delete a transaction variable:

1. Once the transaction variables display, click **Delete**. The **Transaction Variable Deletion** window displays. You cannot delete the four seed data variables, including:
 - EREC_REQUIRED
 - EREC_STYLE_SHEET
 - EREC_STYLE_SHEET_VER
 - ESIG_REQUIRED

The following fields are display only:

- Transaction Name
- Input Var Name

- Description
 - Default Value
2. Click **Apply** to delete the variable. An error displays if the variable is associated with a rule. You must delete the variable from the rule first, then delete it from the transaction.

● **To delete a rule variable:**

1. Once the rule variables display, click **Delete**. The **Rule Variable Deletion** window displays. You cannot delete the four seed data variables, including:
 - EREC_REQUIRED
 - EREC_STYLE_SHEET
 - EREC_STYLE_SHEET_VER
 - ESIG_REQUIRED

The following fields are display only:

- Transaction Name
 - Rule Name
 - Input Variable
 - Data Type
 - Variable Value
2. Click **Apply** to delete the variable.

Refer to *Implementing Oracle Approvals Management* for more details.

Run Concurrent Programs

As part of the implementation process, set up a concurrent program called eRecord Query Maintenance. This is part of the ERES Developer responsibility. In addition, set up this concurrent program every time the DTD is changed. All set up is done in the Application Developer responsibility. The steps to set up the concurrent program are:

1. Define the executable.

The following fields must be filled in with the values below:

Executable Electronic Records Query Maintenance

Short Name EDRQRYMTN

Application Oracle E Records

Execution Method Java Concurrent Program

Execution File Name EdrPopulateAdmin

Execution File Path oracle.apps.edr.dtdparser

2. Define the concurrent program.

The following fields must be filled in with the values below:

Program Electronic Records Query Maintenance

Short Name EDRQRYMTN

Application Oracle E Records

Executable Name EDRQRYMTN

Executable Method Java Concurrent Program

3. Define the parameters for the concurrent program.

The following parameters must be filled in with the values below:

Root Node This is the root element of the DLD that has been uploaded. If this value is null, then the program runs for all DTDs in the database.

Update Flag If the flag is set to Yes, then the program recreates the indexes on eRecords evidence store tables. If the flag is set to no, then the indexes are not modified.

Refer to the *Oracle Applications System Administrator's Guide* for details on setting up concurrent programs.

Running the eRecord Query Maintenance Report

This program is used to create intermediate text index and section groups for query elements defined in the DTD.

► **To submit the eRecord Query Maintenance report:**

1. Navigate to the **Submit Request** window.
2. Enter **eRecord Query Maintenance** in the Name field. The Parameters dialog box displays.
3. Enter any of the following fields to narrow the scope of the report:
 - **Root Node** is the top level XML element of a DTD, which contains XML elements having QUERY attributes. This can be null (when the index needs to be recreated) or a particular root element of a DTD (when the DTD is updated). Default is null.
 - **Update Flag** determines if the index for searching the eRecords must be refreshed or not. If the flag is set to Yes, then everything is refreshed. If the flag is set to No, then only the delta is refreshed.
4. Click **OK**. The **Submit Request** window displays.
5. Complete the fields on the **Submit Request** window and click **Submit**. View or print the report.

Running the eRecord Event Setup Verification Report

This program logs all set up seed data for Oracle E-Record selected event into the concurrent log file. It displays the current setup for the following information:

- Event Name
- Subscription
- Profile Options
- Transaction Type
- AME Conditions and Rules
- Approval Groups
- Approvers
- Transaction Type Configuration Variables
- Generated XML

► **To submit the eRecord Setup Verification report:**

1. Navigate to the **Submit Request** window.

2. Enter **eRecord Event Setup Verification** in the Name field. The Parameters dialog box displays.
3. Enter any of the following fields to narrow the scope of the report:
 - **Event Name** is the workflow business event name.
 - **Event Key** is the business event key number.
4. Click **OK**. The **Submit Request** window displays.
5. Complete the fields on the **Submit Request** window and click **Submit**. View or print the report.

E-Record Utilities

Oracle E-Records has two utilities that let you view XML and eRecord information fro within the application. This information can be used to verify XML and XSL information, as well as eRecord layouts prior to the event being used.

