

## QuickAlerts Messages April 2013

### QuickAlerts – April 3, 2013

**Subject:** Form 1065 Disabled Business Rules

Business Rules F1065-018, F1065-019 and F1065-020 have been disabled. These rules were causing returns to reject when more than one Schedule D (F1065) was attached to the return. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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### QuickAlerts – April 4, 2013

**Subject:** Form 8938 - No Requirement to File with Forms 1120, 1120S, 1065 and 1041 for TY 2012

The IRS has received some Form 8938 submissions from Domestic Entity filers for TY12. Please be advised that these entities are not required to file Form 8938 for TY12. The IRS anticipates issuing regulations in the future that will require a domestic entity to file Form 8938 if the entity is formed or availed of to hold specified foreign financial assets and the value of those assets exceeds the appropriate reporting threshold. Until the IRS issues such regulations, only individuals must file Form 8938.

For more information on Form 8938 and FATCA legislation you may refer to [FATCA Website](#). Also, please see page two of the Form 8938.

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### QuickAlerts – April 7, 2013

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

The maintenance build scheduled to end at 7:00 am, Eastern on Sunday, April 7, 2013 is still underway. The MeF Production system remains unavailable until further notice.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF Production system is operational.

Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

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### QuickAlerts – April 7, 2013

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

The maintenance build scheduled to end earlier this morning is still underway. The IRS is working to resolve this delay as our top priority. The MeF Production system will remain unavailable until further notice.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF Production system is operational.

Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

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### QuickAlerts – April 7, 2013

**Subject:** 2nd Update - Extended Maintenance Window for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

The Sunday maintenance build is still underway. The IRS continues to focus on making the MeF Production system operational as our top priority. We expect the Production system to be up by 7:00 pm, Eastern this evening.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF Production system is operational. Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

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### QuickAlerts – April 7, 2013

**Subject:** Final Update - Extended Maintenance Window for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

Modernized e-File (MeF) was successfully brought back online at 7:00 pm, Eastern 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.

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### QuickAlerts – April 7, 2013

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Acknowledgements

The length of time for the MeF System to create federal acknowledgments and make them available for retrieval is taking longer than expected. As receipts continue to increase throughout the night, the length of time may also increase.

The IRS is closely monitoring the acknowledgment rates and is working to close the gap as a top priority. We will issue a Technical QuickAlerts once the delays are resolved. Please monitor the MeF Status page for updates. Thank you for your patience and support.

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### QuickAlerts – April 8, 2013

**Subject:** Update on Modernized e-File (MeF) Acknowledgements

Some of the Form 1040-related submissions received on Sunday, April 7 have not yet created their federal and/or state acknowledgements for retrieval. While the IRS works this as our top priority, we ask that Transmitters do not resend the older federal and/or state submissions if you have a receipt from us. Please do not repackage and/or send again.

We thank you for your patience and support. We will issue a Technical QuickAlerts once the delays are resolved. Please monitor the [MeF Status page](#) for updates.

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### QuickAlerts – April 8, 2013

**Subject:** Update - Modernized e-File (MeF) Acknowledgements

The IRS continues to prioritize creation of the acknowledgements for Sunday's submissions. Although we anticipated completing that task by midnight on Monday, the process is taking longer than expected. We will continue to work them throughout the night and will provide a status by 8:00 am, Eastern on Tuesday, April 9.

As federal submissions are accepted, the linked state submissions will be Made Available for state retrieval. Thank you for your patience and support.

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### **QuickAlerts – April 9, 2013**

**Subject:** Final Update - Modernized e-File (MeF) Acknowledgement

The IRS has completed creating the acknowledgements for Sunday's April 7 submissions. The acknowledgments are ready for pickup by the Transmitters, and the Linked Fed/State returns should be Made Available for state retrieval. If any Transmitter or State has any problem or concern, please send your comments to the MeF mailbox.

The IRS again thanks you for your patience and support.

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### **QuickAlerts – April 9, 2013**

**Subject:** Retrieving State Submissions Through Modernized e-File (MeF)

States using the "Get New Submissions" service request are not able to retrieve submissions in the status "Ready For Pickup." The IRS is working to resolve this critical problem as a top priority. Consequently, Transmitters using the "Get Acknowledgements" service request to retrieve state Acks will likely get a null response.

We will issue a follow-up Technical QuickAlerts once the problem is resolved.

Please send any questions or concerns to the MeF mailbox.

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### **QuickAlerts – April 9, 2013**

**Subject:** Update: Retrieving State Submissions Through Modernized e-File (MeF)

The IRS resolved the problem creating the individual state files used to retrieve state submissions when transmitting "Get New Submissions" service requests. The backlog of state submissions should be current by the end of the day.

We continue to appreciate your patience and support. Please send any questions or concerns to the MeF mailbox.

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### **QuickAlerts – April 10, 2013**

**Subject:** Maintenance Downtime - Modernized e-File (MeF) Production System

The Modernized e-File system will be brought down at 11:00 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, April 10 to apply modifications enabling the IRS to improve efficiency to its electronic infrastructure. This is being conducted to provide the best means of support possible in anticipation of receiving a very high volume of data during next few days. The normal scheduled availability after the maintenance window would be 7:00 a.m. Eastern on April 11, but we will provide a follow-up QuickAlerts to let you know if the system is available sooner.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production System to transmit submissions, retrieve acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests.

