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Financial Accounting

4.1

Use

From SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), the functional area can be derived as soon as the account assignment is entered (on the coding block) and is consequently available for the CO validation event 001 (line item) before the postings are made.

Effects on Customizing

Perform the IMG activity Enhance Determination of Functional Area under Financial Accounting -> Financial Accounting Basic Settings -> Company Code -> Cost of Sales Accounting -> Functional Area.

4.2 Business Add-Ins for Data Medium Exchange Engine

Use

As of SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), SAP has added the BAdIs for use with DME Engine to the Implementation Guide.

You can use the BAdIs to change incoming and outgoing DME files in ways not supported by DME Engine itself.

Effects on Customizing

The BAdIs are located in Customizing for Cross-Application Components (CA) under General Application Functions -> Data Medium Exchange Engine.

4.3 FI-GL

General Ledger Accounting

4.3.1

Use

From SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), you can implement new General Ledger Accounting in place of classic General Ledger Accounting. By doing so, the ALE scenarios for distributing FI document data are changed as follows:

Sending complete FI documents with IDoc FIDCCP01/02 (message type FIDCC1/2):

With the enhanced functionality of the new General Ledger, additional fields have been included in the IDoc type FIDCCP01/02 for sending complete FI documents:

IDoc segment E1FIKPF

RLDNR Ledger

- LDGRP Ledger Group

- IDoc segment E1FISE2

- SEGMENT Segment

- PSEGMENT Partner Segment

- PFKBER Partner Functional Area

Sending FI line items and general ledger balances with message type FIDCMT/FIROLL:

-> No FIDCMT/FIROLL when the new General Ledger is active

4.3.2 General Ledger Accounting (FI-GL) (New)

Use

From SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), you can implement new General Ledger Accounting in place of classic General Ledger Accounting. The **new** General Ledger Accounting contains all the functions delivered with classic General Ledger Accounting. In addition to those functions, it also fulfils the following requirements:

- Parallel Accounting

The new General Ledger Accounting allows you to perform parallel accounting. To this end, you can render multiple ledgers in parallel. During posting, you can have data posted to all ledgers, to a specified selection of ledgers, or to a single ledger.

- Legal and Management Reporting

Besides fulfilling the legal requirements for financial accounting, the new General Ledger Accounting also fulfils the requirements for management reporting. For this purpose, the range of functions delivered with Profit Center Accounting is integrated into new General Ledger Accounting (with the exception of transfer prices).

- Segment Reporting

You can generate the segment reports required for IAS and US GAAP. For this purpose, new General Ledger Accounting now contains the new *Segment* dimension.

- Cost of Sales Accounting

You can perform cost of sales accounting. For this purpose, new General Ledger Accounting contains the *Functional Area* dimension.

To allow you to meet the above requirements, new General Ledger Accounting provides the following additional functions:

Extendable Data Structure

You have the option of extending the data structure in new General Ledger Accounting by adding customer-specific fields, such as the *Region* dimension. During posting, you can either enter customer-specific dimensions manually or have them derived automatically.

Document Splitting

You can use the document splitting procedure to split up line items for selected dimensions (such as receivable lines by profit center) or to effect a zero balance setting in the document for selected dimensions (such as segment). For this purpose, additional clearing lines are generated when a document has been entered. Using the document splitting procedure ensures, for instance, that you can draw up complete financial statements for the selected dimensions at any time.

You can choose between displaying the document with the generated clearing lines either in its original form in the entry view or from the perspective of a ledger in the general ledger view.

- Real-Time Integration with Controlling (CO)

You can transfer allocations that are relevant for General Ledger Accounting from Controlling into General Ledger Accounting in real time. In this way, there is no further need to keep a reconciliation ledger. General Ledger Accounting is then constantly reconciled with Controlling.

With the standard settings, you work unrestricted with classic General Ledger Accounting in your SAP System. If you want to use new General Ledger Accounting, you have to activate it. To do this, choose in Customizing Financial Accounting -> Financial Accounting Global Settings -> Activate New General Ledger Accounting.