Generate XML

The XML Generator window is used to generate an XML document using a specific map code and document ID. The resulting XML document is then displayed for technical review, or subsequently copied into the eRecord generator with an XSL style document to view the readable electronic record.

Developers can use this utility verify their XML mapping is correct.

► **To generate XML:**

1. Navigate to the **XML Generator** window by selecting **Generate XML**.
2. Select the map code from the list of values. The map code is created in XML Gateway.
3. Enter the document ID, which is the value for the root element.
4. Click **Search**. The XML is generated and then displays on the window.

Generate eRecord Document

The eRecord Generator window lets you see the eRecord format based on given XML and XSL documents. If you need to make changes to your XML or XSL, once the changes are made you can then rerun this utility to see the new eRecord format. Once the XSL is correct, you must upload it into the database for it to take affect for any generated eRecords.

► **To generate an eRecord document:**

1. Navigate to the **eRecord Generator** window by selecting **Generate eRecord Document**.
2. Paste your XML document into the XML field. Required.
3. Paste your XSL style document into the XSL field. Required.
4. Click **Apply**. The format for the eRecord document displays.

E-Record Signature Flows

There are two different types of signature flows - online and deferred. The online process forces all signatures to take place at the same time before the event can continue. The deferred process lets you move on without all signatures in place. The following is a flow of the two different types of processes, using the Item Creation process as an example.

Online Flow

Following is the procedure for the online flow using Item Creation:

1. Enter a new item.
2. Save the new item.
3. Select **Approve New Item** from the **Action** menu. A dialog box displays notifying you that the item must be approved.
 - a. Click **OK**. The process is incomplete and a message displays that the Electronic Signature Process abnormally terminated.
 - b. Leave the dialog box, and continue to the approval windows. The **Signers List** window appears.
4. Begin the approval process in the order the approvers are set for by clicking the **Sign** button.
5. For each approver, the electronic record displays. Enter the reason, signers comments, and signature type.
6. Select a notification response.
 - a. If **Cancel** is selected, then the previous window displays.

- a. If **Cancel** is selected, then the previous window displays.
 - b. If **Reject** or **Confirm** are selected, then the **Signers Confirmation** window displays.
7. Enter your username and password.
 - a. If **Cancel** is selected, then the previous window displays.
 - b. If **Submit** is selected, then the approval is complete, and the **Signers List** page displays for the approval process to continue. If the submission is a rejection, then the process stops, you must close the browser, and go back to the **Items** window.
8. Click **Finish**.
 - a. If the signature process is complete, then a message displays that the online process is complete.
 - b. If the signature process is not complete, then a message displays that for this event deferred is allowed, and notifications are sent to all approvers.
9. Close the browser.
10. Click **OK** to the dialog box on the **Items** window. The item remains pending.
11. If you receive an email notification, then click to the approval window from the e-mail. You will not see the list of approvers, only the approval information you must complete.

The following topics are discussed. Choose one of the following accordingly:

- [eRecord Generic Query](#)
- [eRecord Details](#)

eRecord Generic Query

The Generic Query provides the functionality of querying the eRecords repository in the following manner:

- The individual product teams determine the XML elements that can be queried upon during creation of the DTDs.
- The Generic Query window displays these elements to the user in a menu. You can select multiple XML elements from multiple menus and provide search criterion for each of them.
- Individual search criteria are OR'ed or AND'ed with each other to create an aggregate search criterion, which is used to query the eRecords repository.
- The search results are presented on the window as multiple rows of eRecords based on the number of hits returned by the query.
- In the backend the query mechanism uses a Intermedia text index to go through each XML document stored in the database to search for individual XML elements. This XML search ability distinguishes the Generic Query from other typical querying applications.

eRecord Generic Query Window

The window is divided into two regions, the top region lets you specify the query criteria and the bottom region shows the results of the query.

There are two options for using the generic query, a Simple option and an Advanced option. The query criteria in the simple option are Event Name, From Date, To Date, and the user id of the eRecord signer. All these are individual columns in the EDR_PSIG_DOCUMENTS table.

The bottom region of the window shows the header level information for the eRecords retrieved from the database. This includes the business event name, the unique identifier of the event, the time of its creation, and the time zone in which it was created.

The Advanced option lets you query eRecords by directly querying the XML element of the eRecord. The Element box on the window takes its values from a LOV and the condition defaults to equals. After selecting a particular element (which corresponds to an XML element), enter a value to be searched.