Please monitor the [MeF Status page](#) for updates. The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF Production System is operational. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused.

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#### **QuickAlerts – April 11, 2013**

**Subject:** Update: Maintenance Completed for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

The maintenance build completed at 2:15 am, Eastern on Thursday, April 11, 2013. The MeF Production System is now operational. All Service Requests are operational and production has resumed.

Thank you for your patience and support. Please monitor the MeF Status Page for updates.

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#### **QuickAlerts – April 12, 2013**

**Subject:** ETIN Retrieval Errors

The Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems are experiencing an issue with ETIN Retrieval errors that started around 12:00 noon Eastern Time. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production and ATS systems to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests until further notice.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates. The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF system is operational. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

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#### **QuickAlerts – April 12, 2013**

**Subject:** Tax Year 2012 Modernized e-file (MeF) Stylesheets Updates

The following updates have been posted on IRS.gov:

Tax Year 2012

- [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) Stylesheets](#)

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

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#### **QuickAlerts – April 13, 2013**

**Subject:** Update – Resolution of ETIN Retrieval Errors

The IRS successfully resolved the issue causing the ETIN Retrieval errors affecting the Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems.

Please resume transmitting submissions, transmitting other service requests, and retrieving acknowledgements. We thank you for your patience and support.

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#### **QuickAlerts – April 16, 2013**

**Subject:** Status of Acknowledgements for Federal and State Submissions

Due to the significant increase in federal and state submissions transmitted on April 15th, the length of time to create federal acknowledgments and make them available for retrieval is taking longer than expected. The IRS is closely monitoring the acknowledgment rates and is working to close the gap as a top priority.

The majority of state returns are linked to the acceptance of the federal return, so the length of time it takes to make the state return available for state retrieval has also increased. As the federal backlog decreases, the state submissions will then be ready for state pickup.

In the interim, please do not retransmit any submissions awaiting acknowledgment if the IRS has issued a receipt.

We thank you again for your patience and support.

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### **QuickAlerts – April 17, 2013**

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

The Modernized e-File Production System will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m., Eastern on Thursday, April 18, 2013 until approximately 7:00 am, Eastern on Thursday, April 18, 2013. The IRS will be conducting system maintenance. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production System to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests during this time.

Please monitor the MeF Status Page for updates.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF Production System is operational. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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### **QuickAlerts – April 18, 2013**

**Subject:** Update: Maintenance Completed for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

The maintenance build completed at 5:00 am, Eastern on Thursday, April 18, 2013. The MeF Production System is now operational. All Service Requests are operational and production has resumed.

Thank you for your patience and support. Please monitor the MeF Status Page for updates.

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### **QuickAlerts – April 18, 2013**

**Subject:** Known Issues and Solutions and Form 8949

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

#### **Form 8949 Update**

Some filers are required to attach a broker statement to the Form 8949 instead of reporting each transaction on a separate row. In order to reduce taxpayer burden, the instructions for Form 8949 are being revised to allow for a statement to be provided upon request.

Filers who are using Exceptions I or II should do the following instead of attaching the statements:

- On Form 8949 Part I and/or Part II Column 1(a) enter the broker's name and the phrase "available upon request," leave column 1(b) and column 1(c) blank and enter code "M" on column 1(f).

Taxpayers should refer to the Form 8949 [Specific Instructions](#) "Exception to reporting each transaction on a separate row," for additional requirements.

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

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### QuickAlerts – April 19, 2013

**Subject:** Update--Form 8949 Sales and Other Dispositions of Capital Assets

This QuickAlerts supersedes the previous QuickAlerts entitled "Known Issues and Solutions Form 8949" that contained information regarding Form 8949 instructions. Follow the guidance provided in the Known e-file issues and solutions.

- Known e-file issues and solutions have been updated on the [2012 Valid XML Schemas and Business Rules for 1120, 1120S, 1120-F, and 7004 Modernized e-File \(MeF\)](#) web page.
- Taxpayers should refer to the Form 8949 [Specific Instructions](#) "Exception to reporting each transaction on a separate row," for additional requirements.

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

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### QuickAlerts – April 19, 2013

**Subject:** Extended Maintenance Window for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

The Modernized e-File (MeF) Sunday maintenance build window is being extended. The system will be unavailable on **Sunday, April 21, 2013 from 1:00 a.m. Eastern until 9:00 a.m. Eastern**. The build will deploy critical production system updates.

The extended window impacts the MeF Production environment only.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Production System during this period.

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### QuickAlerts – April 23, 2013

**Subject:** Electronic Management System (EMS) Memphis e-file B and C is unavailable

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee, is experiencing problems on e-file B and C. Until the problem is corrected, the system will be unavailable for internet transmissions. A QuickAlerts will be issued when the system is available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

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### QuickAlerts – April 23, 2013

**Subject:** Electronic Management System (EMS)

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis is now available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

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