

## QuickAlerts Messages March 2013

### QuickAlerts – March 1, 2013

**Subject:** Form 1065/1065B Update

The TY2012v2.2 Schema for Form 1065/1065B was revised to correct Form 8909. The update has been posted on IRS.gov:

Questions or comments may be directed to the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654.

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### QuickAlerts – March 3, 2013

**Subject:** Tax Year 2012 Modernized e-file (MeF) - Form Family 1120 updates

The following updates have been posted on IRS.gov. Tax Year 2012:

- [Known e-file issues and solutions](#) on the 2012 Valid XML Schemas and Business Rules for 1120, 1120S, 1120-F, and 7004 Modernized e-File (MeF) web page.
- A Business Rule addendum for Form Family [1120 TY2012v2.1](#) has been posted on IRS.gov. Business rule F1120-353 is being re-enabled.

Questions or comments may be directed to the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654.

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### QuickAlerts – March 4, 2013

**Subject:** IRS Systems Operational for Filing All Remaining Individual and Business Tax Returns

The IRS completed its controlled launch of the remaining individual and business tax returns on Sunday March 3, 2013.

The Modernized e-File System (MeF) is operational and all individual and business tax returns can now be processed.

You can enable all your products, including online filing, and begin submitting returns.

As we have communicated throughout the filing season, we appreciate your continued partnership and support to ensure a successful startup.

#### Remaining Tax Forms Now Being Processed:

- Form 3800 General Business Credit
- Form 4136 Credit for Federal Tax Paid on Fuels
- Form 5074 Allocation of Individual Income Tax to Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Form 5471 Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations
- Form 5695 Residential Energy Credits
- Form 5735 American Samoa Economic Development Credit
- Form 5884 Work Opportunity Credit
- Form 6478 Credit for Alcohol Used as Fuel
- Form 6765 Credit for Increasing Research Activities
- Form 8396 Mortgage Interest Credit
- Form 8582 Passive Activity Loss Limitations

- Form 8820 Orphan Drug Credit
  - Form 8834 Qualified Plug-in Electric and Electric Vehicle Credit
  - Form 8844 Empowerment Zone and Renewal Community Employment Credit
  - Form 8845 Indian Employment Credit
  - Form 8859 District of Columbia First-Time Homebuyer Credit
  - Form 8864 Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuels Credit
  - Form 8874 New Markets Credits
  - Form 8900 Qualified Railroad Track Maintenance Credit
  - Form 8903 Domestic Production Activities Deduction
  - Form 8908 Energy Efficient Home Credit
  - Form 8909 Energy Efficient Appliance Credit
  - Form 8910 Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit
  - Form 8911 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit
  - Form 8912 Credit to Holders of Tax Credit Bonds
  - Form 8923 Mine Rescue Team Training Credit
  - Form 8932 Credit for Employer Differential Wage Payments
  - Form 8936 Qualified Plug-in Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit
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#### **QuickAlerts – March 5, 2013**

**Subject:** Generating Modernized e-File Acknowledgements

The Modernized e-File (MeF) Production system is taking longer to generate federal acknowledgments. This may continue throughout the remainder of the day as receipts increase. The IRS is working it as a top priority and we will issue a Technical QuickAlerts once resolved. Please monitor the MeF Status page for any updates throughout the day. Thank you for your patience and support.

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 5, 2013**

**Subject:** Unscheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Wednesday Maintenance Build

The Modernized e-File Production System will be unavailable from **1:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m., Eastern on Wednesday, March 6, 2013**. To ensure that MeF performance is optimized, the IRS will be conducting system maintenance. Please refrain from using any service requests during this time. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 5, 2013**

**Subject:** Penalty Relief to Farmers and Fishermen, Form 2210-F

Normally, farmers and fishermen who choose not to make quarterly estimated tax payments are not subject to a penalty if they file their returns and pay the full amount of tax due by March 1. Under the guidance issued, farmers or fishermen who miss the March 1 deadline will not be subject to the penalty if they file and pay by April 15, 2013. A taxpayer qualifies as a farmer or fisherman for tax-year 2012 if at least two-thirds of the taxpayer's total gross income was from farming or fishing in either 2011 or 2012.

