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## ISS45 7.6.1 Minor Release and One-Step Upgrade Package

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ICL is very pleased to announce the General Release of **ISS45** 7.6.1. This “Minor Release” contains many new features as well as a roll-up of all patches since 7.6.0 was released a few months ago.

### RELEASE STRATEGY

In the past, ICL had produced “Feature Releases” and “Maintenance Releases.” For example, Feature releases were numbered like “7.5” with Maintenance releases numbered like “7.5.1” (best not to mention 7.4.4.c and what that might have meant...) Of course, since there were always features and customization in the “Maintenance Releases” and always maintenance in the “Feature Releases” these terms made little sense — worse, documentation was usually late for any features put in Maintenance Releases.

ICL has cleaned up our numbering and release terminology to be more clear and consistent:

- “Major Releases” (e.g. 7.6.0) will be primarily for new features and platform changes. All maintenance since the previous Major or Minor release will be included. All Release Notes manuals since the last Major Release will be “rolled up” into new versions of the User and Technical documentation, and a complete new CD-ROM and Electronic Library will be released.
- “Minor Releases” (e.g. 7.6.1) will be primarily for the purpose of rolling up all patches since the last Major or Minor release, and any available customization or new features will be added. Release Notes documents will be available to describe and detail the new features. ICL is now committed to the “One-Step” upgrade process, and One-Step CD-ROM’s will typically be provided for Minor Releases. In addition, the normal **ISS45** Automated Upgrade will be posted to the **ISS45** Support Web Site, although the complete One-Step will be too large for practical download.
- “Patch Releases” (7.6.0.03) are software patches and new executables or files that will be posted to the **ISS45** Support Web Site. These will be in the form of ZIP files with the README-type documentation packaged with the downloadable file. No new manuals or hard media will be released.

### 7.6.1

**ISS45** 7.6.1 is a Minor Release. 7.6.1 contains several fixes and quite a few enhancements. It has been posted on the **ISS45** Support Web Site in Auto Update form, and dealers in good standing will be automatically shipped a one-step CD-ROM as soon as these are available from Publishing — probably the last week of September. A new manual, the **7.6.1 Release Notes**, is also available from the Web Site to add to your

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Electronic Library. Hard copies of the **7.6.1 Release Notes** will be added to the documentation package for all new **ISS45** shipments.

The upgrade on the Support Web Site will allow you to automatically upgrade any 7.6.0.xx site, regardless of patch level (7.6.0.01, 02, 03 etc.). It is important that you upgrade the terminal also to 7.6.1 — the office and the terminal software must always be at the same level to avoid seemingly random, flaky and unreproducible behavior. As such, do **not** upgrade the office to 7.6.1 and put the terminals at 760.06.

## YEAR2000

Year2000 Compliance is not a one-time event. Every **ISS45** Major and Minor release will be validated for this type of compliance into the future. In general, all patch releases will also be validated, but in the current case, only 7.6.0 and 7.6.1 have been Year2000 Certified — the intervening patches 01-06, while a low risk, have not been Certified in Year2000 testing. So, for Certified Year2000 Compliance, make sure your stores are at either 7.6.0 or 7.6.1, and not some patch level in-between.

## NEW 7.6.1 FEATURES

See the new **7.6.1 Release Notes** manual for complete details of the new capabilities of this release. The following summarizes the most important enhancements:

### ***New System Capabilities:***

- ***Dual Drawer*** — **ISS45** can now manage dual cash drawers on a PoS terminal, including drawer allocation and release.
- ***Supervisor Authorization on Electronic Journal*** — Now, all transactions authorized by supervisors will be available in the Electronic Journal. Also, a new search facility can specifically locate all supervisor overrides.
- ***Charge Posting*** — An unique invoice number can now be printed on the receipt for In-House Charge transactions.
- ***PLU Short Group Lists*** — PoS terminals can now display short group items without a PLU price.
- ***General PoST Parameters*** — Many new parameters have been added — please see the 7.6.1 Release Notes manual for full details.

### ***New Reporting and Maintenance Functions:***

- ***Check Report at PoS*** — An itemized report may now be printed at the PoS terminal listing all checks tendered during the day.
- ***PoS Report by Checkout Bank*** — This optional new report can be printing during End-of-Day.
- ***CSV Report Converter*** — For the PLU CSV Report, Family Number and Second Family Number fields added have been added to the screen.
- ***DELHIST Utility*** — this useful utility will automatically delete history data older than three months to free up space.
- ***Reward Check Report*** — This new report displays all Reward Checks issued by cashiers for the day.
- ***Checkout Groups*** — A new “Report” button has been added to the Checkout Groups maintenance screen.

- **Supervisor Authorization on Electronic Journal** — Now, all transactions authorized by supervisors will be available in the Electronic Journal. Also, a new search facility can specifically locate all supervisor overrides.
- **PLU Not Found Report** — this function has been enhanced to print during EOD.
- **Frequent Shopper Program Maintenance** — Several enhancements have been made in this area.

**End-of-Day Enhancements:**

- **Enhanced EOD during printer problems** — Now, users can continue with a manual EOD even when there are printer problems at a PoST. If the printer is unavailable, report details can be viewed using the Electronic Journal. Notation of the error is sent to the Transaction Log.
- **EOD parameters** — A new parameter allows users to select the day in which to perform item movement.
- **PLU Not Found Report** — this function has been enhanced to print during EOD.
- **EOD message** — An "EOD in progress" message (for MFS1 or MFS2) has been added to the system to provide store personnel with this information and help prevent unauthorized interruptions

**Frequent Shopper and Merchandising Enhancements:**

- **Reward Checks** — Shoppers may now purchase frequent shopper items at discounted prices even if they are not Frequent Shopper members.
- **Frequent Shopper Program Maintenance** — Several enhancements have been made in this area.
- **Reward Check Report** — This new report displays all Reward Checks issued by cashiers for the day.
- **Fly Buys** - may now be entered without check digits

Not bad for a "Minor" release.

To Your Success,

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