■ To view a query using the simple search:

1. Navigate to the **eRecord Generic Query** window.
2. Select an event name using the list of values to search by events.
3. Select the name of the signer to search by a specific signer.
4. Enter the eRecord ID to search by a specific ID.
5. Select a to and from date to view queries within a date range.
6. Click **Search**. The search results and their time zone display. The following information displays for each record:
 - Event Name displays the name of each event.
 - eRecord ID displays the unique eRecord ID for each event.
 - Identifier Name displays the identifiers used to create the event. If there is more than one identifier, then they are all listed and separated by dashes.
 - Identifier Value displays the values for the identifiers used in the record. If there is more than one value, then they are all listed and separated by dashes.
 - Event Date displays the date the event began.
 - Status displays the status of the event. Valid values are error, pending, complete, and rejected.
7. Either click on an event name or select a series of events from the Select box and click **View Selected**. The record displays with all signer information.

8. Click **Print** to print the record without the viewable headers and with appropriate page breaks.

■ **To view a query using the advanced search:**

1. Navigate to the **eRecord Generic Query** window.
2. Click **Advanced Search**.
3. Select an event name using the list of value to search by events.
4. Select the name of the signer to search by a specific signer.
5. Enter the eRecord ID to search by a specific ID.
6. Select a to and from date to view queries within a date range.
7. Select a query element to search by specific elements. The query elements are defined in the DTD.
8. Enter a query value to search on a specific value for a query element.
9. If you want to add more criteria, then click **Add** and set the logic operator to AND or OR depending on the type of search you are doing.
10. Click **Search**. The search results and the time zone display. The following information displays for each record:
 - Event Name displays the name of each event.
 - eRecord ID displays the unique eRecord ID for each event.
 - Identifier Name displays the identifiers used to create the event. If there is more than one identifier, then they are all listed and separated by dashes.
 - Identifier Value displays the values for the identifiers used in the record. If there is more than one value, then they are all listed and separated by dashes.
 - Event Date displays the date the event began.
 - Status displays the status of the event. Valid values are error, pending, complete, and rejected.

You can sort by any column that has an arrow next to it. Click the column name to sort in ascending or descending order.
11. Either click on an event name or select a series of events from the Select box and click **View Selected**. The record displays with all signer information.

12. Click **Print** to print the record without the viewable headers and with appropriate page breaks.

eRecord Details

On each window that is eRecord/eSignature enabled, there is an option under the Action menu for eRecord Details. This displays the same window as the generic query, but it works in the context of the current transaction.

Glossary

21 CFR Part 11

This rule represents the combined effort of divisions within the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), along with members of the pharmaceutical industry, to establish a uniform, enforceable, baseline standard by which the FDA will consider electronic records equivalent to paper records and electronic signatures equivalent to traditional handwritten signatures.

Batch Journal

A complete history of the all the events that occurred within a batch including the ingredients, lots, steps, activities, processes, and signatures.

Electronic Record

Any combination of text, graphics, data, audio, pictorial, or other information representation in digital form that is created, modified, maintained, archived, retrieved, or distributed by a computer system.

Electronic Signature

A computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted, or authorized by an individual to be the legally binding equivalent of the individual's handwritten signature.

ERES

Electronic Records and Electronic Signatures.

Oracle Approval Management Engine (AME)

This component is used to define conditions, rules and, approval hierarchy. We also want to store rule specific attributes such as Electronic recording required or

Electronic Signature is required, what type of style sheet need to be applied for this rule, etc. These rules are evaluated runtime based on Transaction ID (this is the primary key for the transaction).

Process Parameter

A process parameter details information such as temperature, pressure, or time that is pertinent to the product but does not fall into the classification of input or output. Process parameters may be used as set points, comparison values, or in conditional logic.

Workflow Business Event System

Workflow Business Event system is used to define an eSignature event and associate a synchronous eSignature subscription to the event.

XML Gateway

XML Gateway is used for mapping definition and generation of XML for an eRecord. Individual product teams define XML maps and DTD for eSignature / eRecord Events (ERES) supported by them. These Maps and DTD are loaded into the database and source controlled under respective product tops. The eRecord style sheet is also defined as part of XML Gateway.

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