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ECOS Web Updates: Modifications & Enhancements Released 11/10/2005

I. Enhancements:

1. Recipients Over Entitlement

To aid states in monitoring recipients that exceed their entitlement levels, ECOS has additional resources available to the state agencies. Within the Administration page of ECOS under the 'View/Edit (SDA) Organization Profile' link, the state will have a new section shown below. ECOS has implemented an *optional* email notification. Based on the criteria chosen on the 'Edit RA Entitlement Email Notification' page, each Friday night, ECOS will calculate entitlement levels and send one email to the state Organization Administrators listing all recipients for a state that have exceeded the preset threshold. The choice of receiving the email notification can be turned on and off as the state sees fit.

RA Entitlement Email Notification	Edit
Email Notification: Off	
Percentage Of Entitlement:	
Entitlement Information	Edit

Shown below is the screen used by the State Organization Administrator to select the threshold value to be used for their state agency. The screen is accessed by clicking the 'Edit' link found in the section shown above.

USDA Electronic Commodity Ordering System

Welcome: Todd Griffith | Logout
Role(s): System Admin, Org Admin

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Administration > View SDA Profile > Edit RA Entitlement Email Notification

Edit RA Entitlement Email Notification

To receive email notification for RA Entitlement information, select the checkbox, the percentage range for RA Entitlement, and click the **Save** button. Click the **Cancel** button to abort this activity and return to the profile screen.

RA Entitlement Email Notification
Check here to receive Email Notification:

Notify when Requisitions are: [Select] percent of RA Entitlement

Save Cancel

Check the box to indicate if you want the Friday night email informing you of Recipients over their entitlement threshold set here.

Select the threshold from the list of:
90-99
100-109
110-119
120 and over

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To further assist State Agencies, two 'Exception' reports have been developed to help State Agencies identify those recipients that have either exceeded entitlement levels or are under entitlement. The reports offer a summary view of the information as well as a detailed view by product category. The Summary report offers the following selection criteria:

Organization: All or an individual Recipient

Program Year

Program

% of Entitlement used: This is either (1) Over Entitlement (2) Under Entitlement or (3) Both

The Detail report offers the selection criteria of: Organization, Program Year and Program, but also has a choice for Product category to help narrow the search of requisitions.

Both reports are available in either PDF or CSV format. The CSV format was designed using our new format that all ECOS CSV reports will be converted to in December.



2. Unit of Measure more meaningful for Requisitions

Commodities that PCIMS considers as "Pound" commodities but are actually delivered with a case/container or other fashion other than mere poundage will now be treated within ECOS as a more traditional 'case' commodity. For those commodities that are delivered in a 40 pound container, requisition will be placed for the number of containers rather than the number of pounds.

For those commodities that are considered 'variable weight' items, a standard number of cases per truck will be determined which will total the required total poundage PCIMS

expects to accept the order. Below is a chart depicting the commodities identified that met the above criteria and the value that ECOS will use for case and truck load calculations.

Comm. Short Title	Code	Pack Size	Truck Units	Net Pck. Wt.	Net LBs. /truck	Est. lbs/case	Case/truck
CHIX CUT UP	A515	40 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
CHIX DICED	A517	40 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
TURKEY ROASTS	A537	32-48 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
TURKEY ROAST SL SOC	A547	32-48 LB CNTNR	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
TURKEY HAMS	A548	40 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
TURKEY BREAST DELI	A549	40 LB CONTAINER	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
TURKEY BRST DELI SMK	A550	40 LB CONTAINER	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
TURKEY DELI SMALL	A551	40 LB CONTAINER	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
TURKEY THIGHS	A555	40 LB	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
GEESE SMALL	A572	40/60 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	50	800
BISON FRZ 10	A606	4/10 LB PKGS	40,000	1	40,000		
BF ROUND RST 3#	A613	38-42 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
BF CHUCK ROAST	A614	38-42 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
PORK ROAST	A672	32-40 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
HAM FRZ WATERADD 40	A693	4/10 LB HAM/CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
HAM WATERADD CH 40	A694	4/10 LB HAM/CTN	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
BF DELI RST CKD FRZN	A703	4/10 LB PKG	40,000	1	40,000	40	1,000
BF BNLS FRSH COMBO	A704	20/2000 LB CTN	40,000	1	40,000	20	1,000
CHIX WHOLE BAGGED	A503	36-43 LB CTN	39,600	1	39,600	40	990
CHIX BREADED	A516	30 LB CTN	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
CHIX NUGGETS SOC	A519	30 LB CTN	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
TURKEY CRUMBLE	A536	30 LB CONTAINER	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
TURKEY CHUBS	A542	30 LB CTN	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
CHIX GRILL PTY SOC	A556	30 LB	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
CHIX PATTIES SOC	A561	30 LB CTN	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
CHIX FAJITA	A563	30 LB CTN	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
TKY TACO FILLING	A565	30 LB CONTAINER	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
CHIX FAJITA SOC	A571	30 LB CONTAINER	39,000	1	39,000	30	1,300
GEESE	A574	40/56 LB CTN	39,000	1	39,000	40	975
TURKEY WHOLE	A529	30-60 LB CTN	38,000	1	38,000	50	760
TURKEY BRST SM	A545	24-40	38,000	1	38,000	38	1,000
TURKEY BRST LG	A546	32-64 LBS	38,000	1	38,000	50	760
TURKEY BURGERS	A541	36 LB CTN	36,000	1	36,000	36	1,000
LAMB ROAST	A623	38-42 LB CTN	36,000	1	36,000	40	900
LAMB LEG ROAST	A624	38-40 LB CTN	36,000	1	36,000	40	900
LAMB SHLDR RST	A625	38-40 LB CTN	36,000	1	36,000	40	900
HAM WATERADD 3	A669	12/3 LB HAM/CTN	36,000	1	36,000	36	1,000

