QuickAlerts Messages June 2017

QuickAlerts – June 1, 2017
Subject: UPDATE for Scheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System

The AIR System will be offline for scheduled maintenance during the following time period:

June 8, 2017, starting at 11:59 p.m. Eastern through 7:59 a.m. Eastern on June 11, 2017.

Critical system updates will be deployed during this time period to both the AATS and Production environments. Please refrain from accessing the AIR System for both the A2A and UI Channels during this time period.

QuickAlerts – June 6, 2017
Subject: Assurance Testing System for Form 8975 and Form 8975 Schedule A for Tax Year 2016 opens June 18, 2017.

Four new Assurance Testing System (ATS) scenarios which include Form 8975 and Form 8975 Schedule A will be available on IRS.gov starting June 5, 2017. The scenarios are for Forms 1041, 1065, 1120 and F1120S.

Software developers are strongly encouraged to participate in the voluntary ATS testing for TY2016 beginning on June 18, 2017. Testing for those using this new form will be mandatory for TY2017.

Tax Year 2016 Schemas and Business Rules updates were available through e-Services accounts on May 19, 2017. These updates included the Form 8975 and Form 8975 Schedule A for the following forms:

- Form 1120 TY2016v4.2
- Form 1120S TY2016v4.2
- Form 1041 TY2016v4.2
- Form 1065 TY2016v4.2
- Form 1065B TY2016v4.2

Before you start testing, please contact the e-help desk at 1-866-255-0654 and let them know you will be conducting voluntary ATS testing for Form 8975 and Form 8975 Schedule A.

For form specific questions refer to the Form 8975 Country-by-Country Report (CbC) Instructions (draft) and the CbC web page for additional filing requirements and special rules and guidelines for completing Form 8975 and Form 8975 Schedule A.

QuickAlerts – June 8, 2017
Subject: Extended Maintenance Window - MeF Production and ATS Environments

The MeF maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, June 11, 2017. The systems will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Eastern.

The build will deploy critical system updates. This extended window affects both the MeF Production and ATS Environments.

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

QuickAlerts – June 12, 2017
Subject: Update on e-Services availability

The planned move of IRS e-Services to a different platform has been pushed to later this summer. This delay changes previous announcements to e-Services users.

1. The planned e-Services outage for June 15-19 has been cancelled.
2. State users will be able to submit new or update existing state e-file coordinator applications and TDS applications until the upgrade begins later this summer.

IRS will communicate the schedule for the e-Services platform upgrade and provide updates on user impact well in advance of any changes.

QuickAlerts – June 13, 2017
Subject: Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) ATS Date for Tax Years 2017v1.0; 2016v4.0 and 2015v5.0

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Form 2290, Assurance Testing System (ATS) for Tax Year 2017v1.0 has been delayed. We will issue a new QuickAlerts once ATS is available for Form 2290 2017v1.0.

The test scenarios for all years are posted to the Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Updates page on IRS.gov.

The Business Rules and Schemas for TYs 2017v1.0; 2016v4.0 and 2015v5.0 can be accessed and downloaded from your e-Services mailbox.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

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

QuickAlerts – June 14, 2017
Subject: Update-Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) ATS for Tax Years 2017v1.0; 2016v4.0 and 2015v5.0
The issue affecting the Form 2290, Assurance Testing System (ATS) for Tax Year 2017v1.0 has been resolved. ATS is now available for Form 2290 2017v1.0.

The test scenarios for all years are posted to the Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Updates page on IRS.gov.

The Business Rules and Schemas for TYs 2017v1.0; 2016v4.0 and 2015v5.0 can be accessed and downloaded from your e-Services mailbox.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

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

QuickAlerts – June 15, 2017
Subject: Extended Maintenance Window - MeF Production

The MeF maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, June 18, 2017. The system will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m. until noon Eastern.

The build will deploy critical system updates. This extended window affects the MeF Production Environment.

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

QuickAlerts – June 22, 2017
Subject: Important Update for AIR Users

The IRS currently is in the process of making a series of changes to the e-Services platform that will have a temporary impact on the ACA application process for a Transmitter Control Code (TCC.)

There will be no impact to users who electronically file through the Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) program and who have Transmitter Control Code.

However, starting July 10, users will be unable to submit new ACA applications for TCC or make any changes to existing ACA applications for TCC. Because of the steps required in the ACA application review process, which includes some manual steps, the IRS asks that users submit **by July 2** any new ACA applications for TCC or any changes to ACA application needed to complete the Tax Year 2016 filing. The ACA application for TCC process will be unavailable for three to five weeks. We regret the inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – June 22, 2017
Subject: Extended Maintenance Window - MeF Production and ATS Environments

The MeF maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, June 25, 2017. The systems will be unavailable for accepting submissions from 12:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Eastern.

The build will deploy critical system updates. This extended window affects both the MeF Production and ATS Environments.

Thank you in advance for refraining from submitting any returns to the MeF Production and ATS Systems during this period.

QuickAlerts – June 28, 2017
Subject: New Schemas and Business Rules are Available for Download

Software Developers and State organizations may now access and download Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. In order to access these files you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

[Instructions for accessing your e-Services mailbox](#)

The following schemas and business rules are now available:

- Form 1040 Series - 2017v2.0 (Includes Form 1040NR)
- Form 1041 - 2017v1.1
- Form 1041 Business Rule Changes for TY2015v3.1 and TY2016v4.2
- Form 1120 - 2017v2.0
- Form 1065/1065B - 2017v1.0
- Form 1065/1065B - Business Rule Changes for TY2015v3.0 and TY2016v4.2
- Form 2350 - 2017v1.0
- Form 4868 - 2017v1.0
- Form 7004 - 2017v1.0
- Form 990X - 2017v1.0
- Form 1120POL - 2017v1.0
- Form 8868 - 2017v1.0
- Form 94X - Annual 2017.2.0
- Form 941 - Quarterly 2018.1.0
- Form 2290 - 2016.4.0 Business Rule Change Page

Note: Forms 9465CUv14.0, and 56CUv13.0, remain unchanged and are not included in this distribution.

Please check IRS.gov for ATS and Production Availability.

You may have more than one message in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. Messages only remain in accounts for 30 days before they are purged.

If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download in your e-Services mailbox please contact the MeF Mailbox with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

QuickAlerts – June 29, 2017
Subject: AIR Extended Maintenance July 2, 2017

The IRS will conduct extended AIR system maintenance 11:59 P.M. EST July 1, 2017 to 12:00 P.M. EST July 2, 2017. The AATS and Production environments will be unavailable during the maintenance. Please do not attempt to access the AIR system via A2A or UI Channels during the maintenance period.