Based on the IR2013-7 News Release, IRS Provides Penalty Relief to Farmers and Fishermen and the IRS will grant a waiver of the underpayment penalty for 2012 if, by April 15, 2013, you file your income tax return and pay in full any tax due. To request this special waiver for 2012, attach Form 2210-F to your return and complete the following:

- Enter only your name and identifying number
- Check box A in Part I
- Leave the rest of Form 2210-F blank

We have disabled BR 2210F-001, which will allow the waiver without requiring the Explanation Statement to be attached until 4/ 15 /2013.

This information has been included in the most current Schema Version 2012v4.2 being used.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 6, 2013**

**Subject:** Modernized e-File Production System is Operational

Modernized e-File (MeF) was successfully brought back online at 7:00 am, Eastern on March 6, 2013 and is now operational for all service requests. Please resume sending federal and state submissions, sending state acknowledgements and retrieving federal and state acknowledgements.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Please continue to monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 6, 2013**

**Subject:** MeF Form 720 for 4th quarter 2012, 1st and 2nd quarter 2013; MeF Form 8849 for Tax Year 2012 and 2013

The schemas and business rules posted to IRS.gov for Form 720 Q4v3.0 for 2012, Q1v2.0 and Q2v2.0 for 2013; Form 8849 2013v2.0 and 2012v2.0, are now available in ATS and Production. These are major version updates to the schemas and business rules. All returns must be composed using these versions to be valid.

Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 7, 2013**

**Subject:** Unscheduled Modernized e-File Maintenance Build to Begin Late Thursday Evening

The Modernized e-File Production System will be unavailable from **10:00 p.m., Eastern on Thursday, March 7th until approximately 2:00 a.m., Eastern Friday, March 8th, 2013.**

The IRS will be conducting system maintenance. Please refrain from transmitting any Service Requests during this time. Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 8, 2013**

**Subject:** 1040 Legacy e-file - Tax Year 2012 Publication 1346 Record Layout Nature of Changes # 5

Please be advised the Tax Year 2012 Publication 1346, Record Layout Nature of Changes # 5, has been uploaded to IRS.gov. You may access this information using the following link:  
[Tax Year 2012 Publication 1346](#)

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 8, 2013**

**Subject:** Tax Year 2012 Modernized e-file (MeF) Known issues and solutions & Stylesheets Updates

The following updates have been posted on IRS.gov for Tax Year 2012:

- [Known e-file issues and solutions](#) on the 2012 Valid XML Schemas and Business Rules for 1120, 1120S, 1120-F, and 7004 Modernized e-File (MeF) web page.
- [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) Stylesheets](#)

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 15, 2013**

**Subject:** Alert - Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS)

The Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems are experiencing an issue with ETIN Retrieval errors. The IRS is working to resolve the problem.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates. We will issue a QuickAlerts when we are sure the problem is resolved. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 15, 2013**

**Subject:** Update - Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS)

The IRS has successfully resolved the ETIN Retrieval errors that were impacting the Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems today.

You can resume transmitting submissions, transmitting other service requests, and retrieving acknowledgements.

We thank you for your patience and apologize for the inconvenience caused by the delays.

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 15, 2013**

**Subject:** Second Alert - Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS)

The Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems are experiencing an issue with ETIN Retrieval errors, starting around 6:00pm, Eastern. The IRS is working to resolve the problem.

Please monitor the MeF Status Page for any updates. We will issue a QuickAlerts when we are sure the problem is resolved.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 15, 2013**

**Subject:** Update - Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS)

The IRS has resolved the ETIN Retrieval errors that were impacting the Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems late this afternoon. You can resume transmitting submissions, transmitting other service requests, and retrieving acknowledgements. We thank you for your patience and apologize for the inconvenience caused by the delays.

