

Update Bulletin

StoreNext-Only ISS45 Version 8

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StoreNext and Retalix have reached an agreement to produce StoreNext-only releases of ISS45 Version 8. ISS45 Version 7, of course, is only marketed in North America by StoreNext, but Retalix directly markets StoreLine/Version 8 to its major account users.

The major account development and validation cycle for major accounts is very different than for a “market-based” product. For example, support teams are assigned to the major account to ensure that the specific combination of features used by that account work properly. A general validation cycle – where every feature must work properly regardless of other features, customizations or parameter settings – is not required. This has been the primary difference between early releases to Retalix major accounts and the follow-up market-validated releases provided by StoreNext.

To continue this mode of operation would compromise both responsiveness and software stability. Not only would StoreNext need to validate and deal with customized new options that are of little or no use to StoreNext users, but also the complexity of this code prohibits thorough validation, leaving the door open to additional faults.

The next **V8** release, 8.0.6.0 is a StoreNext-only release. From this point forward, StoreNext will select only those new options and features from the “ongoing” ISS45/StoreLine code set that will be of interest to the general indirect grocery market. Customer-specific changes for Retalix major accounts do not have to affect StoreNext releases or their schedules.

The results of this change will be that the existing real differences between StoreLine and ISS45 – how they’re created, what they do, and how they’re validated and released – will finally be reflected in a separate series of StoreNext releases designed for general market installability by Dealers for independent grocers. This will enable faster turnaround of software and fixes, and move Version 8 to a position like that of V7 with respect to general market responsiveness and stability.

To Your Success,

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