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Newsletter



SuperPOSS PRO Feature Alert

Batching Priority & Lowest Price Wins

SuperPOSS PRO users now have the ability to prioritize batches or use lowest price wins pricing methodology.

Lowest Price Wins

LPW is designed to allow stores greater control over their ability to offer customers the guaranteed lowest price available for their items. As batches are applied, the LPW utility will check the system for the best price available of the sale batches that are already in place. If the item is currently on sale at the best available price, the applied maintenance will be stored in the MEI Dated Maintenance file for comparison when later batches are applied. If the applied batch offers a better price for the items, the record will be updated with the new price and saved in the system for future comparison.

As AFTRs and PULLs are applied, the system will find the next best price available for the UPCs within the active batches for the items, and send them to the register till the next AFTR or PULL is applied. When the item's hold date is cleared, the UPC will reset and all dated maintenance records will be cleared.

Batching Priority/LPW

Batching Priority allows POS coordinators to assign priority levels to their batches. At the time of application, these levels will be used to determine which price change takes affect. Similar to LPW, the logic is designed to prevent sale prices at a lower priority from overwriting a sale price of a higher priority. For every batch applied, a Dated Maintenance record is created. A scale of 1-5 is used to determine the importance of the batch, 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest. These priorities can be pre-assigned for TPR and SLE batches created from Futures and hosted files. At all other times it is up to the user to determine the priority of their batches.

If two batches with the same priority are active at the same time for a UPC, the lower price of the two batches will take precedence over the other.

As with LPW, when AFTRs and PULLs are applied the system will find the next highest priority price available from the active batches for those items, and apply the appropriate price. When the item hold date is cleared, the UPC will reset and all dated maintenance records will be cleared.

TECH TALK

Product Update



SUPER-POSS
BACK OFFICE SOLUTIONS PRO

Coming Soon...Release 10.05

In the next release of SuperPOSS PRO, there will be an interface to NCR 2127 and ICL ISS45 version 8. Some of the enhancements we've also included are:

- Future Item Maintenance By Category
- Change Base Percentage by Vendor or Category
- Allow scanning of a UPC when prompted for Vendor in DSD receiving.
- Simple maintenance program to **replace tab set** functionality. Allows for mass attribute changes, search capability. Templates can be saved and re-used.
- Maintain Keyed in UPC for ability to change the number without typing it again.
- Future Item Maintenance display tab in PLU Maintenance Screen.
- Ability to do a mass adds on the PFM.
- Ability to search for UPCs within a batch when in batch edit.
- Ability to create a tag file from the FM.
- Ability for TPRs to be able to automatically generate a price based off allowances and discounts using the base % field.
- Ability to sort batches in batch edit.
- Ability to do pricing by department.
- During edit batches or apply, ability to enter a UPC and view all of the batches it's in.
- Add report code field.
- Ability to change cost within DSD by category
- Separate Advances Declines into separate batches when creating future batches.
- With Category and Vendor drop downs, ability to sort by number or name
- Pending batch and future tab in plu maintenance has indicator when data exists. If unapplied futures or batches exist, checkmark on tab.



President's Corner

With the “lowest price wins” release now available, we’re headed for a late Spring release of the Enhanced Maintenance and SuperPOSS PRO for 2127. The “lowest price wins” release has been well-accepted in the marketplace and a great deal of interest is shown for the upcoming new feature-loaded enhanced maintenance. With the 10.05 release MEI will have the most up to date software in the industry for 2127. This will allow grocers all over the US to save thousands of dollars by not having to purchase new registers in order to get the latest features in backoffice software. This is just another example of MEI helping grocers be more competitive in a highly competitive marketplace.

Jonathan Nicholson has been appointed Manager of SQA, our software testing section. Jonathan returned to work for MEI a year ago and has worked primarily on testing new releases of SuperPOSS PRO. Under his direction, our testing procedures have been reorganized to improve quality while expediting completion. We will now be able to respond more quickly to our customers’ requests and suggestions.

Remember, when you purchase software from MEI, you are securing the very latest and feature rich backoffice and hosting software from the company with the most experience in the industry. Call Monica for details.

Robert J. Stoll, President

Enhancement and Feature Requests?

Customer requests drive our software development efforts. Tell us how we can improve our product! Visit our website at www.meisolutions.com. Click on “Submit enhancement and feature requests for the next release of SuperPOSS PRO now!” Fill out the form, click submit, and the request will be forwarded to our technical support group and development staff.

Upcoming Tradeshows

FMI/MarketTechnics
May 5 -7, 2008
Las Vegas, NV

Unified Western Grocers Expo
June 18 & 19, 2008
Long Beach, CA

RSPA
July 13 - 16, 2008
Las Vegas, NV

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Notes from Tech Support

There are a few processes users can put in place to keep their SuperPOSS software running smoothly and efficiently. Here are some recommendations from the Technical Support Department:

- **Backup the SuperPOSS files!** If for some reason your PC crashes or you lose your SuperPOSS files, restoring this information can be fairly simple if you back your system up on a regular basis.
- **Clean your files!** Regular reorganization of files should be part of every store's routine. Without this maintenance, End-of-Days may halt part way through, your system may operate more slowly, and error messages suggesting to call Technical Support may appear on the screen. To ensure smooth functioning, we suggest the following Reorgs:
 - The Plufile and the Velocity files on a weekly basis.
 - Batch Maintenance on all other files in File Reorganization Utility on a monthly basis.

Call MEISolutions' Support Line with questions.