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#### **QuickAlerts – March 18, 2013**

**Subject:** Safeguarding Taxpayer Data Publications

Tax professionals must implement safeguards to protect taxpayer data. The security of taxpayer accounts and personal information is a top priority for the IRS as referenced in [Revenue Procedure 2007-40](#). Review the following documents:

- [Publication 4557](#), Safeguarding Taxpayer Data, A Guide for Your Business, provides information on federal and state information security laws and regulations, as well as industry standards and best practices. It describes the various security provisions and rules that impact tax professionals. The document assists **tax professionals** in understanding their requirement to protect the privacy and confidentiality of taxpayer data, and provides guidance to implement the necessary security controls within their business to satisfy these requirements.
  - [Publication 4600](#), Safeguarding Taxpayer Information, Quick Reference Guide for Business, is a tri-fold brochure that summarizes Publication 4557. It is written for **businesses** involved in the preparation and filing of tax returns. It provides information on requirements to safeguard taxpayer information, safeguarding techniques and data security incidents.
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#### **QuickAlerts – March 22, 2013**

**Subject:** Tax Year 2012 Modernized e-file (MeF) - Form Family 1120 updates

The following update has been posted on IRS.gov.

Tax Year 2012:

The Business Rules for [Form Family 1120 TY2012v2.1](#) have been updated on IRS.gov.

Change was effective March 17, 2013.

Questions or comments may be directed to the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 22, 2013**

**Subject:** Extended maintenance window for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

The Modernized e-File (MeF) Sunday maintenance build is being extended. The system will be unavailable on Sunday, March 24th from 1:00 am Eastern until 9:00 am Eastern. The extended build window will be used to deploy critical system enhancements and updates to the production system. The extended maintenance window from 7:00 am to 9:00 am is for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production environment only.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Production and ATS Systems during these periods.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 24, 2013**

**Subject:** Status of the Modernized e-File (MeF) System

The maintenance build scheduled to end at 9:00 am, Eastern is still underway. The MeF Production system remains unavailable until further notice. The IRS will issue a follow-up QuickAlerts once the system becomes available. Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 24, 2013**

**Subject:** Update: Status of the Modernized e-File (MeF) System

The Sunday maintenance build completed around 11:15 am, Eastern on Sunday, March 24th. The MeF Production system is Operational. The IRS experienced an issue with the GetNewAcknowledgementNotifications Service Request used by a couple of States. We ask that the States refrain from using that particular Service Request until further notice for any submission received prior to March 24th. All other Service Requests are fully operational and production has resumed. Thank you for your patience and support. Please monitor the MeF Status Page for any other updates.

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### **QuickAlerts – March 24, 2013**

**Subject:** Parsing (Viewing) Modernized e-File (MeF) Receipts

When a Transmitter uses the SendSubmission(s) service request, a Receipt is sent back to the Transmitter. After the submission is validated by the MeF backend, an Acknowledgement (Ack) is created and made available for retrieval.

A few Transmitters are not able to parse (view) the Receipts on SendSubmission(s). However, MeF is successfully completing validation and creation of the Ack, and Transmitters are successfully retrieving Acks.

A few Transmitters are sending submissions to MeF a second time because they could not parse (view) the Receipt; however, that results in an error message (duplicate). Please be aware that the

IRS is working to resolve this problem as a priority. Transmitters should try to retrieve the acknowledgement before sending the submission a second time.  
Thank you in advance for your patience and support. We will issue another QuickAlerts once this problem has been resolved.

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**QuickAlerts – March 24, 2013**

**Subject:** Parsing (Viewing) Modernized -File (MeF) Receipts

The problem a few of our Transmitters had with not being able to parse (view) the Receipts on SendSubmission(s) has been resolved and they should now be able to view the Receipts that MeF sends back.

Thank you for your patience and support while we resolved this problem.

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