The decision was made to not alter the Import process to adapt this modification since the Import process works off the Survey information from PCIMS and this is not a PCIMS modification, just a modification that ECOS is adapting.

3. Recipient Level report for Receiving organizations

A new report “Recipient Order Status” has been developed which will provide recipient information associated to orders to Receiving Organizations. The report shows each PCIMS order along with the recipient level information (for those states utilizing ECOS at the Recipient level) to the Receiving Organizations. The data that is displayed on the report for the recipients comes from the recipients requisition that passed through the Roll up process and could have been modified through Transfer / Synchronization activity.

4. Rapid Alert System

A new notification mechanism has been added to ECOS which will be used by the FNS Food Safety Unit here at Headquarters which will alert State and USDA personnel that have ECOS access of Commodity Holds and Recalls. In addition, The Food Safety team has the ability to include Non-commodity (commercial product) Hold and Recall information through this new communication vehicle.

Each state will need to identify at least one member of their ECOS members to be this new Food Safety ‘Recall’ role. The added profile settings are found within the Administration section. To add this detail, you ‘View/Edit’ users, select the user to add the functions to, and select the ‘Edit’ link within the Authorizations section of the page.

Step one is to assign the new role (Recall) to the user.

Role(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Org Admin <input type="checkbox"/> Read Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System Admin <input type="checkbox"/> User <input type="checkbox"/> Recall

Step two would be to fill out the section below within ECOS which will allow you to assign different communication devices in the order of preference. Save the added profile information to complete this task.

Recall Contact?: <input type="checkbox"/>
<small>If the Recall Contact flag is selected, a minimum of two devices is required and a maximum of three devices is allowed. Select the Device Type and enter the Device Contact Number/Address where the user should be contacted in the event of a recall and select Add Device. The escalation order is determined by the order in which the devices are listed below. The device listed at the top will be contacted first. To change the escalation order, select an entry in the Entered Devices list and select Up or Down. To remove device/contact information, select the entry in the Entered Devices list and select Remove. Additional Contact Number Format Instructions</small>
Device Type: <input type="text"/>
Device Contact Number/Address: <input type="text"/>
Ext: <input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Add Device"/>
Entered Devices: (in escalation order) <input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Up"/> <input type="button" value="Down"/> <input type="button" value="Remove"/>

If a new Hold or Recall is created, the devices you identified will be used to contact the user and will direct them to log into ECOS and view the Hold/Recall information.

If the Hold / Recall affect orders placed by your state agency, a new 'Response Form' will be available to the state to enter their information associated to the Hold / Recall.

Note: Only users with the Recall Role assigned will be able to complete the Response Form. Users may be identified as "Recall Contact" only to receive notifications.

II. Modifications

1. Splits (C,S,V)

The assigning of the suffix code for splits that are associated within the states Roll Up process has been modified. The new process will retain the suffix code of S, T & U but will create order numbers in sequential order.

Example: If a state has associated three loads within Roll up of A200 and place those orders. The order numbers created would appear as:

A200777H004S, A200777H005T and A200777H006U

If you have any questions on any of the information presented here, please contact the ECOS Help Desk at:

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