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Charisma 2005, Release 9.5 Overview

BML (Office Computers) Limited (BML) is pleased to announce the General Customer Availability (GCA) of Charisma 2005, Release 9.5, incorporating the developments included in CHARISMA Release 9.4.

Charisma Release 9.5 relies upon the UNIX or AIX computer operating systems running on Intel Xeon or IBM RISC based computers and the Micro Focus Cobol runtime version 4.1 or Server Express 4.0 or higher.

Charisma Release 9.5 is a major product release incorporating those platform elements designed to support current and future Quantum VS cornerstone application deliverables. These include:

- **The Microsoft Windows™-based Quantum VS Financials**  
  *Advanced Unified Financial Accounting Suite*

- **Quantum VS XML Highway**  
  *System Integration & Electronic XML Document Transmission Product Set*

- **Quantum VS e-Business & e-Catalogue solutions**  
  *Internet/Intranet e-business Product Set*

- **Quantum VS myViewpoint**  
  *Powerful Business Intelligence & Decision Support Product Set*

Charisma Release 9.5 also includes additional features and functionality for the Charisma Bar Coding modules, as well as an XML interface to Warehouse Management Systems (WMS).

Charisma 9.5 incorporates scheduled, value-added product feature developments and some 337 Incident resolutions (Development Feedback Requests). The DFR’s are tabled in this Transmittal Document, beginning on page 29. Charisma 9.5 is ported to, and relies upon UniVision 8.0.18 or higher release level.

Charisma 9.5 is a high performance, integrated and feature rich software product set, specifically designed and developed to meet the operational and management information reporting requirements of businesses in the £1 million to £500 million sales turnover range, whose business operation is that of distribution.
**Purpose of this release**

This important CHARISMA Software Product Release incorporates major value added developments, which you will find detailed within this Transmittal Document and from which you are able to derive business benefit. This Release also covers other non-scheduled Development Feedback Requests (DFR’s) and incidents, details of which can be found in the schedule at the back of this document.

**Operational Considerations**

When upgrading to the latest Product Release it is advisable to consider the impact upon your business. Structural changes may have been made to certain data files, which will necessitate running standard conversion routines to update your data from their current format to the CHARISMA Release 9.5 format. Sensible time scales should be carefully planned and applied before upgrading and the work scheduled in advance. CHARISMA 9.5 is a Load & Go upgrade.

**File changes and initialisations**

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Please note a modified IQ Data Dictionary is not available for this release of the CHARISMA software. IQ was withdrawn from the market by the author some years ago and is no longer a supported product. IQ has been replaced with the more powerful Windows based Quantum VS Business Intelligence & Decision Support Product Set. Clients should contact asifm@bml.uk.com for product details and the available library of CHARISMA reports or mail details of the reports required.
Important client information

BML are continually developing and enhancing the CHARISMA Software Product through its Value Added Research & Development Program. It is therefore very important that any client upgrading from an earlier version of the Software Product, for example release 7.x, read all the relevant product Transmittal Documents up to and including this Release.

Much of the R & D feature functionality embodied within this Release is available for general use. However, some developments may be chargeable, some may require consultation and, in some instances, require system implementation changes before they may be utilised.

No attempt should be made to utilise a new function without first speaking with your CHARISMA Consultant.

Release Transmittal Documents are available for prior versions of the CHARISMA software product if required:-

- CHARISMA Release 8.0/8.1 69-00009-00A Jan 2000
- CHARISMA Release 8.2 69-00010-00A July 2000
- CHARISMA 2003 Release 9.2 69-00013-03A Nov 2003
Developments & Enhancements

BML is introducing major developments and enhancements within the CHARISMA 2005, Release 9.5 Software Product. These include:

Automatic GRN Reconciliation via XML – 17018, CHARISMA R9.5

This new feature development utilises XML technology and the Quantum VS XML Highway to import Supplier Invoice Documents/Data directly into the EDP Group applications via automated and semi-automated matching processes, whilst reconciling to Purchase Order Goods Receipt records and posting Invoice transactions to the Purchase & Nominal/General ledgers.