Effects on Customizing

When you activate new General Ledger Accounting, a new menu for financial accounting appears in the SAP Reference IMG. Under *Financial Accounting Basic Settings (New)* and *General Ledger (New)*, you find the Customizing settings for configuring new General Ledger Accounting.

The Implementation Guide menu has been restructured. Some IMG activities have been taken from classic General Ledger Accounting and now appear in a different location in the IMG structure. To help you find them, you can use the search function. Choose *Edit -> Find...*

See also

For information on new General Ledger Accounting, see the documentation in the SAP Library, under Accounting -> Financial Accounting -> General Ledger Accounting (New).

4.3.3 FI-GL-GL

Basic Functions

4.3.3.1

Use

The most frequently used archiving objects have been reworked so that they now correspond to a uniform standard. This has two main advantages: The archiving objects can be used uniformly in archiving projects, and accessing archived data across different applications has been improved.

The changes concern the following areas:

1. Selection screen

In the selection screen of the write program, you can specify under *Processing Options* whether the program should be performed in the test or production mode. If you select the *Detail Log* checkbox, a uniform log detailing which objects were processed is delivered in each write program.

For certain archiving objects, such detail logs can also be delivered in other program, such as in the deletion or preparatory program. For more information, see the F1 Help documentation.

2. Progress confirmation

A progress message appears every 30 minutes in the job log for programs executed in the background. For program executed in dialog mode, the progress message appears in the status line every 10 seconds.

3. **Log**

With each archiving run, the following information is written to the log (spool list):

- Number of table entries, processed archiving objects, archiving files, and so on.
- Processed business objects (such as orders or billing documents)

As described above, you can choose in the selection screen of the write program whether a detail log listing the individual business objects processed is issued instead of the usual compact log.

4. Interrupting the archiving run

To enable you to react appropriately to a given time frame or restricted disk place during archiving, the write phase of an archiving run can be interrupted and then continued at a later point. This function forms part of archive administration (transaction SARA).

5. Customizing specific to archiving objects

The technical settings in Customizing specific to archiving objects have been examined for the processed archiving objects and modified where necessary. You can implement the new parameters by activating the corresponding BC Set (transaction SCPR20). The BC Set is called ARCH_< archiving object>. For example, the BC Set for archiving object SD_VBAK is ARCH_SD_VBAK. We recommend that you implement the new parameters.

6. Network graphic

The network graphic for the individual archiving objects has been examined and any necessary adjustments have been made.

7. Enhanced access of the archive

Archive access via the *Archive Information System* (AS) and the *Document Relationship Browser* (DRB) have been enhanced and improved. For some archiving objects, read access from certain application transactions to archived data is now available.

Overview of reworked archiving objects including special features

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 Was replaced by CO_TOTAL and CO_ITEM.
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- CO_TOTAL
- CO_CCTR_EP
 Was replaced by CO_ITEM.
- CO_CCTR_ID
 Was replaced by CO_TOTAL and CO_ITEM.
- CO_COSTCTR
 Was replaced by CO_CCMAST, CO_TOTAL and CO_ITEM.
- FI_DOCUMNT
- FI_MONTHLY
- FI_SL_DATA
- EC_PCA_ITM, EC_PCA_SUM
- MM_ACCTIT
- MM_MATBEL
- MM_MATNR
- MM_EKKO
- MM_SPSTOCK
- RV_LIKP
- SD_VBAK
- SD_VBRK
- SD_VTTK
- RL_TA, RL_TB
- PM_ORDER
- PR_ORDER (process order) and PP_ORDER (production order) The following is true for process and production orders:
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 - No progress confirmation messages are displayed
 - Customizing specific to archiving objects was not changed.

In general, no other steps are required for the upgrade. In particular, you do not have to create any new variants for write and deletion programs.

For more information on the changes implemented, see SAP note 577847.

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Effects on System Administration

As new write and deletion programs have been assigned to the archiving objects, it is generally necessary to check the variants for scheduling the write and deletion programs and to make any necessary adjustments. In particular, it is necessary to enter the new variants for the deletion programs in Customizing specific to archiving objects. We recommend using the variants SAP&TEST and SAP&PROD. You can also use the BC Sets ARCH_< archiving object> to enter these variants. BC Sets are activated using the transaction SCPR20.

