Oracle® Retail Invoice Matching

Release Notes

Release 13.1

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This document highlights the major changes for Oracle Retail Invoice Matching (ReIM) Release 13.1. ReIM 13.1 includes functional and technical enhancements.

Product Overview

Oracle Retail Invoice Matching (ReIM) supports verification of merchandise invoice costs and quantities prior to payment. ReIM receives invoice data through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), or from invoices manually entered through a group or single invoice entry facility.

Invoice records are verified against associated receipts in an automated matching process. If invoices are matched to receipts within tolerance at a summary level, they are evaluated for best payment terms and posted to a staging table. The staging table is interfaced with the retailer's accounts payable system, where payments are processed and corresponding accounting entries are posted.

If invoices and receipts are not matched at the summary level after a specified period of time, the auto-matching process attempts to match at a line level within tolerance. If matches are not identified at the line level, the process calculates a cost or quantity discrepancy. The discrepancy is routed to defined user groups for resolution.

Discrepancies are resolved by applying reason codes based on a set of defined actions (for example, charge-back supplier) that determine disposition of the discrepancies.

Discrepancies are routed out of the auto-match process. You can then begin manual identification of summary and detail level matches. The retailer can resolve line level discrepancies.

Hardware and Software Requirements

See the *Oracle Retail Invoice Matching Installation Guide* for information about the following:

- Hardware and software requirements
- Oracle Retail application software compatibility

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Functional Enhancements

The following functional enhancements are introduced for ReIM 13.1.

"Other" Option Removed

The Other option was removed from the Quantity Selection screen in the Quantity Resolution dialog, because it was unnecessary functionality.

The Other option was also removed from the Cost Selection screen in the Cost Resolution dialog, because it was unnecessary functionality.

EDI Errors in a "Tax On" Environment

The ability to reject certain types of EDI errors to "table" has been expanded to work in a Tax On environment.

Tax Functionality

The "VAT" term was replaced with the more generic term "Tax" throughout the ReIM user interface.

The Tax Breakdown (previously VAT Breakdown) screen now allows either the tax basis or the tax amount to be entered. If the tax amount is entered, the form reverse-calculates the tax basis.

The Tax Discrepancy Detail Selection screen was modified to show the tax rate, in addition to the tax code and tax amount.

Posting has been modified to post only one tax row per document. In previous releases, ReIM posted one tax row for each transaction type (UNR, VWT, Reason, TAP, and so on). Note that the tax amount is calculated and stored in the AMOUNT column for tax rows in the IM_FINANCIALS_STAGE table, instead of the tax basis as in earlier releases.

Invoicing at Case Level (Inner Packs)

ReIM now supports the ability for a supplier to generate invoices based on the number of cases and case cost, instead of eaches. This functionality is driven by a new RMS supplier option called Quantity Level. Valid settings are 'cases' or 'eaches'.

Supplier Site Lookup

Data Entry

When entering invoices, the accounts payable rep can specify the supplier site ID instead of the supplier ID. If the supplier site is specified, the user interface finds the parent supplier for the supplier site and uses it as the supplier for the invoice. All matching functionality and communication to the financial system is based on the parent supplier; the supplier site is used only as a useful tool to find the parent supplier.

EDI

EDI upload has been modified to accept either the supplier ID or the supplier site ID in the supplier field of the EDI layout. If the supplier ID is used, functionality is identical to previous releases. If the supplier site ID is used, the EDI load program looks up the parent supplier for the supplier site and uses it to populate the supplier column on the invoice in ReIM. The supplier site is retained for audit purposes in a new column in the invoice table. The supplier site is only used to facilate finding a parent supplier ID for the invoice; all matching functionality is based on the parent supplier

Online Matching

The supplier site has been added as a filter criterion for invoices and receipts on the Invoice Sumary Match Find screen. If the supplier site filter is used, the screen only shows invoices and receipts for purchase orders associated with the supplier site specified.

Legal Entities

The invoice matching process now handles matching of invoices received from an importer/exporter entity. ReIM matches the importer/exporter invoice to shipments based on an importer/exporter entity. Payments for the supplier are billed against the importer/exporter entity, not the receiving locations.

The importer/exporter is set up in RMS as a non-stockholding virtual warehouse. The RMS purchase order now includes a reference to indicate whether the purchase order is for an importer/exporter entity.

A new column called bill_to_loc (bill to location) is included in the shipment table. For importer/exporter invoices, the bill to location is the physical warehouse of the importer/exporter entity. For regular invoices, the bill to location is populated with the to location of the shipment. The bill to location is used in ReIM matching process as follows:

- The ReIM automatch process was modified to use the bill to location to attempt matching.

- The online match process was modified to use the bill to location when attempting to match manually.

- The Invoice Details screen was modified to use the bill to location when executing the "default from receipts" option to add items in an invoice.

- The Invoice Entry user interface and EDI Invoice Upload were modified to verify that the location on the invoice is an import/exporter entity, if the order referenced on the invoice is also for an importer/exporter entity.

Technical Enhancements

ReIM 13.1 includes the following technical enhancements.

Upgrading to ReIM Release 13.1

For new customers, ReIM 13.1 is a base release (a full product installation). Current customers who have installed ReIM 13.0.2 also have the option to upgrade to Release 13.1. For information about upgrading, see the following document at My Oracle Support (formerly MetaLink) at the following URL:

https://metalink.oracle.com

Oracle Retail Upgrade Guide (Doc ID 837368.1)

Because the upgrade process varies among Oracle Retail applications, the *Oracle Retail Upgrade Guide* describes the approach that each Oracle Retail application takes for the upgrading process, as well as product-specific upgrade assumptions and considerations. Actual procedures for the upgrade may be included in the application's Installation Guide.

Oracle Database Upgrade

For Release 13.1, ReIM and other Oracle Retail applications are supported with Oracle Database 11g (11.1.0.7). See the *Oracle Retail Invoice Matching Installation Guide* for complete information about requirements for your operating environment.

Data Model Changes

Several changes were made to the ReIM data model to facilitate the handling of configurable taxes in a future release. This release supports only a single tax code per item, or no tax code per item, similar to previous releases.

Tax Validation and Tax Calculation

APIs have replaced joins to RMS tables for performing tax validation and tax calculations.

Documentation Enhancements

Oracle Help for the Web

The ReIM 13.1 Online Help has been upgraded to the Oracle Help for the Web technology. Oracle Help for the Web is a Java servlet and file format specification for delivering HTML-based help in a Web environment. A single installation of the help is managed on a single server. You view and navigate help content through your default Web browser. The help display includes tabs for features such as Contents, Search, and Index that help you locate and navigate to a help topic easily.

Known Issues

ReIM 13.1 does not integrate with the following:

- PeopleSoft Enterprise Financials
- Oracle E-Business Suite

The packaged Web services files that were included in previous releases are not supported in ReIM 13.1.

Related Documentation

For more information, see the following documents in the Oracle Retail Invoice Matching Release 13.1 documentation set:

- *Oracle Retail Invoice Matching Data Model*
- *Oracle Retail Invoice Matching Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Invoice Matching Operations Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Invoice Matching Online Help*
- *Oracle Retail Invoice Matching User Guide*

See also:

- *Oracle Retail Merchandising Batch Schedule*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandising Implementation Guide*
- *Oracle Retail Merchandising Licensing Information*
- Oracle Retail Extract, Transform, and Load (RETL) documentation

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