Before the file is correlated to the GRN data, it is firstly imported into two new files, PINVHFILE & PINVLFILE, where they await matching. This file is then accessed, via new software, for invoices to be interrogated, if required, before being matched to GRN's. This software highlights discrepancies between invoices and GRN's, which may result in the necessity to manually match any invoices that do not fall within set variance levels. Once matched, the facility to archive the information to a 'matched' file is available. Where the decision is taken to manually post a 'failed' invoice, the facility to archive the invoice remains available.

Various reporting and analysis options are available within this program. A 'read only' report is provided to enable a comparison between the 'Pending' input file and the GRN file. It will print the 'Invoice Detail' and that of the 'Purchase Order Line Number and will indicate if the document can be 'auto-reconciled'. If the program cannot automatically reconcile a document the reason for rejection, i.e. Supplier not on file, 'PO/GRN details' not found, GRN already reconciled, quantity/discount/price/delivery note error etc, will be printed.

All the printed details are also available as an on-screen display with the option to scroll forward and backwards through the data sets.

A facility is provided within this new suite of programs to highlight suspected duplicates, i.e. if the Purchase Order No, Invoice Number, or the Account Number combination matches an existing record. The user can then verify the document and delete the imported document if necessary.

An audit report is available to list the reconciliation’s after the documents have been imported and posted.
BML has also included the ability to update the ‘Registered Document File’ (when utilising the Purchase Invoice Registration module within CHARISMA). This provides an automatic processing facility for the document receipt without the need for data comparisons at the registration stage. The user will then manually select and GRN match each Registered Document.

NB - It is not possible to alter the content of an incoming invoice. This is a legal document.

Analysis Groups – 18263, CHARISMA Release 9.5

All the relevant files within CHARISMA have been expanded to hold five characters within the analysis groups rather than the original three. The Analysis groups are created within SLM4, held in the ANYLFILE and attached to the CUSTOMER records in SLM1.

This feature development permits extended analysis capability and enables the use of SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) codes.

Credit Cards – 16550, CHARISMA Release 9.5

This new feature development incorporates credit card payment facilities into the CHARISMA Order processing programs, permitting automatic authorisation and approval of credit card payments and refunds for cash counter sales and direct orders for COD accounts. The ability to swipe or key the credit card details is offered.

Three modules make up the complete payment card system –

- CHARISMA/V5CPS – permits communication with the Credit Card Payment System. It contains a number of procedures that can be called by CHARISMA, such as testing the network connection is working correctly, checking payment authorisation, making payments and cancelling them. It passes these messages as requests to the CPS module and reports the responses back to CHARISMA.

- CPS - Responsible for communicating with the Retail Logic Solve/SE module, via XML messaging. Messages received from V5CPS are passed via a TCP/IP Socket to the Retail Logic package. Any messages returned from the Retail Logic Package are returned to the CPS module and are passed back to the V5CPS link.
• Retail Logic Solve/SE - This module is responsible for communicating to the clearing house and undertaking credit card transactions including validation, credit card authorisation, payments and cancellations. Messages from the clearing house, indicating the success or failure of a transaction are returned via TCPIP to the CPS module, which then passes the message back up the chain to CHARISMA.

Initially, credit card payments will ONLY operate with direct order entry via ORD20 or using ‘Z’ to enter order in SLE4, but feature extensions shall be implemented in later phases of this important feature/functionality.

XML/Basda Order Import/Export - 18345

A number of improvements have been made to this feature, including the use of the ‘on hold’ facility. This feature is controlled by a maximum order value limit set in the parameters, enabling users to qualify electronic orders before committing them to ‘accepted orders’ and the subsequent production of a picking note. A new parameter has been included to control the use of the incoming invoice address supplied on the electronic order. The CHARISMA user can choose to utilise the incoming address if the parameter is activated, and if not, the customers invoice address held on the CHARISMA system will substitute the incoming address.

Additional functionality has been provided for Multi Currency within the electronic Invoice production feature of CHARISMA through ORD13Q.

Carriage Cost Entry - 18334, CHARISMA Release 9.5

In order for users to control the carriage cost element of despatched orders, BML has developed this new feature, providing a new field to enter the actual carriage cost amount. This field displays the cost of providing the carriage by the CHARISMA user; it is in addition to the existing field that displays the carriage charge to the Sales ledger Customer. The new facility provides the CHARISMA user with a method of calculating the true profitability of the orders being dispatched, exclusive or inclusive of this cost. The existing carriage field has been re-named carriage charge to reflect this change and will now display as carriage charge, see UniVision note below.