Note that these actions are not necessary for any archiving objects that have already been upgraded with SAP Note 577847.

See also

For more information on the relevant archiving objects, see the SAP Library for SAP R/3 Enterprise Application Components under Scenarios in Applications -> Data Archiving.

4.3.3.2 FI-GL-GL-CL

Closing Operations

4.3.3.2.1 Transparent Data Storage for Financial Statement Version (Changed)

Use

From SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), data storage of financial statement versions has the following differences:

- **Previously**, financial statement structures were stored in nontransparent tables (cluster table *RFDT*). This meant that financial statement versions could **not** be delivered or transported using Business Configuration Sets (BC Sets).
- Financial statement versions are now stored in transparent tables. This has the following advantages:
 - **20 hierarchy levels** are available (previously, there were 10).
 - **1000 subitems** are now possible per financial statement item (previously, 99 were possible).
 - Fixed item for financial statement notes

For the item *Fin. Statement Notes*, a fixed item is now generated when the financial statement version is defined, as is the case for the items *Assets* and *Liabilities*. By reassigning the corresponding accounts to the fixed item *Fin. Statement Notes*, you can stop these accounts from flowing into the *calculated result of the P&L statement* when the financial statement report (such as *RFBILA00*) is executed.

Effects on Existing Data

The subobjects of the financial statement versions that were previously stored nontransparently in table *RFDT* are transferred to transparent tables as follows:

RFDT Structure	Name	Transparent Table
RF011P FAGL_011PC	Items in the financial statement ve	ersion (hierarchy)
RF011Z FAGL_011ZC	Assignment of financial statement	item to general ledger account
RF011F FAGL_011FC	Assignment of financial statement	item to functional area
RF011S FAGL_011SC	Assignment of financial statement	item to set name
RF011V	Contra items	FAGL_011VC
RF011Q	Texts to financial statement items	FAGL_011QT
FIBSC ERGSL TSTAMP	Time stamp for financial staten	nent items FAGL_011TC

Effects on Data Transfer

To convert existing financial statement structures to the new transparent tables, you have the following options:

- Existing financial statement versions are **automatically** converted to the new tables the first time one of the financial statement versions is edited or transported. The conversion applies to all financial statement versions in the current client.
- You can **manually** run the conversion program FAGL_FSV_CONVERT for all clients.

4.3.3.2.2 Cross-System Intercompany Reconciliation

Use

With effect from SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), the following functions are available for cross-system intercompany reconciliation of open items and GL accounts:

- Data Collection

You can collect open items posted between partners of the corporate group from other SAP systems or non-SAP systems. Reconciliation of GL accounts without open item administration is also available as a separate reconciliation process.

- Rule-Based Assignments

You can set up rules that will automatically assign intercompany documents based on rules, for example, comparing the contents of certain fields.

- Data Presentation

Documents that could not be assigned to each other automatically or that contain posting errors are presented in a user interface geared towards finding the reasons for intercompany differences and supporting the communication between the accountants involved in the reconciliation process.

4.3.4 FI-GL-IS

Information System

4.3.4.1

Use

From SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), as part of development of the new General Ledger Accounting, the existing operational reporting has been adjusted as follows:

- You can use the reports for documenting the posting material (document journals and account balances) and the reports for creating financial statements to the same extent as before.
- For operational/legal reporting in the classic sense, that is, at company code/account level, the logical databases have been adjusted. You have the following options:

- Evaluation for individual ledgers

With the reports that are based on the logical databases BRF (document database) and SDF (general ledger account database), you can evaluate the data of an individual ledger. The ledger is displayed in the report header.

- Select by new entities

In the reports, you can select by entities other than company code and account (for example, by segment, profit center). To do this, use the *Custom Selection*. You can document the relevant information on the selection cover sheet when you print the reports.

- For reports that are based on the logical database *SDF*, you can use additional selection options in the custom selections *Transaction Figures*. They only have an effect on the selection of transaction figures (events **GET SKC1A** and **GET SKC1C**).
- For reports that are based on the logical database *BRF*, you can use additional selection options in the custom selections *Document Segment*. These have an effect on the selection of the line items (event **GET BSEG**) and in the additional selection in the transaction figures on the events **GET SKC1A** and **GET SKC1C**.

