

Product Bulletin

RBO 4.3 for V8 General Release — Key Enhancements

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StoreNext is pleased to announce that RBO 4.3 is Generally Released. This product represents an important step forward in ISS45 integration, plus it provides a large number of new enhancements. RBO 4.3 is compatible with ISS45 V8 – similar functions for V7 integration will be in 4.3.1, due for release in 4-6 weeks.

Perhaps the most important improvement is 4.3's enhanced support of V8 promotions. RBO now includes an easy-to-use Promotions Wizard that lets you *create, link and unlink* the most common types¹ of ISS45 Advanced/Member promotions with ISS45 8.0.6.0. Once a promotion is created, items may be linked to the promotion through the RBO interface, or if an item is currently linked to a promotion, it can be unlinked through the RBO if desired. Further, when an item is linked to or unlinked from a promotion, a batch record is automatically created with a maintenance type of Promo for reporting and label printing.

Other enhancements have been undertaken across virtually all the key RBO functional areas. Reporting, Label Printing, Item Maintenance, Inventory Management and DSD Receiving all provide more features and useful user-interface enhancements.

In addition, software faults have been thoroughly addressed – almost all customer-requested fixes are provided in this release. New documentation, in the form of a new [RBO 4.3.0 User Guide](#) has been released. Also, for complete detailed information regarding this release, please see the new [RBO 4.3.0 Release Notes](#), including installation, restriction, compatibility, parameter and feature details of this important version. Further, the [4.3.0 Getting Started Guide](#) enables users to put RBO to work in a hurry with this powerful system.

Other important enhancements include the following:

- *Movement is always saved* in the history tables – all reported or displayed movement is retrieved from the same historical movement tables. This improves consistency between all reports. Related enhancements:
- *Item Maintenance form* now displays historical movement in Ad Week or Business week on Movement Tab with additional movement information available with a single mouse click.
 - Ad Hoc movement allows the user to *view a movement summary* for a given date range and to define a movement tracking period per item.
 - Additional movement data may be *viewed from the Movement Tab* in 7-day, 13week and 4-quarter increments.
 - *Movement extract will default* to the last 7 days when done through Back Office Tasks and movement may be extracted for a given date range.

¹ This works with the “Enhanced” category of Advanced/Member Promotions, including cents and percentage-off, BOGOs, cash rebates and so forth. “Group,” “Level” and “Credit Program” promotions are supported through ISS45, but not in this wizard.

- **Additional fields** – Report Code, Commodity Code, Mix/Match Code and Sale Track ID – will be saved with movement in the movement history tables. This will allow users to query against these values when printing historical movement reports
 - All reports that include movement will report from the movement history tables, providing *consistent data across reports*.
 - All historical movement is maintained for daily movement only. Weekly movement will be calculated not “rolled-up.”
 - The *default number of days* of daily movement has been changed to 455 days (65 weeks or 1 year and 1 quarter).
- The **Item Group Code field** has been added to assist in grouping similar items. The Item Group Code is a 6-digit integer that is always saved as a permanent value. This allows a user to add the Item Group Code in a permanent or temporary batch and this code “sticks” to the item even if the batch ends. This field has been added to the Build Simple Query window.
- **ISS45 Price Lists support** – RBO 4.3 provides support for 2nd and 3rd prices per item through the ISS45 Price List feature available beginning with ISS45 8.0.6.0. The Price List numbers supported will be Price List 1 and Price List 2. Note that complete support for these fields is not yet provided.
- **User Interface Enhancements** – the RBO Item Maintenance Form has been improved and will now be easier to learn and faster to work with. Other key user-interface enhancements include:
- Enhanced Pricing with a *Copy Batch capability*
 - Expired Batches review within item maintenance, showing *all changed fields*
 - **Improved use of color** – for example, if a batch changes from Future to Current but is not yet staged, the batch line will be orange to indicate that work has to be done on this batch. And the color blue, if seen when displaying promotions, indicates a member promotion that is not member enhanced.
 - **Indicators** – if items within a batch need to be staged or released, though the batch itself is already in effect, specific cells on the batch manager will indicate what needs to be done.
 - **Getting Started Wizard** – this new application is provided to help configure the system through a question and answer session. It will even set parameters and schedule Back Office Tasks. It is run after installing RBO and can be executed any time afterward.
- RBO’s already top-of-the-class **DSD Receiving Option** is putting further distance between itself and competing DSD products. Enhancements include:
- Receiving Exception Reporting
 - Receiving Status Codes
 - Temporary Adjustments may be defined to Allow Reductions
 - Temporary Net Cost adjustments
 - FM Invoice Review
 - New “Free Item” FM parameter field
 - New FM Command – STAT - displays available status codes when the system is prompting the user to enter a status code.

- Six new attributes added to the Supplier Maintenance screens
 - Supplier Delivery List Reports have been added
 - XML Electronic Invoice Import
 - Accounts Payable Export
 - Item Maintenance And Receiving Parameter Security
- **Inventory Management** enhancements include:
- Inventory Transfer applications, including store-to-store, department, waste and store-use transfers help get a handle on true shrink versus authorized use.
 - Additional parameters to configure Inventory Transfers
 - Store List maintenance application – stores defined in Store List Maintenance will be available in a drop-down list during a Store Transfer Out session.
 - Store Transfer Reports – including the GM% impact on transfer-out functions.
- **Label Printing** enhancements include:
- Expanded field support for Label Export – added all fields available to Stylus to the label export file.
 - Added fields for Label Printing or Label Export
 - Added parameter for the export process to prompt or not prompt for tag type
- **Reporting** – 4.3 brings many enhancements to the reporting functions including the following:
- **Item Contribution report** – newly report added to show the percentage an item's sales contributes to a specified group of items sales.
 - **Ad Markdown reports** – now can be printed against Sales using either regular retail or going-in retail pricing.
 - **Long Form Item report** – now groups fields by their position on the Item Form View tabs to make it easier to find referenced fields.
 - **Pricing report** – now returns Current and Regular price information, the currently active batch and whether the item has any promotions associated with it.
 - **Price History report** – now gives Current, Regular and Previous prices along with date the item was added, when the price was last changed and when any maintenance was last performed on the item.
 - **Profit report** – now provides current price information, sales at cost and sales at retail price and gross profit and margin calculations.
 - **Supplier Profitability report** – now calculates, per supplier, the profitability for that supplier for a given date range.
 - **Inventory Transfer reports** – now added to provide information about product being decremented from inventory, why and at what cost/retail. Inventory Transfer reports include Store Transfer In/Out, Department Transfer In/Out, Store Use and Waste.
 - **Movement history reports** are enhanced and now include:
 - Ad Loss report
 - Movement Report by Date Range

- Seven Day Movement Report
 - Five Week Movement Report
 - Thirteen Week Movement Report
 - Three and Four Quarter Movement Reports
 - Four Week and Four Quarter Profit Reports
- Reports have been rewritten to include *new movement changes*.
 - All movement reporting is now *from historical tables*.
 - Non-movement reports have been *rewritten to reduce redundancy* across reports.

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