The CHARISMA user can key the carriage cost in both Order Entry and Order Confirmation. A new program, ORD8CARR, has also been included to permit the carriage cost to be keyed or modified on previously confirmed orders. Reporting and analysis of this new feature is available through UniVision/myViewpoint.
Please note; any user reporting on the existing carriage charge or wishing to include the new carriage cost field must alter the Univision procedures accordingly, to accommodate.

**Faxed Invoices via ORD90FFC - 15927**

This new feature provides the facility to fax invoices from within ORD90FFC. It enables the user to either print a hard copy invoice, as standard, or to generate a faxed invoice direct to the customer.

A new flag is available on the customer account, in SLM1, and can be set with the options detailed below.

**Print/Fax Invoices:**

- **"F"** (fax) – Will only produce faxed invoices.
- **"P"** (print) – Will only produce printed invoices.
- **"B"** (both) – Will produce both a printed invoice and a faxed invoice.

If the field is left blank or contains any other character, then the fax facilities are not invoked and invoice printing will be executed in the normal way.

When running a standard print run and the option is selected to fax where permitted, the ability to print & update simultaneously is removed. The invoices are processed first for print flag then subsequently processed for the fax flag and if Print & Update has been selected, the invoices will have already been updated before the fax run can be generated.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

This new feature description was initially included in the CHARISMA 9.2 Release Notes in which it was stated that this development was an ongoing project. This feature is only available within CHARISMA Release 9.4 & above and this new facility is only available in the CHARISMA Collation module.

**ORD13FF Faxed Invoices - 18177**

In addition to the original enhancement, the facility to print duplicate invoices has also been provided for accounts set to type 'F' within ORD13FF, the historical invoice print routine.

A new prompt is available in each of the options available within ORD13FF.
A/c's set to fax only: no

The default for this new prompt is 'N'o. When the new prompt is replied 'Y'es, each customer record is scrutinised and an invoice only produced if the account is set to Print / Fax = 'F'.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS - ORD90FFC & ORD13FF

Accounts set to XML invoicing are excluded, as the SLM1 flag will prevent the faxing process.
Note: Processing does take a little longer.
This feature is only currently available in ORD90FFC – Collation.

ORD90FFC - Location & Telerep Analysis - 18013

This new feature development is included to provide for a more accurate generation of analysis when invoices are updated within ORD90FFC (collated invoice accounts).

It enables the break down of analysis held on the ANYLFILE, for telerep and location, on a 'per order' basis, as opposed to all analysis being allocated based upon the invoice header details.

Cash Posting Module

The cash posting facilities within the CHARISMA suite of programs has been subject to major development within this Release. These new facilities provide greater flexibility and functionality during the receipt of cash within the Trade Counter / Order Entry processing modules.

The main features are:

- The facility to see which goods have already been invoiced and the subsequent cash that has already been posted to a sales order when releasing back orders or forward orders.
- Permit the selection of a document type, when releasing back orders or forward orders within ORD3 and ORD4, enabling the production of an invoice directly from within these programs.
- A new approved/unapproved indicator on COD sales orders to prevent the update of invoices where full payment has not yet been received.
• ORPAY is a new cash-posting program that has been developed to permit the entry of cash to unconfirmed or confirmed sales orders outside of order entry. This permits cash to be posted to back orders or forward orders released in ORD3 or ORD4. The new program automatically sets the approved indicator once cash has been fully posted.

• Will now permit cash postings when converting a cash account enquiry to an order. If all the lines on the enquiry are equal to the same location the post cash facility is provided.

• Free format fields for all the relevant payment fields, i.e. payment method, reference, expiry date, authorisation code etc, have been created for both the printing on advice notes and invoices.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
This is a major CHARISMA development and as such will require consultation before any implementation can be undertaken.

Your CHARISMA Consultant will be happy to provide you with further information on request.

Further work is scheduled for future development to incorporate credit note cash posting and processing of cancelled cheques.