Effects on System Administration

Adjusting your own reports

If you want to enhance your own ABAP/4 reports for the additional *custom selections*, you have to include the instruction **TABLES: FAGLFREESEL** in the program coding.

4.4 FI-AA

Asset Accounting

4.4.1 Depreciation Area (Changed)

Use

As of SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), you can use the integration with the new general ledger (FI-GL) for parallel financial reporting, that is, valuation and balance sheets based on different accounting principles. In the new general ledger, you can keep several ledgers in parallel. For more information, see the release note for General Ledger Accounting (New).

You can now specify the general ledger that is posted for Asset Accounting. You do this for each chart of depreciation and depreciation area by choosing the ledger group. The old method of posting to a special ledger by assigning the company code and depreciation area is obsolete, but still exists from a technical viewpoint. However, the IMG activity for the old method does **not** allow you to make new assignments.

As part of the integration with the new general ledger, new posting indicators were added for the depreciation areas. Along with the existing indicators 0 (no posting), 1 (realtime), 2 (periodic APC and depreciation) and 3 (periodic depreciation only), there are now three new indicators:

- 4 (post APC directly + depreciation)
- 5 (post APC only on periodic basis)
- 6 (post APC only directly)

For more information, refer to the documentation for the *Define Depreciation Areas* IMG activity.

The periodic posting report RAPERB2000 now also includes posting to the new general ledgers, and it replaces the previous standard report RAPERB00.

Effects on Customizing

Make the settings you need in the following IMG activity:

Define Depreciation Areas.
 Starting in this release, this IMG activity is the only one used for entering parameters for further posting.

The Maintain Posting Rules for Parallel Accounting Principles (Obsolete) IMG activity is **no longer** used. Here you can only change or delete existing entries. SAP recommends that you check the settings in this activity, and copy the settings manually to the above IMG activity (*Define Depreciation Areas*). At runtime, the system runs checks that determine how much the old and new settings overlap.

4.4.2 FI-AA-SVA

Special valuation

4.4.2.1 FI-AA-SVA-HI

Handling of Inflation

4.4.2.1.1 Deactivation of Revaluation Split for Specific Revaluation Areas (New)

Use

As of SAP ECC 5.00 (SAP_APPL 500), you can deactivate the split revaluation of depreciation for individual revaluation areas.

Effects on Customizing

If you want to deactivate the split, you can do so in the IMG activity Maintain Revaluation Areas.

See also

SAP Library -> SAP R/3 Enterprise Application Components -> Financials -> Financial Accounting (FI) -> Asset Accounting (FI-AA) -> Special Valuation -> Replacement Values (General) -> Inflation Accounting -> Revaluation of Assets at Regular Intervals -> Asset Revaluation (Inflation) Program -> Account Determination -> Split Revaluation of Depreciation

4.5 FI-SL

Special Purpose Ledger

4.5.1 FI-SL-SL

Basic Functions

4.5.1.1

Use

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5. Customizing specific to archiving objects

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- CO_TOTAL

- CO_CCTR_EP Was replaced by CO_ITEM.
- CO_CCTR_ID
 Was replaced by CO_TOTAL and CO_ITEM.
- CO_COSTCTR
 Was replaced by CO_CCMAST, CO_TOTAL and CO_ITEM.
- FI DOCUMNT
- FI MONTHLY
- FI_SL_DATA
- EC_PCA_ITM, EC_PCA_SUM
- MM_ACCTIT
- MM MATBEL
- MM MATNR
- MM_EKKO
- MM_SPSTOCK
- RV LIKP
- SD_VBAK
- SD_VBRK
- SD_VTTK
- RL_TA, RL_TB
- PM ORDER
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Note that these actions are not necessary for any archiving objects that have already been upgraded with SAP Note 577847.

See also

For more information on the relevant archiving objects, see the SAP Library for SAP R/3 Enterprise Application Components under Scenarios in Applications -> Data Archiving.

