

*Major changes have been made in this release to accommodate the Reg-F rules. Please see the release documentation for details on each change.

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December 6th, 2021 – Infrastructure and database changes

We have made changes to the infrastructure of RMEEx that supports and meets the CFPB's Reg-F requirements.

New fields for the account master file

We have added a new field for the required itemization date which will be supplied or will default to the *last transaction date*. We have also created a separate supporting field that indicates what the itemization date represents.

New fields for itemization

We have created new fields for data prior to the itemization date. These fields include:

- Original balance
- Original interest
- Other original charges
- Original last payment amount
- Original last payment date
- Payments
- Adjustments

Activating Reg-F edits at the client level

We have added an option at the client level where Reg-F edits can be activated. This feature was added to ensure “bad data” does not get into the system by verifying the itemization data supplied.

Force itemization amounts

We have added a new option on Pg. 11 of the client setup called Force itemization amounts (Y). A “Y” in this field will force the placement amount into the original balance if the itemization code on the client master is also set up.

“Set itemization date to T-”

We have added a new field on the client setup that allows you to set a placement date if not given by the client. The client master must have an itemization code when using this field.

Itemization code “P” special logic

Special logic has been added to this itemization code which will force the last payment to client date into the itemization date if it is supplied. Please see the release documentation for more details.

Tracking validation notices

We have added three new fields to the account level that tracks if a validation notice was successfully sent out:

- Validation sent (a “Y”)
- Last validation sent date
- Validation notice return date

These fields meet the CFPB's requirements to credit report accounts.

Update transaction files

We have added new account master fields to manual account entry, electronic loads, and I-Loads. These new fields

On-line client account entry

We have modified the on-line client account entry to ask for the itemization information if the Reg-F fields are activated. We have also added "Interest" to the amounts that can be set up on the "on-line client system control file".

Changes to account inquiry

We have added the new Reg-F fields (Itemization date, itemization code, etc.) to the tab-Q option titled "Additional account information". A shortcut has been added for this screen by keying in an "F" in the "Smart Code" field on the main account detail screen.

Validation notice and return mail

We have added a new code for a "Content Code" on the letter codes file that will indicate which of the linked accounts are listed on a specific letter. Please see the release documentation for a list of content codes. This information can be used to determine if an individual account received a demand letter. When contact preferences say "No mail", the Returned Mail flag will be set to "S" (Stop mail).

Validation notices and credit reporting

See page 11 of the RMEEx 6.1 release document

Changes to the letter-failed report

See page 15 of the RMEEx 6.1 release document

New merge codes

The following merge codes have been added to support your initial demand letter:

- AF1 - Itemization date - GITEMDT – Use the newest for the linked group
- AF2 - Original balance (on itemization date) - GORIBL
- AF3 - Interest added (for itemization) – GORIIN (original interest) + GINCHG (interest added after placement)
- AF4 - Other charges and fees (for itemization) – GORICO (Original other charges, includes amounts added at time of posting)
- AF5 - Payments (for itemization) - GORIPMT + all payments since placement (SCPAYMI)
- AF6 - Adjustments (for itemization) - GORIADJ + any balance adjustments from SCPAYMI
- AF7 - Last payment amount to client
- AF8 - End of validation period. Adds the number of days set up at the company level (or 38 days) to the next work date
- AF9 - The total of the AF5 and AF6 - the payments and adjustments used in itemization
- AFA - The current balance

Managing the 7 in 7 rule

Major changes were made to accommodate this rule. Please see the release documentation for a detailed guide on these changes.

E-mailing clients

We have added the ability to send an email to your clients that have an email address listed in the client master. The option is on the Periodic Reports Menu on Client List called "Send E-mails to clients".

Data extracts

We have added a new selection when creating a data extract called "RegF(Y)". A "Y" in this field will add the following to the end of the file:

- Itemization date
- Itemization code
- Original balance
- Interest Added (includes interest added in RMEx)
- Other fees added
- Payments received (includes amounts added in RMEx)
- Adjustments added (includes amounts added in RMEx)
- Last payment amount (to client)
- Last payment date (to client)

Smart codes

We have added the Clear validation sent flag (Y) as a new option. We have also added the New option Set "Can contact after RPC" to ___ days". This allows you to set the "unmasking period" using a smart code. "Start contact series on links" allows you to start a contact series on linked accounts, for accounts that match the account the smart code was applied on (itemization date and placement date).

Masking changes

Changes were made to not mask information while an account was being worked and while an RPC Smart Code was processed.

Smart code shortcuts

We have added the "DAY" option in the smart code field that will take you to the daily dashboard. We have also added "MON" that will take you to the activity monitor.

Attention key menu

We have added new options to the attention key menu accessed from areas other than inquiry.

February 8th, 2022 – FTP module change

The "D" functionality issue on clear file field has been resolved on the March release. The FTP screen has also been changed for easier access to specific jobs. We added a "Start at" option so users can search for a description of a job. We have also added the Type of the job "G" if a get job and "P" if put job.

March 5th, 2022 – “Go to Reference” field added

We have added the field “Go to Reference” on the list of transactions. This will take the user directly to that specific transaction.

March 7th, 2022 – Planning for text messaging with SBT

There is a new change to help clients with planning for text messaging and purchasing credits from SBT. On the “Other Management Options” from the Management Menu, there is a new option called “Analysis of consent to text”. It asks for the description code you use for opting the consumer in to text messaging. The screen says “This option analyzes your open and closed accounts and gives you the number of consumers who have given you consent to text them. We look at the primary account and the cell phone number on the account details.” There is one line per company that shows consumers with at least one open account, and those with no open accounts. For each group, we show totals for accounts (primaries) that have a number in the cell phone field, and accounts that do not have a cell phone at this time (the number could have been removed after consent was obtained or set up, or be on a different account within the linked accounts).

March 7th, 2022 – Stop all letters in letter translation

On letter translation, there is an option to stop all letters, based on a description code. On the letter translation tables, you would set up a description code with no letter code and have the “Stop” set up.

March 7th, 2022 – Linking points value

We have added a message when linking accounts that advised not to use the same point values for certain things. The message “Do not use the same point value for street address and any other selection” has been added to remind users of this.

March 13th, 2022 – Collectors able to view other collector’s work map

We have added a base code change that gives the ability for collectors to view other collector’s work maps. A “Y” on collector reports in Areas of system security should be present.

March 14th, 2022 – Commission rate added to edit report

We have added a new column in the based edit report called Acct.Rate where the commission rate will be included.

March 14th, 2022 – Entering phone numbers under Tab+ on Manual Entry

We have added this by allowing clients to set up their client with an ‘N’ in Express Prior Consent on page 11. Cell phones entered should not go into cell phone field but be moved to Tab+ with phone code of ‘C’. To use a different phone code, we have modified the Cell Phone system control option with a field “Should NOT automatically move C’s to the account detail screen”.