Quantum VS Financials

Quantum VS Financials is designed around the Unified or Single Ledger concept, being the total integration of the traditional Nominal, Purchase and Sales ledgers together with the Cash Books etc into one data set. This principle allows for unequalled flexibility to create, extract and analyse information and as all ledgers are integrated transactions are automatically updated to all of the relevant accounts. One major benefit to the user is the removal of the necessity for month end procedures.

The CHARISMA accounting procedures will become fully integrated with Quantum VS Financials and will offer the user many additional benefits from the standard accounting system.

• No Month end procedures reporting as at a date.
• Drill-down options allow the user to search from TB/supplier or customer/account/document/cash payment/bank account/bank statement.
• Multiple periods open at once.
• Maintain historic transactions (without being cleared at month end).
• All data posted to one ledger, therefore resolving reconciliation issues.
• Indices allow infinite analysis options.

This major system development will be completed in a phased approach, phase 1 being the Quantum VS Nominal ledger.

If you feel your business may benefit from the many features offered in Quantum VS Financials, please contact your Professional Services Consultant or the CHARISMA Support team for more information.

BARPIC – 17969

Enormous improvements have been made to the bar code functionality. In addition to the CHARISMA Bar Code Pick module that enables sales orders to be picked accurately, the sales office require information as to the current status of a customer sales order on the screen, removing the need to physically go to the warehouse and “ask”. The status of a sales order will be updated when pickers are assigned to a sales order that is to be picked and subsequently when the pick has been completed. This detail will be written back to a CHARISMA file, providing the necessary information to give users an up-to-date status of the order.

The new program provides the warehouse manager with facilities to report on the productivity within the warehouse, monitor outstanding orders and to prioritise picking when required.

A new CHARISMA program has been written that reports the status of outstanding sales orders in the warehouse, called BARPIC. Details of all sales orders that are printed for picking will be written to a new file held within the Bar Coding data directory on the system, BC/PICKFILE. When a picker collects a picking note to start the pick, they will be assigned to the order in BARPIC. This new functionality will use the current Picker Maintenance functionality within CHARISMA to set up details of each picker. Upon completion of the pick, the status of the order will be changed to show a completed pick. These details are stored within the PICKFILE and will provide users with the functionality to view the current status of orders and for future reports to be produced within the reporting section of the new program, via MyViewpoint or UniVision.

This new feature enhancement provides an enquiry screen to detail the current status of a customer sales order in the warehouse, with the ability to produce reports when needed.
By developing a simple front-end screen, pickers are quickly and easily assigned to picking notes that have been printed in the warehouse when the sales order is to be picked. Upon completion, the status of the order is changed to reflect this.

**This new feature will benefits many users : -**

- Providing more detail to the sales office personnel as to the current status of a customer order, improving customer service.
- Remove the need for the sales operator to visit the warehouse to establish the current status of an order, thus saving time and potentially missed calls for new orders.
- Permitting the warehouse manager to quickly view outstanding picks by ordered date, highlighting lost picking notes / priority picking.
- Reporting functionality in order that picker productivity may be reviewed.

**Bar Code Stock Receipt with Hand Scan - 18057**

We have enhanced the current bar code Stock Receipt Hand Scan facility to be more beneficial to the end user both at Goods In and throughout the rest of the CHARISMA bar coding functionality.

- It now enables all bar code label types to be produced for the received product at Goods In, reducing the need to reprint manually, thus helping to improve accuracy and efficiency throughout the whole warehouse operation.
- Stock received at the warehouse can be booked into the system immediately to permit sales orders to be raised. Only the receipt information is required when booking stock into the system thus reducing clerical procedures by eliminating the need for an operator to book stock in from the suppliers advice note.
- Enables the creation of new bar code records automatically for products received.
- Automatically select the received product from the bar code scanned, eliminating the receipt of incorrect products.
Electronic Proofs-of-Delivery Module

This new feature development provides the facility for clients - with In-House logistics - to permit their drivers to download all of their orders to a Symbol PDA bar code scanner in their vehicle and to obtain a customer signature for the receipt of the order, directly onto the scanner using a stylus. This information is passed back to the Quantum VS XML Highway server to be archived, viewed and retrieved when required, thus providing real time delivery confirmation that can be tracked by business system users. It also permits system users to recall old deliveries via the Internet to obtain details of a customer name and signature.

