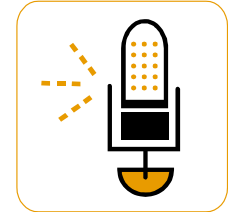# GTAS … What's New!

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Edit Changes

We have updated the GTAS documentation, and this newsletter tells you about the changes. The updated bulk file, SMAF, attribute table, and edits and validations files are available on the GTAS Web site at www.fms.treas.gov/gtas.

We made several changes to the edits file. One change is that the tie point edits are no longer in the file. We decided not to run the tie point edits in FY 2013, but we will reintroduce them in GTAS in a subsequent year. Another change is that the fund resources side of Edit 4 will be calculated using the FMS 2108, Yearend Closing Statement, columns 2 through 5 instead of column 6.

We added new edits, such as the closing edit for USSGL 432000. The closing rules for USSGL 432000 are unique, so we made it an individual closing edit separate from the comprehensive closing edit. Other new edits replace the fiduciary confirmations currently done in IFCS and will run as non-fatal edits in GTAS in FY 2013. The fiduciary edits include investments and loans with the Bureau of the Public Debt and loans with the Federal Financing Bank.

TP Main Account and Validations

The biggest change to the validations involves the rules surrounding the Trading Partner Main Account field. Validation number 32 (Federal/Non-Federal Code and Trading Partner Main Account Validation) now reflects the "phase in" approach.

In the first year of GTAS, the Trading Partner Main Account will not be required. In the second year of GTAS, the Trading Partner Main Account will be required for TAS that have a beginning period of availability equal to 2014 and will be optional for other TAS. The same will be the case over the next 4 years to 2018. After 2018, **all** TAS will have to report the Trading Partner Main Account where required.

The Validations Report is now broken out into two separate reports. There is a Validation Summary Report and a Validation Detail Report. The summary report has the name, number, description, error message, and rule flag for all of the validations. The detail report shows the name, number, description, error message, rule flag, and detailed rules for all of the special type validations.

Category B Program Code

Effective FY 2013, the Apportionment Category B Program Code will change from a two-digit numeric format to a four-digit numeric format in GTAS. This change aligns the Apportionment Category B Program Codes to the 6000 series line numbers on the SF 132, Apportionment and Reapportionment Schedule.

When reporting the new four-digit format, GTAS will only accept 6011 through 6159 on the bulk file for the Apportionment Category B Program Codes. Therefore, Apportionment Category B Program Code 99 will no longer be an acceptable value on the bulk file. This change will not affect the format of the Program Reporting Category Codes, which will remain in the two-digit format. Numbers and text for Program Reporting Category Codes and Apportionment Category B Program Codes will be entered into a PRC/Cat B module in GTAS. The number but not the text will be in the bulk file.

The SMAF

The SMAF is your resource for information about the TAS including the account title, balances, and TAS-level attributes. There are a few changes to the TAS-level attributes on the SMAF. The "Financial Receipt Type" has been renamed "Reporting Code Type."

Another change involves the values for the BEA Category. Discretionary (D), Mandatory (M), and Split (S) have not changed, but new values for Governmental (G) and Net Interest (N) have been added. You will see "G" and "N" with the receipt TAS on the SMAF. The new SMAF values for the BEA Category do not apply at the USSGL level. You will continue to report "D" and "M" at the USSGL level.

The SMAF attributes have been realigned to agree with the order of the attributes on the system SMAF download. Also, Business Line and Business Line Balances are no longer on the SMAF because these reports can be downloaded separately.

GTAS Team Member Profile

This month we are featuring Eric Schneider, the GTAS Test Manager. Since joining FMS in March 2009, Eric has worked on several GTAS modules. In his current assignment as GTAS Test Manager,

Eric is in charge of the test script process and oversees more than 60 people to ensure that the system works as planned. He's been very busy lately coordinating the execution of 1,200 test scripts.

Eric is a graduate of West Virginia University, where he earned an under-graduate degree in Geography and a Masters in Accounting. He also serves as a Black Hawk Crew Chief with the Army National Guard