4.6 FI-FM

Funds Management

4.6.1 Budgetary Ledger Functions (Changed)

Use

As of SAP ECC 5.0, Public Services (EA_PS 500), the budgetary ledger functionality has been enhanced in the following areas and a new menu specific for Budgetary Ledger for Spain has been added.

General Budgetary Ledger

Budgetary Ledger Negative Postings

A new indicator to specify negative postings has been included in the Budgetary Ledger activation screen. If checkmarked, it permits you to post negative amounts in BL.

Year of Cash Effectivity in Derivation Tool

As of this release, you can use the year of cash effectivity (YCE) and the difference between the YCE and the fiscal year as a source field in the Derivation Tool, in order to derive the corresponding G/L accounts, both for budget and commitment/actual postings.

Since the BL Derivation Tool is designed to strictly derive G/L accounts, you can only use it to reference certain G/L accounts, but not as a check on whether to post the BL document or not.

If you require this kind of checking behavior, arrange the G/L accounts so that they are self-deleting (for example, using the same value for the G/L account and the G/L offset account). As a result, the BL postings are excluded.

Spanish Budgetary Ledger

The Spanish BL contains the same Customizing activities as General BL has and additionally the following other activities:

Combined Documents

Using combined documents, you can trigger the automatic creation of predecessor documents for a posted document. For example, instead of creating a budget reservation document, followed by a funds precommitment, a funds commitment, and finally an invoice, you can create only an invoice having a customized document type that triggers the automatic creation of the commitment, precommitment and reservation documents.

Note

Predecessor documents are only created in the Budgetary Ledger, not elsewhere in the Funds Management system.

Exclude Accounts from Automatic Offset/Deletion Procedure

By creating entries in this IMG activity, you can exclude specific G/L accounts in user-defined number ranges from the summarization process, where they "balance each other out". The result is that these G/L accounts are not deleted and can be displayed in the corresponding BL documents

Replace BL Document Type

If necessary, you can replace the default BL document type that was set when the budgetary ledger was activated. You can change the BL document type for budgeted amounts, earmarked funds and other financial accounting documents.

Effects on Customizing

To enable negative postings in the budgetary ledger, carry out the IMG activity under Funds Management Government -> Budgetary Ledger -> Basic Settings -> Activate Variant for Budgetary Ledger

To customize combined documents, carry out the IMG activity under Funds Management Government -> Budgetary Ledger -> Settings for Spanish Budgetary Ledger -> Define Predecessors for Combined Documents

To exclude G/L accounts from summarization, carry out the IMG activity under Funds Management Government -> Budgetary Ledger -> Settings for Spanish Budgetary Ledger -> Exclude Accounts from Automatic Offset/Deletion Procedure

To customize the replacement for the budgetary ledger document type, carry out the IMG activity under Funds Management Government -> Budgetary Ledger -> Settings for Spanish Budgetary Ledger -> Replace BL Document Type

See also

Release Note Year of Cash Effectivity

4.7 FI-TV

Travel Management

4.7.1 FI-TV-PL

Travel Planning

4.7.1.1 Various Changes in Travel Planning (Changed)

Use

The Travel Management Extension (EA_TRV 500) in SAP ECC 5.0 provides the following new and changed travel planning functions:

- Technical changes in the interface to SABRE
- New interface to HRS
- Changes in the interface to Amadeus
- Unified maintenance table for the credit card definition in Travel Planning and Travel Expenses

The credit card definition for Travel Expenses and Travel Planning was simplified based on the maintenance table for Travel Expenses. This function can be found in Customizing for Travel Planning under:

Travel Management -> Travel Planning -> Master Data -> Define Credit Card Providers for Travel Planning

In Customizing for Travel Expenses under:

Travel Management -> Travel Expenses -> Master Data -> Credit Card Clearing -> Define Credit Card Companies

Effects on Customizing

If you have been using only Travel Planning up to now, you must re-enter the settings for the credit card providers when upgrading from Enterprise 470X110 or Enterprise 470X200 to ECC 5.0. Table TA21P still exists in the system and can be read with transaction SE16. The new, unified Customizing functions are based on table T706_CCOMP.

See also

For more information on the interfaces to external reservation systems, see the SAP Library under *Travel Management -> Travel Planning -> Technical Prerequisites for Travel Planning*.