Advanced Despatch Notification

Enhance your customer service by utilising the CHARISMA Advanced Despatch Notification module. Upon Order Confirmation in ORD8, your customers will receive an email to show the order has been despatched, highlighting details such as the products, quantities and delivery address. The document sent is in XML format and could be imported directly into the customer’s business application to generate an Advanced GRN.

Despatch Labels – 16650

This new feature development has been enhanced since the CHARISMA 9.2 Release. It provides the facility to produce 'free format' despatch labels as an automatic function of the order-processing module. In addition a new label program has been created giving the user the option to utilise the functionality in a manual capacity, producing labels on demand.

Within this program the user is able to request labels from a range of orders and lines or just a single order line as required.

This new functionality has been extended to allow the production of free format despatch labels, in the same manner as detailed above, on a barcode type printer i.e. Intermec or Zebra. These printers are dedicated to label production and provide direct thermal image printing (no smudging), producing labels immediately ready for despatch etc. The label printer is delivered with its own software package enabling the user to create the labels to their own specific requirements.

Once the labels have been designed they can then be imported into the CHARISMA Suite of programs where replacement codes have been created to read the label layout and print the label as required.
Please note that this development has been qualified using an Intermec Easycoder C4 thermal imaging printer.

**Next Period Postings - 16046**

The next period posting module within the purchase ledger has been enhanced to permit more flexibility with the date criteria. A parameter has now been made available to permit the entry of any date for next period postings within PLP10. This should assist clients who would like to close off their ledger but still have next period invoices to post, but relating to the closed period.

**WMS & Quarantined Stock - 18161**

BML has enhanced the display of quarantined stock within CHARISMA to ensure users processing sales orders do not fail to see the quantity of stock held in quarantine.

Users now have the opportunity to view the stock held in quarantine via a stock enquiry screen in addition to sales order processing.

When placing a sales order, details of the quarantined stock are highlighted to the user, requiring keyboard input before proceeding with the order.

When enquiring on a stock record within SLE3/SLE4, the quarantined stock figure is displayed at the top of the screen.

This new enhancement ensures sales orders of quarantined stock are not processed and sent to the warehouse for picking, providing a better customer service through more accurate free stock figures.

**ECVAT – New Member States - 18171**

The new Member States country codes have been included with accompanying verification routines for VAT Registration numbers. For further information on the new Member States please visit [www.hmce.gov.uk/forms/notices/725.htm](http://www.hmce.gov.uk/forms/notices/725.htm) please reference sections 12.16 & 12.17.
Additional Features

Batch Notes – 17196, CHARISMA Release 9.5
The CHARISMA Batch Trace module has been altered to enable the user to view the entered batch notes on empty stock batches.

Catalogue Part Numbers – 18451
All available free format layouts now have the facility to print the Catalogue Part Number for any stock number.

ORD90FF/C – 17966
A new free format field has been included to permit the printing of the Company VAT Registration number as well as the Locational VAT Registration number.

ORD90FF/C – 18396
The fields containing the Picker/Packer detail can now be printed on the Invoice, if required, aiding customer service.

ORD11 – 17890
The functionality of this program has been enhanced to permit deletion by date range as well as by advice note number.

ORD8 – 18118
The facility is now available to display the screen within ORD8 in bin sequence to accompany the printed advice notes/confirmed advice notes.
ORD8 – 18388

The number of packages prompt is now available for all users of the ORD8 confirmation module.

ORD6 – 18101

When utilising Collection notes and printing via the scheduler, the current functionality prevented the printing of Collection Notes via ORD6. This has now been modified to allow Collection Note printing in both programmes.

ORD8 – 18042 – CHARISMA Release 9.5

The Picker & Packer fields is now updated to the sales orders files and subsequently onto the invoice history file for future reference where required.

ORD8 – 18159

A new parameter has been introduced to permit the packaging information to be retained on the subsequently confirmed order.

ORD31 – 17942

This program has been extended to permit the reporting of actual line weights, not order header weights, and will also permit inclusion or exclusion of back orders.

PLE1 – 17877 – CHARISMA Release 9.5

Currently the user has the option to view the GRN detail if a purchase ledger transaction is current; this feature has been extended to include an historical transaction view.

PLE1 – 18321 – CHARISMA Release 9.5

The user now has the ability to view debit note details, posted via PLP11, within PLE1 when utilising the ‘show’ option.
PLE4 – 18275 – CHARISMA Release 9.5

A new option has been included to permit the user to view the stock status thus allowing for a more precise judgement on the stock order quantity required.

SKM11 – 18127

A new feature has been included within the SKM11 program to enable the update of the maximum stock quantity using the % for re-order and the % for minimum stock.

SKP5 – 18160

A new parameter has been introduced to permit the user the ability to change the bin number within SKP5.

SKP5 – 18312

A warning is now displayed to the user if a price amendment is made that is more than double or less than half of the original price.

SKP30 – 17984

The user is now able to view and amend any Progress Notes that have been attached to a purchase order stock line, thus assisting with the processing of the stock receipt.

SKP5 – 18044

If using the suppress multi bin reference parameter and selecting to move the stock between bins, the stock costs will now average from one bin to the other and not carry the old cost to the new bin.
SKR16 - 18071

The date field has been extended to include 10 characters enabling the full year entry i.e. DD/MM/YY to DD/MM/CCYY. Please note, to action the enhancement the free format fields also need to be increased accordingly.

SKR2 - 18089

SKR2 has been enhanced for users of the Progress Note facility. When printing the Progress Notes on the SKR2 report, the print now displays 1 blank line, to enable ease of reading, and the user id of the person who placed the Progress Notes.

SKP 81 - 17994

Within the Collection Note facility the current functionality has been enhanced to permit the production of a Rejection Note within SKP81, even if debit note functionality is not being utilised.

This new feature development permits users two options of producing a Rejection Note regardless as to whether the goods are being returned for repair or not. If the goods are being returned for repair the user will need to say “Yes” to book the goods in and the software will create the relevant purchase order and transfer note. If the goods are not to be booked in the user must reply "No" and then neither a purchase order or transfer note will be produced.

SKP 30 - 17995

The program has been amended to permit ‘Goods Rejections’ within Stock Receipts to function even if debit notes are not being used. This new feature is similar to 17994 but works quite independently of Collection Notes.

SLE3/4 - 17208

Users now have the ability to disable the Purchase Detail bar that appears when viewing stock details within SLE3/4. A new parameter has been introduced to control this function and when set the user is no longer able to automatically view this information from within these programs, thus enabling a greater control on the accessible data fields.

It is now possible to view the Items/Pk field from SKM1 within SLE3 & SLE4. This new feature is parameter dependant and utilised by a function key.

SLE4 – 17893

SLE4 now displays both the RSP (Recommended Selling Price) for a stock item and its relevant customer part number, set-up in SLM8.

SLE4/ORD20 – 18116

The delivery address field has been subject to slight alteration to tighten control of the function keys as certain key depressions were causing the loss of the keyed address.

SLE4 Enquiries – 17375

Users now have the facility to view the total weight of an enquiry before it has been converted into an order. This new facility enables greater accuracy when quoting carriage charges to prospective customers.

SLE4 Enquiry – 17873

When an enquiry is placed in SLE4 and the customer account is set to Special Prices Only, within SLM1, the same principles are applied as per standard order entry, i.e. only stock set with a special price will be available to the user.

SLE4/ORD20 – 17962

Users now have the facility to enter free type lines as only cost or only amount. This restriction has been lifted to offer a more flexible approach to the billing of non-stock charges.
SLM7 – 17536

A new timesaving feature enhancement is now available within the amend function in SLM7. The user is offered a choice of two options being, firstly, to copy a SLM7 customer record and add the new records only to an existing SLM7 customer account or, the second, to add new records and overwrite existing prices held jointly within the sending & receiving SLM7 customer records.

This new feature should prevent the necessity for individual maintenance of existing records when many SLM7 customer records may be very similar or exact duplicates.

SLM17 – 17932

A new maintenance program has been created to allow for easier addition and amendment to the cancelled call reasons. Previously this information was held within a parameter file thus rendering it unavailable for general customer use.

SKM1 – 17940

A new option has been introduced into the status criteria within SKM1. This new option, ‘P’, permits the stock to be purchased i.e. in SKE6, but not re-sold.

SKR35 – 17856

New fields have been introduced into the SKR35 Goods Receipt report to enhance its functionality. If carriage is entered in SKP40 the fields will now be detailed on the SKR35 report as carriage total & carriage plus goods total.

STKXFILE – 18244 – CHARISMA Release 9.5

A new file has been created to hold the supplier part number as a key to assist in supplier price updates where only the supplier part number is submitted. *(Some users currently populate the barcode files with the supplier part number, which will no longer be necessary or viable).*

The new file is called the STKXFILE. The file can be created using ZZSK0181, and if no supplier exists in SKM1 a default record will be created or a supplier
specific record where a supplier exists. The new file can be maintained in SKM15.

It should be noted that in the unlikely event of a supplier code being submitted in the data file used by ZXSTOCK, only supplier specific records will be updated, NOT default records.

SKM1 and SKM5 also update the new file, STKXFILE.

V5BACKUP - 18220

When utilising the auto start option the user is now prompted to supply the update date to ensure the invoices are being updated with the required date not the system date.

ZZSK0120 - 18394

This program no longer deletes GRN lines; ZZSK0121 must now be used in replacement.
Future Developments & Releases

CHARISMA is constantly being enhanced as part of our In-house Research & Development program, and in this section we have detailed a small selection of our proposed developments. Please note the proposed developments may be subject to alteration and although we endeavour to complete all proposed developments within the next full release of the CHARISMA software, this cannot always be guaranteed.

Credit Card Module

This is part of our on-going research and development program and as such will be expanded to provide the user with greater flexibility when utilising this module, initially to allow compatibility with the new cash-posting module.

Credit Cards and QVS II e-Business

The new credit card module will be available within the QVSII e-Business solution allowing account holders the facility to pay by credit cards over the CHARISMA clients website. Further development is scheduled within our R&D program for this module.

Invoice History File Extension/Expansion & SLM1

This new feature development will expand the Invoice History file to hold previously unavailable fields and to expand currently available fields. The customer analysis fields within SLM1 will be expanded to hold a 4th group and each group will be expanded to allow for up to five characters. This new feature will allow for more flexibility within the CHARISMA Software Package and should greatly improve the reporting facilities of this file.

Purchasing Cards

As well as the new Credit Card Module, CHARISMA will be expanded to provide for the use of Purchasing Cards.

Purchasing cards are charge cards that enable clients to simplify their buying procedures. This facility enables the CHARISMA user’s customer, the card
holder, the ability to offer buying power to its employees, allowing for immediate purchasing when required, bypassing lengthy requisition processes. Another benefit to the cardholder is the ability to replace the individual VAT invoice for purchases with a consolidated VAT report that summarises all transactions procured through the purchasing card programme during a single accounting period. The cardholder can impose restrictions on the usage of each card i.e. types of goods purchased and spending limits, maintaining control of employee purchasing.

There are many benefits to the CHARISMA user. Goods payments are received promptly. The invoicing process is greatly reduced, as most purchasing card systems do not provide conventional paper invoices to their clients. Being the chosen supplier, of your purchasing card clients, will increase loyalty and boost sales. The VAT documentation can be satisfied by linking the invoicing system to a card scheme with VAT invoice details being provided on special VAT Reports (hard copy or electronically) from the transaction information held on the invoicing system.

**VAT EC Sales list in XML format**

In June 2004, HM Revenue and Customs introduced a new service for submitting EC Sales Lists via the Internet. This new facility provides a free, easy to use method for those businesses with larger volumes of data to submit. HMRC have recently written to those businesses which currently submit EC Sales Lists by Plain Paper Schedule to notify them of their intention to withdraw the concession by 31 July 2006. The facility already exists within CHARISMA for users to submit by EDI, all the Intrastat reports including the Sales lists. This Sales list by XML will be available in a future release of the CHARISMA product.
Further Information

If further information is required on our new or future developments please do not hesitate to email CHARISMA@fastfreenet.com

Although BML operates a continual CHARISMA enhancement program as part of our In-house Research & Development function, some of the product enhancements may be chargeable and may/will require BML Consultation before implementation & use.

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DFR numbers relate to:
- Specific jobs for Users
- System Enhancements
- Problem Issues

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